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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

On a separate sheet of paper, answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences.

1. Define *legitimate self-defense*.
2. What is the Church's teaching on legitimate self-defense?
3. Describe each of the six criteria for a just war.
4. Respond to the following statement: A just war is not possible in modern times.
5. Respond to the following statement: It is acceptable for some Christians to completely reject the use of violence, even in legitimate self-defense.
6. Respond to the following statement: In light of the Gospel, "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person"¹ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, number 2267).

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