

Free Will and Moral Decision Making

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep the Lord's Day holy.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Precepts of the Church

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
3. Reception of the Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

Summaries of Catholic Social Teaching: Life and Dignity of the Human Person: All human life is sacred, and all people must be respected and valued over material goods. We are called to ask whether our actions as a society respect or threaten the life and dignity of the human person.

Directions:

You will be assigned a description of a situation in which you must make a moral choice.

In each case you are to:

- *Agree on what you would say or do in that situation*
- *Decide how to role-play the situation for the larger group*
- *Tell what information from the copies of the Ten Commandments and Church teachings was helpful in making their decision.*