



RCIA

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults
The Ten Commandments: 5 & 8



Opening Prayer

Deuteronomy 5:7-21 (The Ten Commandments)

- 7 You shall have no other gods before me.
- 11 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
- 12 Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 16 Honour your father and your mother.
- 17 You shall not murder.
- 18 Neither shall you commit adultery.
- 19 Neither shall you steal.
- 20 Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.
- 21 Neither shall you covet your neighbour's wife; Neither shall you desire your neighbour's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.



The Ten Commandments

1. Honour God
 2. Honour God's name
 3. Honour God's day
 4. Honour your father and mother.
 5. Do not kill
 6. Do not commit adultery
 7. Do not steal
 8. Do not lie
 9. Do not wrongfully desire your neighbour's wife
 10. Do not wrongfully desire your neighbour's goods
- Relationship with God (bracketed next to 1-4)
- Relationship with our neighbours (bracketed next to 5-10)



The Eighth Commandment

- Do not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- In other words, do not lie.



The Eighth Commandment

- Truth is shown in words and in deeds
- Lying is a moral evil
 - Human relationship is built in mutual trust
 - Lying destroys that trust
 - When trust breaks down, society breaks down



The Eighth Commandment

- “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, **to testify to the truth**. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?” (John 18:37-38)
- We are called to be witnesses to the truth of our faith.



The Eighth Commandment

- Point to ponder:
I will never break this Commandment if
 - What I said is the always the truth?
 - If I always stay silent?



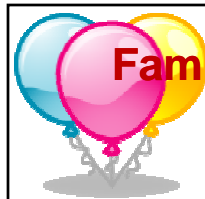
The Eighth Commandment

- Point to ponder:
A robber asks me for money, and I said I have no money.
 - Have I spoken the truth?
 - Have I sinned?
- Distinction between an untruth and a lie.
 - Untruth is told to one who has no right to the truth.
 - Untruth is a *physical evil* that reflects on the sinful world that we live in
 - Untruth is not a sin
 - A lie, on the other hand, is *moral evil*.



The Eighth Commandment

- Forms of lying
 - Calumny: A false and malicious statement designed to injure the reputation of someone
 - Detraction: Speaking about the faults of another without good reason (even though the faults are true)
 - Tale-bearing: Causing bad relationship among others (even though the tales may be true)
 - Lie of Silence: Withholding of the truth from someone who is entitled. Act of omission.
- Lying can destroy lives



Family Fellowship

(Morning Tea)

RSVP Howard by 8 Jan 2011

28 Jan 2011 (Sat)

9.30 am – 11.30 am

(Would anyone like to host this?)

Families are welcome

Bring a plate, enough for you and your company.



The Fifth Commandment

- Do not kill
- “So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27
- We are created in the image of God.
- Human life is sacred.



The Fifth Commandment

- “Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.” – Genesis 2:7
- Only God who gives life can take life.



Murder, Genocide

- Taking away a life intentionally is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person created in the image of God.
- Point to ponder: Is taking of a life *always* a sin?
- What about the taking of a life unintentionally?
(E.g. accident, self-defence)



Suicide, Euthanasia

- Taking away of one’s own life is contrary to the Fifth Commandment
- Rendering assistance in another person’s suicide is assisting murder
- Point to ponder: What about hunger strike?



Hunger Strike

- 2 types
 - With the intention to cause death, as a means to some important end.
 - Without the intention to cause death, but uses the *possibility* of it to gain leverage.
- Hunger strike with the intention to cause death is suicide.
- Hunger strike without the intention to cause death is permitted if the importance of the end is proportionate to the risk to the striker’s life.



Capital Punishment

- Capital Punishment is state-sanctioned murder.
- Mistakes cannot be undone.
- “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” – Gandhi
- Challenges:
 - When a person is “incorrigible”
 - Cost of corrective facilities



Abortion

- “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.” – Jeremiah 1:5
- Life begins at conception.
- Abortion is murder.

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Horror: 32-week unborn twins killed after hospital accidentally aborts healthy twin

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MELBOURNE, Australia, November 23, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) – A 32-week set of twins were both aborted after staff at an Australian hospital initially killed the healthy twin by accident, and then also aborted the sick sibling after realizing their mistake, reports the Herald Sun.

The paper reports that the mother of the children was told that one of her twin children had a congenital heart defect that would require years of surgery, and that the child may not survive.




After she decided to have the child aborted, doctors then gave the wrong child the lethal injection.

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When hospital staff realized the mistake, the woman reportedly underwent an emergency c-section, and the sick child was also aborted.


A friend of the woman told the Sun, "She went to the hospital with two babies and now she has none."

What's wrong with the "right" twin?




Abortion

- "The greatest destroyer of peace is abortion because if a mother can kill her own child, what is left for me to kill you and you to kill me? There is nothing between."
- Mother Teresa
- 100,000 abortions are performed in Australia each year.


Special Presentation



Abortion – where it gets difficult

- Rape victims:
 - As hard as it is, the child is not at fault.
 - 2 Wrongs does not make a Right
- Where a mother's life is in danger:
 - Whose life is more important – mother or child?
 - Allowed if there is certainty of the woman's death if the pregnancy continues.
 - But every effort must be made to save the child.




Embryonic Stem Cells Research / Therapeutic Cloning

- Terminating a life for the benefit of others
- Alternatives:
 - Adult stem cells
 - Embryonic stem cells originating from non-embryonic sources (e.g. by altering skin cells)
 - Altered Nuclear Transfer: growing a “pseudo” embryo from a genetically modified egg, such that the resulting collection of cells is similar to an embryo but lacks the DNA to develop into a viable foetus. (Like a tumour)



Tea Break



Discussion

- Is it OK to spread rumours?
- How can we avoid the sin of Gossip? How can we help others avoid it?
- Is abortion *always* a sin?
 - What about rape victims?
 - What if the abortion is necessary to save the pregnant woman’s life?



Recap

- The Eighth Commandment:
Do not lie
 - Detraction, tale-bearing, lie of silence
- The Fifth Commandment:
Do not kill
 - Suicide, euthanasia, capital punishment, abortion



Q&A



Further Readings

- *Path Through Catholicism*
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Chapter 20



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Abortion

Lets go to the "concentration camp"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
B. Bonwell
 The Lord is my Shepherd,
 and I want to follow
 Wherever He leads me,
 wherever He goes.
 Over the mountains,
 the waters and byways,
 Valleys and highways,
 He's waiting for me.

I want to go
 to meet Him there
 To lay myself down in His love
 The Lord is my Shepherd
 and I want to follow
 Wherever He leads me
 wherever He goes

And while on the journey
 to where we are going
 He promised to be there
 to help us along.
 And over the mountains,
 we'll walk on together,
 To know all the wonders
 He's given to me

I want to go to meet Him there
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