

Making Moral Decisions

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Saint Isaac Jogues, a French Jesuit, was convinced that his mission was in the Americas, even after he suffered captivity and physical injury.

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Everyone who listens to Jesus' words and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. We need to make Jesus central in our lives by following his teachings and trying to be like him.

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We each have an inner voice called a *conscience*, which helps us do what is good and avoid evil. We are responsible for developing our conscience with the help of the Scriptures, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the advice of others, and the teachings of the Church.

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With the help and grace of the Holy Spirit, we can choose to act in ways that keep us close to the Father.

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Jesus invites us to use our intellect and free will to make moral choices that enable us to become the people God intends us to be.

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To help us make good choices, we can ask the Holy Spirit for help, think about God's law and the Church's teachings, and consider the consequences.

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Francis of Assisi wanted to be a knight, but after he was captured and imprisoned, he had a dream in which Jesus called him to help rebuild his Church. Francis is often shown surrounded by animals.

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Francis gave away his possessions and wore a brown cloak belted with a rope. Francis's simple brown cloak became the habit, or uniform, of his community of followers.

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Living a Moral Life

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As Christians we are called to live moral lives rooted in our faith.

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As individuals with freedom to choose, we are responsible for our choices.

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We are called to follow the Church's teachings and avoid sinful behavior that rejects the Church's authority.

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The Eighth Commandment tells us that we should not bear false witness against others.

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Slander is saying something about someone that we know is not true.
Detraction is saying something about someone that is true with the intent of harming his or her reputation.

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When we sin, God calls us to repent and make reparation—that is, make up for what we have done.

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Sin has negative effects on society as a whole. When whole societies give in to sin, bad consequences can result on a large scale.

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Our sinful actions can negatively affect others even when those actions are not purposely directed toward them.

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Spreading and listening to gossip can be harmful to others.

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Psalm 34 offers instructions for how we should use our speech in ways that are righteous and honor God.

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Growing in Holiness

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When we act morally, we reflect Jesus, become his witnesses in the world, and participate in the Father's plan for salvation.

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We learn the moral life first in the domestic church, which is our family.

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We can show obedience and respect to our parents by doing as they ask and by being helpful at home.

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We act morally at school when we follow the rules, respect our teachers, and share with our friends.

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God tells us to make and keep ourselves holy because he is holy.

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To live moral lives, we need to respect our bodies and ourselves.

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Chastity is a virtue that helps us unite our physical sexuality with our spiritual nature. It involves respecting our bodies and the bodies of others.

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American to be canonized. Kateri was born in the northeastern region of North America and dedicated herself entirely to serving God in her Mohawk community.

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Saint Paul teaches us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

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The Way to Jesus

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During our earthly lives, we can either accept or reject God's grace.

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When we die, we will be judged by Christ according to our works and faith.

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A person's immortal soul may be united with God in heaven; may undergo purification in Purgatory before being united with God; or, as a result of rejecting sanctifying grace, may experience hell, which is total separation from God.

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God intends for all people to receive salvation and live in eternal glory with him.

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In death our souls are separated from our bodies, but the soul will be reunited with the body at the end of time.

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Non-Catholics who believe in Christ and are properly baptized are called to salvation by God's grace. Though they are not in perfect communion with the Catholic Church, they are still our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

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A person who has been saved becomes a member of the Communion of Saints, but the union is still imperfect because of the effects of sin.

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Through prayer, we can intercede with God for those who have died and ask for indulgences on their behalf.

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Indulgences lessen the punishment due for sins that have been forgiven. Examples of indulgences include saying a designated prayer such as the Rosary or taking part in a pilgrimage.

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Jesus tells us that when we serve people in need, we are also serving him. The methods of service listed in Matthew 25:35–36 are called the corporal works of mercy.

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Celebrating Easter

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A paradox is at the heart of the Christian life—for us to find our life, we must lose it.

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Jesus tells us that we must put God the Father at the center of everything.

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A special job given to a person to complete is called a *mission*.

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Jesus told Peter to serve and care for us, just as a shepherd tends to his sheep.

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Our mission is to love and serve others.

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The Easter season celebrates Jesus' Resurrection, his Ascension, and Pentecost.

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During the Easter season, the flowers decorating the sanctuary are symbols of new life.

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White, the season's liturgical color, represents purity and victory.

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The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on the sixth Thursday of Easter or, in some places, on the Seventh Sunday of Easter.