

OCIA – We Believe, Chapter 14, Morality
View and Discuss Symbolon 16: A Catholic Moral Vision

Opening Prayer: A Prayer for the Discernment of Vocations

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

• **Song: Let There be Peace on Earth**

• **Catechism References for Further Reflection:**

- Freedom as a Right: CCC 1747
- Sources of Morality: CCC 1750-1754
- Good and Evil Acts: CCC 1755
- Formation of Conscience: CCC 1783-1785
- Necessity to Obey Conscience: CCC 1800

• **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What can we base Christian Moral Living on?
2. We have all heard the phrase, “Just follow your Conscience” What is Moral Relativism?
3. As Catholics, what do we have to help form a good conscience?
4. What is a Virtue?
5. Can you name the three “Theological Virtues, and the four Cardinal Virtues”?
6. What do they mean?

● **Weekly Gospel Reading:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 5:1-11)

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.