

human dignity (p. 14) the value and worth that we share because God created us in his image and likeness

conscience (p. 14) the ability to know the difference between good and evil, right and wrong

Original Sin (p. 14) the first sin committed by the first human beings

grace (p. 15) a participation, or a sharing, in God's life and friendship

holiness (p. 16) a participation in God's goodness and a response to God's love by the way that we live

moral decision-making (p. 24) the process by which we make choices between right and wrong, good and evil, eternal life and sin

social sin (p. 27) unjust situations and conditions that negatively impact society and its institutions

New Commandment (p. 37) Jesus' teaching that we are to love one another as he loves us

scribes (p. 44) scholars of the Law during the time of Jesus

Great Commandment (p. 44) "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

atheism (p. 45) a sin against the First Commandment in which one rejects or denies God's existence

blasphemy (p. 46) a thought, word, or act that makes fun of or shows contempt or hatred for God, the Church and the saints, or sacred objects

natural law (p. 14) the law of God within us, which is known by human reason

free will (p. 14) God's gift to human beings of the freedom and ability to choose what to do

eternal life (p. 15) a life of happiness with God forever

Church (p. 15) the community of people who believe in Jesus Christ, have been baptized in him, and follow his teachings

Kingdom of God (p. 17) the power of God's love active in our lives and in our world

well-formed conscience (p. 25) a conscience that is educated so that it is able to recognize what is good and then direct us to act on that good

conversion (p. 35) turning back to God with all one's heart

Temple (p. 44) the holy place in Jerusalem where the Jewish People gathered to worship God

Shema (p. 44) a prayer from the Book of Deuteronomy reminding the Jewish People to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength

Decalogue (p. 44) the Ten Commandments

idolatry (p. 45) giving worship to a creature or thing instead of God

sacred (p. 46) holy

reverence (p. 46) honor, love, and respect

perjury (p. 46) the act of making a false oath

cursing (p. 46) calling on God to do harm to someone

Paschal Mystery (p. 47) the suffering, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ

adultery (p. 57) infidelity in marriage, unfaithfulness to one's husband or wife

lie (p. 65) to speak or act falsely with the intention of deceiving others

covet (p. 66) to wrongly desire someone or something

modesty (p. 66) the virtue by which we think, speak, act, and dress in ways that show respect for ourselves and others

greed (p. 67) an excessive desire to have or own things

poor in spirit (p. 67) depending on God and making God more important than anyone or anything else

Sabbath (p. 47) a day set apart to rest and honor God

human sexuality (p. 57) the gift of being able to feel, think, choose, love, and act as the male or female person God created us to be

chastity (p. 57) the virtue by which we use our human sexuality in a responsible and faithful way

temptation (p. 66) an attraction to choose sin

temperance (p. 66) a Cardinal Virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and helps us to bring our desires into balance

pure of heart (p. 66) living in the love of God, our Father, just as his Son, Jesus Christ, calls us to do, and allowing the Holy Spirit to fill us with goodness and love

envy (p. 67) a feeling of sadness when someone else has the things we want for ourselves