

# Diocesan Theological Institute

## *“Christian Conscience and Ethical Dilemmas”*

### Preview Sheet

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***Class Dates 2018:*     **September 22, October 6, October 20, October 27****

Classes are held 9:00AM-12:00PM at the Diocesan Administration Building, 555 Colman Center Drive, Rockford, IL 61125.

This class will begin by looking at the concept of “conscience” as it is understood by the Church and as it is found throughout Biblical and Christian history. It will be looked at through the lens of different magisterial teachings as well as through modern and popular conceptions or misconceptions. To this end there will be a series of ecclesial, psychological and secular understandings surveyed. Topics will also include: conscience protection in our State and Country, conscience formation and the witness of the saints. Following, there will be several moral dilemmas examined which will be used to illustrate the concepts previously discussed.

The students should be prepared for class discussion and reading materials distributed in class.

**Class I – September 22, 2018**

The basics of conscience as understood by the Church. A theological and historical look at conscience and related issues through a Christian lens.

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**Class II** – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Conscience formation and protection. A look at the secular challenges presented in modern society as well as the contributions of psychology and the sciences.

**Class III** – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Any material left to cover from class II will be finished and then we will move into the next section of the course: Moral Dilemmas I – class discussion.

**Class IV** – October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Moral Dilemmas II – class discussion.

**Required Books:** Catechism of the Catholic Church (Other reading materials distributed in class)

**Recommended Books/Material:**

**TBA in class**

**Assignment:**

**TBA in class**