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SHG1570 Personification of Evil:

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2.15 – 3.15pm

Answer **ONE** question:

1. The existence of evil spirits is based on progressive **Biblical revelation**. In which books of the **Old Testament** do we find an explicit mention of evil spirits. In which context are they mentioned? Do you think that the evil spirits mentioned in different **Gospel texts** are just symbols created by the authors to try and explain the mystery of evil? How does the Church interpret these texts?
2. The Ministry of Exorcism can only be understood in the context of the **Church's Evangelising Ministry**. Comment this assertion in the light of the apostolic mandate given by Jesus Christ: "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to creation....these are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils..." (Mt 16, 15-18).
3. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** gives a synthesis of Church teaching as regards the existence of Evil spirits. Present and comment upon this synthesis and justify why the same Catechism speaks of spiritism, satanic practices, spells, superstition etc, under the heading of Idolatry