

The Human Person

Chapter 7 Summary

Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore what it means to be made in the image of God.
- The participants will examine how Original Sin affects every human being.
- The participants will express how we can live as the Body of Christ.

Content Summary

1. Being human means that we are not God, and we are not perfect, but we are made in God's image.
2. We have the ability to love and care for one another.
3. We are made up of both a physical body and an immortal soul.
4. We are created male and female, with different gifts, so that we might learn to cooperate with one another.
5. We are made to love one another, especially in our families.
6. Original Sin, the sin committed by Adam and Eve, is the sinful condition into which all human beings, except Jesus (who is God and man) and his mother, Mary, are born. It is a loss of the freedom and holiness that God meant us to have. Even after Original Sin is washed away in Baptism, we are still affected by its consequences.
7. Original Sin makes it hard to say no to temptation—something that makes sinful things seem fun, exciting, or good to do.
8. We have come from God and, through Jesus Christ and his Church, we can return to God.
9. We can be like Christ by doing God's will—that is, choosing good and working for good in all circumstances.

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