

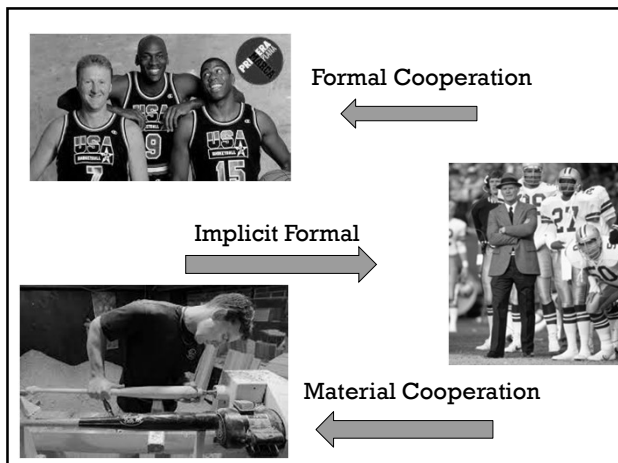
FAITH AND CULTURE

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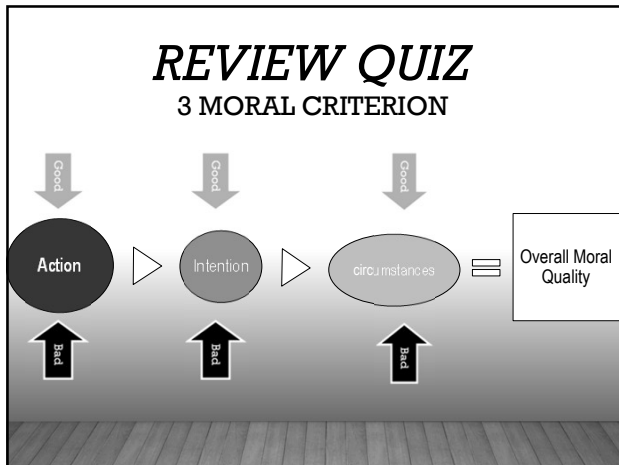
COOPERATION IN EVIL

- One may not participate in evil in any way
- Formal cooperation- deliberate and direct cooperation in an evil act
 - ie. The doctor performing an abortion
- Implicit formal cooperation- willfully facilitating a sinful action
 - Advising someone how to shoplift
- Material cooperation- performing an action that has a role to play in accomplishing another evil action but lacks the deliberate consent
 - A store cashier who accepts payment for contraceptives

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THE PRINCIPLE OF DOUBLE EFFECT

- When a difficult situation arises, and any action taken produces a bad outcome how do we know which action we should choose?
- The Principle of Double Effect provides specific guidelines for determining when it is morally permissible to perform an action in pursuit of a good outcome with full knowledge that the action will also bring about bad results.



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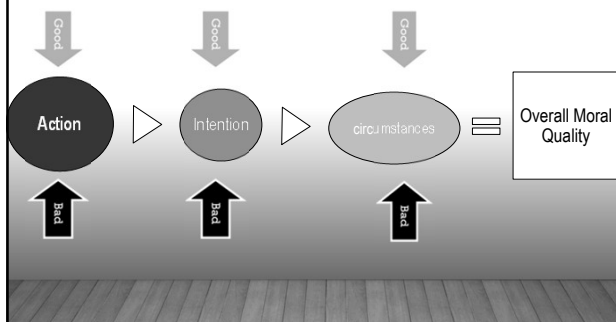
Explain how the Principle of double effect applies to help determine the moral quality of one of these situations:

- The use of radiation/ chemotherapy
- Declaring War
- Surgeries
- Gambling
- Being a daredevil



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3 MORAL CRITERION



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THE TEACHINGS

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OBJECTIVE VS SUBJECTIVE

OBJECTIVE MORALITY

- Standards for judging actions are universal= moral laws apply in every situation/ for every person
 - Some things are always bad no matter the intention/ situation/ etc
- The standards are rooted in/ based upon:
 - Dignity of the Human Person (body/soul, begins at conception)
 - Moral Theology- Divine Revelation/ science
 - Natural law- reason

SUBJECTIVE MORALITY

- Standards for judging actions can change based on the situation/ personal preference/ culture
 - Some things are not always bad
- The Standards are rooted in/ based upon:
 - What the individual or society determines/ prefers
- Viewpoints that follow this:
 - Moral Relativism
 - Secularism
 - Materialism
 - Scientism
 - Consequentialism

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DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



- Dignity= worth
- All persons have dignity because we are made in the Divine image and likeness
- Our immortal souls are what make us human and distinct from animals
- Dignity from conception until natural death
- Dignity is irreducible
- Suffering is not meaningless but redemptive

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ABORTION- THE PROCEDURE

- Deliberate termination of pregnancy by killing the unborn child.
- Abortions involve different types of procedures
 - I.e. dismemberment, poisoning, chemical burning
- Distinctions of Abortions*
 - Eugenic (because of malformation of the fetus)
 - Therapeutic (because of danger to the mother's health)
 - Psychosocial (because of psychological, social or economic reasons)

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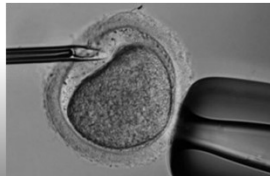
ABORTION- THE MORAL QUALITY

- From the moment of conception, a human embryo has infinite dignity
- Abortion is always the murder of an unborn child. Therefore it is always evil.
 - There are no circumstances where it is morally permissible.
- Since the first century, the Church has condemned abortion as an intrinsically evil act. This teaching is unchangeable
 - "You shall not procure an abortion. You shall not destroy a newborn child" (*Didache, circa 80 AD*)

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IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF) PROCEDURE

- In Vitro Fertilization is the medical procedure by which eggs are taken from a woman and fertilized outside of her body in a petri dish or test tube (vitro= latin for "glass")
- The fertilized human embryo is then implanted in a woman's uterus (or a surrogate mother)



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IN VITRO FERTILIZATION- MORAL QUALITY

IVF is gravely immoral for two reasons:

1. It is an offense against the conjugal union (6th /9th commandments)
 - Human persons should always be the "fruit" of loving sexual union between spouses→ Any procedure that tries to produce human life outside of the means God gave us is disobedient
2. IVF is also involves violations of the 5th commandment
 - In IVF, more embryos are fertilized than are given a chance to live (up to 2 dozen)
 - Couples only select one or two to implant (usually by genetic testing) the rest are destroyed or frozen

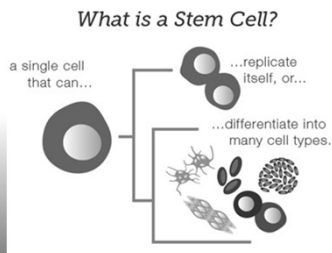
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STEM CELL RESEARCH- THE PROCEDURE

- Stem cells are human cells that can adapt into other types of cells and are believed to be useful in the future for curing incurable diseases

2 Types of Stem Cell Research

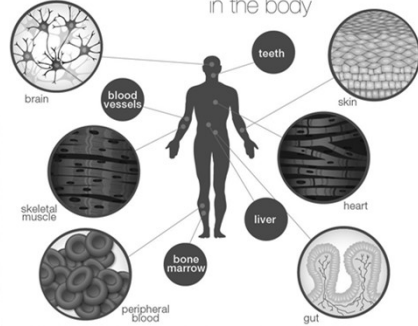
- Adult
- Embryonic



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ADULT (SOMATIC) STEM CELL RESEARCH

Locations of Somatic Stem Cells in the body



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STEM CELL RESEARCH- MORAL QUALITY

Adult Stem Cell Research

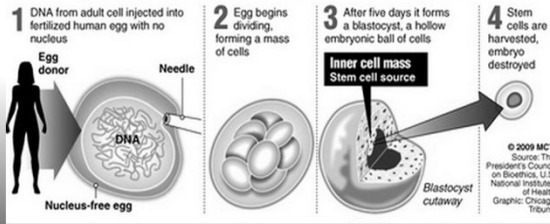
- is not sinful because it does not cause harm to adults
 - Adult stem cells are usually taken from skin cells, bone marrow or umbilical cord blood
 - Adult Stem Cell has been shown to be more promising in producing desired results

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EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS

Making embryonic stem cells

Derived from eggs fertilized at an in vitro fertilization clinic, then donated for research purposes.



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STEM CELL RESEARCH- MORAL QUALITY

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

- is always sinful because it always leads to the death/destruction of the human embryo

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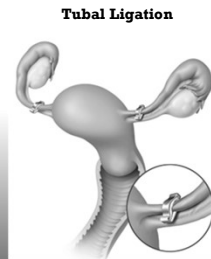
STERILIZATION- THE PROCEDURE

- Sterilization is the alteration of the reproductive organs which deprives a person of their procreative abilities. There are two forms
 - Direct
 - Indirect

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STERILIZATION- MORAL QUALITY

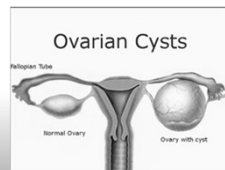
- **Direct sterilization**- performed with the direct intention of destroying a persons ability to procreate
 - This includes procedures like vasectomies, hysterectomies, or tubal ligations
- Direct Sterilization is always immoral because of one's intention (to prevent conception)



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STERILIZATION- MORAL QUALITY

- **Indirect sterilization**= sterilization that occurs as a secondary or unintended result of a medical procedure directed toward the cure of the patient
 - I.e. When a woman has her ovaries or uterus removed because of ovarian or uterine cancer
- This type of procedure is not immoral because the intention in obtaining the procedure was to save the life of the patient, not prevent conception



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HUMAN CLONING- THE PROCEDURE

- 2 Types (based on goal)
- Therapeutic cloning= cloning a human embryo for the sake of medical research
 - Reproductive cloning= the cloning and implantation of a human embryo for the purpose of brining it to live birth



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HUMAN CLONING- MORAL QUALITY

Both methods are gravely and intrinsically immoral

1. it separates procreation from the conjugal union
2. it uses/ destroys human embryos
3. it would select human beings based on predetermined qualities (gender, characteristics)



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ASSISTED SUICIDE

- Assisted suicide= any action or omission of an action that assists a person in bringing about their own death
- Assisted suicide is a grave violation of the fifth commandment
- The power of the Cross gives meaning to the mystery of suffering



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“END OF LIFE” QUESTIONS

- When is it murder to “pull the plug”?
- A person can refuse *extraordinary or disproportionate means* of sustaining life when there is no hope for recovery
 - These include treatments which only prolong the imminent dying process or impose an odious burden to the patient or family
- Ordinary medical treatment (nourishment, hydration, medication) are always required



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INTEGRITY OF THE HUMAN BODY



- The human body must be given respect
- The body may not be degraded or disfigured by mutilation or abuse
- When necessary one may remove an organ or receive a transplant to save the life of another
- Removal of an organ that causes the death of a person is sinful even when it is to save the life of another

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GENDER IDEOLOGY: FAULTY PHILOSOPHY

1. Feelings define our identity: "How you feel is who you are."
2. Human integrity means acting on our persistent desires. "I have to be true to myself."
3. Anyone who doesn't affirm our feelings and actions hates us.

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LAUDATO SI, 155

"The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation."

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THE MEANING OF OUR BODIES

- Our bodies show us that we are meant to love and be loved. Love= to want someone's greatest good
- One's gender describes not only the constitution of one's body, but also one's very identity
- Inscribed in one's sexual identity is a profound complementarity to the opposite gender
- Human sexuality can only find its true meaning and full expression within the holiness of marriage



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SINS AGAINST MARITAL LOVE

- To deny either the unitive or procreative meanings of sex is gravely sinful
- The essence of the conjugal act is corrupted when practiced outside of marriage
 - It tries to express a reality that does not exist
- Any act that frustrates or prevents the procreative act goes against the nature of marriage

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

- Every conjugal act must be open to life
- This does not mean that every conjugal act must have conception as its goal
- For serious reasons, spouses may morally practice periodic abstinence to avoid conception



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POPE PAUL IV PREDICTIONS

- Moral standards would be lowered.
- Marital infidelity would increase.
- Disrespect for womanhood would follow.

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HEALTHY FAMILY = HEALTHY SOCIETY

- "The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family." GS 47
- "Thus the family, in which the various generations come together and help one another grow wiser and harmonize personal rights with the other requirements of social life, is the foundation of society." GS 52

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DELIVERY OF THE TEACHING

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MET, ACCOMPANIED, PROCLAIMED

Evangelizing the Modern Culture

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JESUS' METHOD OF EVANGELIZATION

- *[The Synod Fathers] began with the gaze of Jesus and they spoke of how he looked upon the women and men whom he met with love and tenderness, accompanying their steps in truth, patience and mercy as he proclaimed the demands of the Kingdom of God.” Amoris Laetitia 60*

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JESUS' METHOD OF EVANGELIZATION

- “There are three key words there: **met, accompanied, proclaimed**. Gender ideology wants us to meet people where they are, capitulate to their demands, and celebrate them as they are. Jesus calls us to meet people where they are, proclaim the truth of God’s plan, and accompany them along the way of that plan.” Archbishop Robert Carlson

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MEETING THE PERSON

- Not defined by our sin
- Welcoming to all persons not immoral actions
- Invite them to further participation into God's Family

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ACCOMPANIMENT


- We journey with them
- We share our own story triumphs and struggles
- We show them how to see God's work in their lives
- "To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some." 1 Cor 9:22



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VIRTUE

- The ideas of self possession and self mastery are lost to our society "YOLO"
- Jesus calls us to a higher standard
 - "Be perfect" Matt 5:42
- self-discipline through the virtues makes us
- Virtue= A firm disposition/ habit of doing good
- Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance
- "I drive my body and train it, for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified." 1 Cor 9:27



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VIRTUES & CARDINAL VIRTUES

- Virtue= A firm disposition/ habit of doing good
- Cardinal → from the latin word meaning “to hinge”
 - Justice, Prudence, Fortitude, Temperance
- All virtues hinge/ stem from the cardinal virtues:
 - Patience stems from temperance
 - Honesty is a stems from justice
- Practicing virtues is necessary to being a good moral person

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THE CARDINAL VIRTUES: **PRUDENCE**

- **Prudence**= The virtue which disposes a person to discern the good and choose the correct means to accomplish it.
- Prudence establishes a standard for human conduct
- A Prudent choice includes three parts:
 - Counsel- rational deliberation about the action
 - Judgment- selects the morally best means of doing the action
 - Command- the act of the mind to make a choice to do or avoid an action



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THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

Justice

- The virtue which consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and to neighbor



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FORMS OF JUSTICE

- **General Justice**- Steadfastly willing what is right with regards to society or the common good
- **Commutative Justice**- Regulates exchanges between persons and between institutions in accordance with a strict respect for their rights, i.e. fulfilling contracts.
- **Distributive Justice**- Regulates what the community owes its citizens in proportion to their contributions and needs.
- **Restitution**- The return of what has been unjustly taken from another



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THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

Fortitude

- The virtue which ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in doing the good.
- Fortitude uses personal discipline to control our emotions, especially fear
- Martyrdom is the highest act of fortitude
 - Active Fortitude- moves a person to face evil and attack it
 - Passive Fortitude- strengthens a person to stand firm when confronted with evil

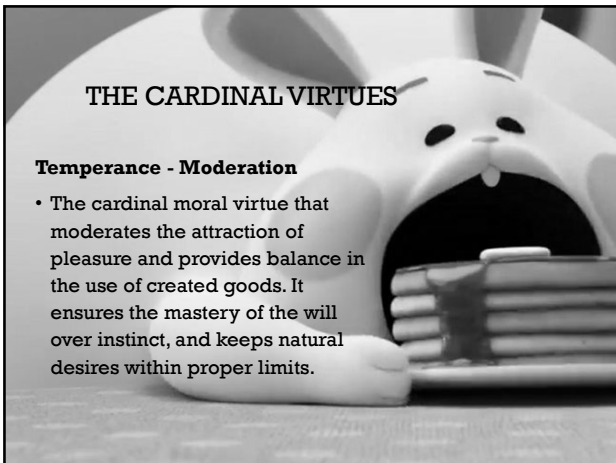


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THE CARDINAL VIRTUES

Temperance - Moderation

- The cardinal moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasure and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the mastery of the will over instinct, and keeps natural desires within proper limits.



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PROCLAIM

- Instruction in Faith and Morals
- Formation of Conscience
- Pray for opportunities (and the words ☺)
- Plant seeds with love
- Trust that conversion that is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit

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SELF DEFENSE

- The 5th commandment does not prohibit self defense
 - When a person's life is threatened, they have a right to defend themselves
- When defending oneself, one can only do what is necessary and proportionate to stop the attacker
- Legitimate defense of others is a grave duty for someone in charge of another's life (i.e. Parents, Civil authorities)



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THE DEATH PENALTY

- The death penalty should only be used as an extreme measure when it is absolutely necessary to protect society from a convicted criminal
- The use of the death penalty is morally legitimate only if:
 - The person is a legitimate threat to life
 - The person will continue to threaten the lives of others
 - The persons performing the death penalty have legitimate authorities
- The death penalty should be applied in the most humane way possible



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WAR

- The Church has always taught that War is evil and should be avoided at all costs.
- There are occasions when a nation may enter into a "just war" in self-defense or in protecting the common good
 - A **Just War** involves legitimate defense by military force



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WAR

In order for a just war to be carried out, the following conditions must be followed

- War may be declared by proper authority for only grave and legitimate causes
- Military action must be a last resort
- There must be a reasonable chance of success
- Non-combatants may not be targeted (Non combatants= people not involved in a conflict i.e. civilians)

The Church warns that the race for obtaining nuclear weapons is a great curse because these weapons present a grave danger to all of humanity
