

RCIA – Symbolon Lesson 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, MI 526**
- **Catechism References for Further Reflection:**

- Freedom as a Right: CCC 1747
- Sources of Morality: CCC 1750-1754
- Good and Evil Acts: CCC 1638-1640
- Grace of the Sacrament: CCC 1755
- Formation of Conscience: CCC 1783-1785
- Necessity to Obey Conscience: CCC 1800

- **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What questions do you have regarding Catholic moral teachings?

*See sheet with vignettes.

• **Weekly Gospel Reading:** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time [Mk 1:29-39](#)

• On leaving the synagogue

Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset,

they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons.

The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,

and he drove out many demons,

not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left

and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Simon and those who were with him pursued him

and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages

that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues,

preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

• **Closing Prayer.**