

Dignity of the Human Person and the Sanctity of Life

Dignity of the Human Person

- Genesis 1:26-28
- CCC 2416 - 2418 (Church teaching on animals)
- 1 Corinthians 6:19

Morality and Intrinsic Evil

- CCC 1750 - 1756 - “tripod of morality”
- CCC 1789 - One may not do evil so that good may result from it.
- CCC 2261 - forbidding murder

Human Life

- Wisdom 1:13-14; John 10:10
- Beginning of *Evangelium Vitae* (encyclical of Pope St John Paul II)
- Genesis 2:15-17
- Genesis 4:8

Abortion

- CCC 2270 - 2275
- *Evangelium Vitae* 73 - 74 (our duty to oppose abortion)
- 2002 Document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, article 4
- The problem with the Seamless Garment
- Double effect and St Gianna Molla

Suicide / Assisted Suicide / Euthanasia

- CCC 2227 - 2229
- Document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 2007 on artificial nutrition and hydration

Capital punishment

Legitimate defense / war

CCC 2264 - 2265, 2309

Web references

Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding The Participation of Catholics in Political Life (2002)

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20021124_politica_en.html

Statement of Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on Artificial Nutrition and Hydration

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20070801_risposte-usa_en.html

Seamless Garment Speech - March 11, 1984

This has been problematic, but I think it is important to see what Cardinal Bernadin actually said.

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/magisterium/bernardinwade.html>

Recommended Books

Making Choices by Peter Kreeft

Persuasive Pro-Life by Trent Horn