THEME 4 APPENDIX 2

Natural Law Information Search Activity

Use your Christ and Culture textbook (pp. 226-227) to fill in the following blanks so that you can define Natural Law.

__________________________ formulated the Catholic understanding of Natural Law. This law states that ________________________________. We are part of that order. We have been given __________________ to be able to determine and uphold __________________________. All things in __________ operate according to the laws that were __________________________. Through use of __________, we can study the natural order of the world and come to understand __________________________. Aquinas believed that nature had the power to reveal divine order to the extent that human beings were able to understand.

Use your YOUCAT (paragraph 45) to fill in the following blanks describing Natural Law.

Man is not a blank slate. He is shaped by the __________________________ that God has inscribed in his creation. A Christian does not simply do __________________________. He knows that he harms himself and damages his environment when he denies ________________ laws, uses things in ways __________________________, and tries to be wiser than God, __________________________. It demands too much of a person when he tries to design himself from __________ to __________.

INDEPENDENT PRACTICE
In your own words, describe what is meant by “order” and “Natural Law”?

Can you give examples to support Natural Law Theory?