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Unit 1 Reading Guide

Foundational Principles for Christian Morality

Chapter 1: Moral Choices and God’s Plan

Article 1: Created for Love and Happiness

1. God’s Revelation made known to us through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is based on one core truth: God created human beings to live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him.
2. Even when we know the truth, the effects of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ make it difficult to live as God calls us to live.
3. When we make choices to follow Christ, we participate in God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will know true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Having a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means that God has given us the ability to be in communion with him in a way that is not limited by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allows us to distinguish between what is truly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and what only appears to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. The gift of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ makes it possible for us to choose the good that our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enables us to understand.

Article 2: Genesis, Chapter 3: Freedom and Original Sin

1. Although God wants each of us to live in perfect \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with him, he doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us to do so.
2. Although \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ may weaken our ability to choose good over evil, our free will—and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that comes with it—cannot be taken away.
3. Do not expect biblical \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be scientific explanations about the causes of things. Rather, they creatively illustrate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , rooted in the deep faith of the ancient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. With the loss of Adam and Eve’s friendship with God, we lost the grace of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within ourselves, with one another, and with all creation.
5. Because of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , our will is weakened, and we have an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

Article 3: The Beatitudes: New Life in Christ

1. The inspiring stories of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reveal to us that after Adam and Eve’s sin, God was at work to get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to turn away from sin and to turn toward him.
2. In calling us to place our faith in him, Christ calls us to an entirely new \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . This vision is expressed in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , / for they will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”   
   (Matthew 5:3–12).
4. A life of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ purifies our hearts and prepares us for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and joy that will come when we enter into perfect communion with the Holy Trinity in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Called by God the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , empowered by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and guided by the teaching and example of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the Son of God, we constantly grow closer to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through our moral choices.

Article 4: Justification and Sanctification

1. We are saved through God’s work, not our own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Our primary goal in Christian morality is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God’s grace, not to try to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our way into Heaven.
2. The process by which God’s grace frees us from sin and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us (makes us holy) is called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the one who prompts us and moves us toward conversion of heart. His grace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us in Baptism, freeing us from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and personal sins, and his grace continues to make us holy, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, as we cooperate with him to do good and avoid evil.
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came to believe that modeling one’s life on the example of Christ was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and eventually became convinced that such a life would be more satisfying than life in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. In the theological sense, having \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ means that God sees us as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ persons, free from sin and sanctified by his grace.

Chapter 2: The Law of God

Article 5: God’s Eternal Law

1. Our loving Creator placed in his creation an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that reflects himself. We sometimes call this order \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Law or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Law.
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law comes from God and is a rational expression of Eternal Law. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ law governs the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ human beings have with God and with one another.
3. If we listen to our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and follow moral law, we will live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God now and forever. This is why every person is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to follow moral law.

Article 6: Natural Moral Law

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is the moral law that can be understood through the use of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . It is our God-given ability to understand what it means to be in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God, other people, the world, and ourselves.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a good example of a natural moral law. Call it common sense or basic moral sense, but natural law dictates that we should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the way we want to be treated.
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ philosophy, particularly the teachings of the philosopher Aristotle, was one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expressions of natural law.
4. In the first chapter of the Letter to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Saint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ explains why every person is responsible for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of their sins.
5. Centuries later, Saint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also appeals to the natural moral law to explain how all people, Christian or not, know in their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what is right.
6. Unfortunately, our ability to know the natural law is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of Original Sin. Original Sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our human nature, and we are subject to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 7: Law and the Old Testament

1. The Law of Moses, also called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stage of God’s Revelation to us about how we are to live as people made in his image.
2. The Old Law is summarized in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that God revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are also referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The Jewish name for the first five books of the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . The Hebrew word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is sometimes translated as “law,” but it is better translated as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”
4. Through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , God sought to restore the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that was lost through Original Sin. As part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the Ten Commandments taught the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to live in loving relationship with God and with one another.
5. The Ten Commandments show what must be done, but they do not give us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , or the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, to do it.

Article 8: Law and the New Testament

1. When Jesus established the New Covenant he also taught a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Old Law. This New Law, also called the Law of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s moral law, both natural and revealed.
2. Although Jesus’ New Law is found in many different places throughout the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , he taught the core of it in his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Sermon on the Mount begin with Jesus saying, “You have heard that it was said . . .” after which he quotes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the Old Testament. Jesus then teaches the true meaning of that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . With this formula, Jesus is showing us that his New Law does not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Old Law but instead releases its full \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emphasize that the heart of the New Law is love. These two commandments were not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; they were part of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Jesus calls us to a deeper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because he wants to give us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, the very love of God in our hearts, to carry out his commandments. That is why the New Law is called the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. It is truly amazing that God wrote the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into the hearts and minds of all people, made it even clearer in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and when we still didn’t get it, the Father sent his Son, who became one of us to reveal the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the perfection of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 9: Moral Law and the Church

1. Christ has given the Church the responsibility of being a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the world and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his New Law. The Church does this through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of her members and by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the world Christ’s Law of Love.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provide us with general guidance in living a Christian life, and the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ provides specific rules to maintain good order within the visible society of the Church.
3. God has given the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ —the bishops of the world united with the Pope—the responsibility for passing on and teaching his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Revelation includes moral truth, and so the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has the responsibility for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of the New Law of Christ first to the Church and to the entire world.
4. When the Pope and the bishops agree on a matter of faith and morals, they speak with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . This means that the Holy Spirit guides them to teach the truths, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , of our faith without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Chapter 3: Sin and Its Consequences

Article 10: Sin in the Old Testament

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were not part of God’s plan for human beings. Throughout history, God has worked to save us from our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
2. One key idea about sin, especially in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , is that sin is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against God.
3. The Hebrew word in the Old Testament most commonly translated as sin is *chatâ’,* a word that means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,” as in an archer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his target. This concept points to another key understanding of sin, that sin is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the goal of living a life in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God’s Eternal Law.
4. Under the Old Covenant, there was a tendency for the Israelites to think you would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for virtue in this life, rather than the next.
5. Contrary to these misunderstandings about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin, the Church teaches us that we should not think of punishment for sin as some kind of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ inflicted on us by God; rather, punishment for sin \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the nature of sin.
6. Further, our sins don’t just harm us though; they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others (including family members) but not as a punishment from God. By its very nature, our sin affects the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , just as our acts of virtue build up the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .

Article 11: Sin in the New Testament

1. Other Greek words associated with sin in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are *paraptoma* and *parabasis*, which can be translated as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,” and *anomia*, which is usually translated as “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”
2. Jesus is revealing an important insight about sin: every sin is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about what truly brings God’s saving love and joy into the world.
3. Sinful acts are done in darkness—not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ darkness, of course, but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ darkness. Most people keep their sins secret because they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of them, because deep in their hearts they know that their actions are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against God’s truth and are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
4. In his Letter to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , Saint Paul speaks at length about sin, its effects, and how we are freed from it. He teaches that Jews and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (meaning all non-Jews) are “all under the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ” (3:9). A few verses later, he says, “All have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are deprived of the glory of God” (verse 23).
5. The emphasis on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin is the heart of the New Law, the Law of Love. Christ teaches us that God is primarily waiting to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us, not to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us.
6. Paul confirms the teaching of the Old Testament—sin leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . We have all sinned and we all will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . But Paul adds something new: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not the end! Because of his obedient, loving sacrifice, Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the doors to life after death, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven for all who believe in him.

Article 12: Requirements for Sin

1. Sin is primarily an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against God; it is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against God’s will and his desire that we live in loving communion with him and with one another. It is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God’s love for us.
2. Sin can be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , of course. But sin can also be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can be used to reject God, to tell lies, or to hurt other people through gossip, libel, or cruel remarks. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can also be sins—not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that enter our heads unbidden and we quickly dismiss, but the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of revenge, lust, envy, or domination that we dwell on and keep alive.
3. Three elements determine the morality of any human act: (1) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , that is, the specific thing the person is choosing to do, (2) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the person doing the action, and (3) the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the act.
4. For an act to be morally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , the object, intention, and circumstances must all be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
5. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ surrounding a situation can affect how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an act is.

Article 13: Types of Sin

1. A sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a sin that is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ result of a freely chosen thought, word, or deed.
2. A sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a sin that is the result of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do something required by God’s moral law.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin is a serious offense against God, one that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within us the virtue of charity, which helps us to love God and our neighbor. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin involves serious immoral acts, or what the Church calls “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”
4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sins are less serious than mortal sins because they do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our relationship with God and our ability to love. But they do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ these things.
5. Venial sins are closely associated with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the opposite of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , which are habits of good actions. When we keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sins, even venial ones, we are in danger of forming bad habits, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Church doctrine identifies and cautions against \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ particularly harmful sins. They are sometimes referred to as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ —meaning “most serious or influential”—because they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all sorts of other sinful actions, thoughts, and omissions.

Article 14: Social Sin

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the impact that every personal sin has on other people; sin that directly attacks others’ life, freedom, dignity, or rights; and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of many people’s sins over time, which \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and its institutions by creating “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the defense of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by ensuring that essential human needs are met and that essential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are protected for all people.
3. Every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ —if it wants to be just—must make preserving the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of each person the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in its planning, its laws, and its organizational structure.
4. We ensure the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by making sure that all persons’ basic needs are met and their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are respected.
5. States have the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to defend and promote the common good; it is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they exist. This authority comes from God.
6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happens when a sinful attitude or action becomes so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it goes unchallenged by most people. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can actually become a part of society’s law.

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