PURGATORY

VOCABULARY LIST

All words contained on this list may not be discussed on the CD/DVD, but can be used for further study.

Purgatory is the last and final stage of sanctification before it can enter Heaven.

- <u>CCC 1030</u> "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but **after death they undergo purification**, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven".
- <u>CCC 1031</u> The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:

As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a **purifying fire.** He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned **neither in this age nor in the age to come**. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

Mourner's Qaddish: Jewish prayers for the dead

"An indulgence is a **remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven**, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as a **minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ** and the saints" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina 1).