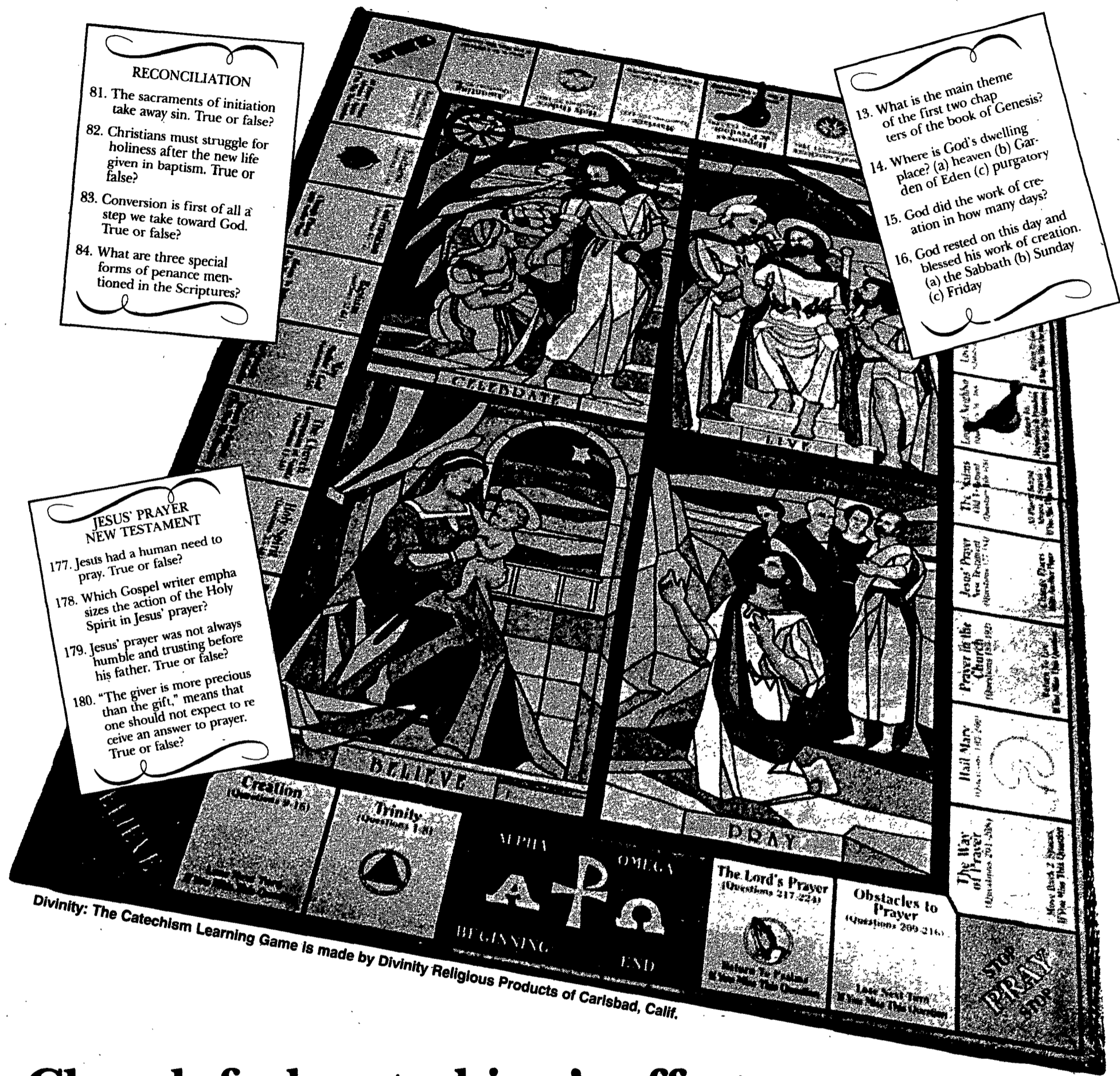




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### RECONCILIATION

- 81. The sacraments of initiation take away sin. True or false?
- 82. Christians must struggle for holiness after the new life given in baptism. True or false?
- 83. Conversion is first of all a step we take toward God. True or false?
- 84. What are three special forms of penance mentioned in the Scriptures?

- 13. What is the main theme of the first two chapters of the book of Genesis?
- 14. Where is God's dwelling place? (a) heaven (b) Garden of Eden (c) purgatory
- 15. God did the work of creation in how many days?
- 16. God rested on this day and blessed his work of creation. (a) the Sabbath (b) Sunday (c) Friday

### JESUS' PRAYER NEW TESTAMENT

- 177. Jesus had a human need to pray. True or false?
- 178. Which Gospel writer emphasizes the action of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' prayer?
- 179. Jesus' prayer was not always humble and trusting before his father. True or false?
- 180. "The giver is more precious than the gift," means that one should not expect to receive an answer to prayer. True or false?

Divinity: The Catechism Learning Game is made by Divinity Religious Products of Carlsbad, Calif.

## Church feels catechism's effects

Pat Fox has accomplished something that probably few people in the Diocese of Rochester have done.

The director of religious education at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Humboldt Street, has read the entire text of the Catechism of the Catholic Church — all 600-plus pages.

Knowing that he would be teaching a workshop about the 1992 catechism, which was released in English in 1994, Fox said he tackled the book in the summer of 1995 "by assigning myself so many pages a day."

"It's not the kind of text you can read like a novel or a book of theology," he joked.

Nevertheless, he completed the book, and on Jan. 24 and 31 he and Sister Karen Dietz, director of religious education at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Mendon, taught approximately 25 fellow catechists a workshop entitled, "The New Catechism: What's in it? How can it be used?"

"My sense of it is it's a wonderful compendium of ideas," Fox observed.

But while it is a good summary of church teachings, he continued, it is not intended as a direct teaching tool, as the old Balti-

more Catechism was. Rather, it was intended to be used by bishops, theologians and catechetical leaders to help guide their writing and teaching.

"It's a reference text," Fox explained.

Indeed, article 12 of the catechism points out that it "is intended primarily for those responsible for catechesis." Those people are the bishops, priests and catechists — although the article adds, "It will also be useful reading for all other Christian faithful."

"Other Christian faithful" apparently leapt at the chance to get the book — more than three million copies of the English edition were sold. A spate of articles filled religious magazines and newspapers when it first appeared. Even a board game, "Divinity," was based on the catechism. It sold 25,000 copies its first year.

But since that time, popular interest seems to have dwindled. That may be due to false expectations, according to Father Thomas DeVries, coordinator for assessment and research for the United States Catholic Conference's ad hoc committee overseeing the use of the catechism.

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