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1. *Sacramentum Mundi*, s.v. “God.”

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Bibliography:


Book Review:

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1. Ware, “Human Person,” 15.

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1. “Catholic Values,” Catholic Charities USA.

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1. Ware, “Human Person,” 15.
2. Ibid.

If you are citing the same source and a DIFFERENT page number, include Ibid. followed by the page number in your citation:

1. Ware, “Human Person,” 15.
2. Ibid., 16.

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1. Ware, “Human Person,” 15.
2. Ibid., 16.