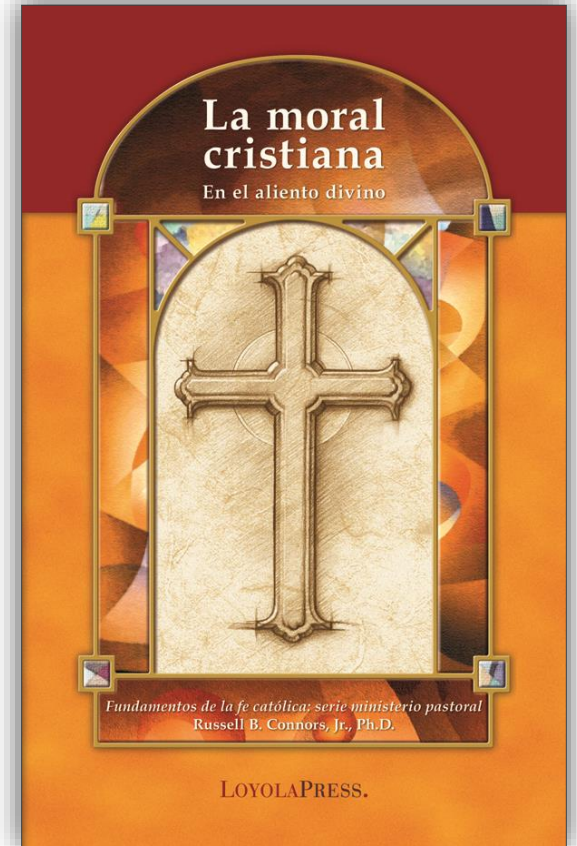


Christian Morality: In Divine Breath



Introduction

- Misconceptions about moral theology
- Key concepts and development
 - Ethics
 - Moral
 - Bioethics (and their relationship with ecology)
- Morality as the “dark side of the Gospel”
- Catechism of the Catholic Church with regards to moral theology

Christian Morality and the Love of God

- What does it mean to live according to Christian morality? Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1692
- Christian morality as an answer to God's love
 - Dimensions of this love
 - Biblical texts
 - Love as a concrete life experience

Christian Morality and the Love of God

- **Christian morality as life within the Spirit**
 - Created in the image of God (CCC, 1700)
 - Divine image is present in each of us (CCC 1702)
 - We participate in the power of the Holy Spirit (CCC, 1704)
- **Christian morality as sacramental life**
 - Baptism
 - Eucharist

Christian Morality and the Kingdom of God

- Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraphs 668, 669, 670, 671 and 672
 - Kingdom of God (justice, love, and peace)
 - Christ's presence among us
 - Christian beliefs about the Kingdom of God

Christian Morality and the Kingdom of God

- Christian beliefs about the Kingdom of God
 - The belief of Israel
 - The Holy Spirit is upon me
- Building the Kingdom of God
 - What is the Kingdom?
 - What does it imply?
 - What is the calling?
 - True humility
 - Knowledge and practice of faith

Christian Morality and the Kingdom of God

- Christian moral life and its place in the world
 - From Marx to the analysis of reality
 - Pope Leo XIII and social teachings
 - From Leo XIII to John Paul II: legacy of the Social Doctrine of the Church
 - SDC and its place in the world

Morality and Conscience

- Catechism of the Catholic Church:
1778, 1783, 1785
 - Life as a participation in the Kingdom of God
 - Discerning how to respond to God's love and participate in His Kingdom
 - Following your good and honest conscience

Morality and Conscience

- Conscience as a link to kindness and honesty
 - What is conscience?
 - How is it formed?
 - Criteria for decisions
 - Types of conscience
 - Trends of conscience throughout history
 - Ways in which conscience influences our way of thinking and acting
 - Conscience as a capacity

Morality and Conscience

- Conscience as a process: moral decisions
 - Identify the moral judgment that must be made
 - Obtain all relevant information
 - Seek advice
 - Evaluate the alternatives
 - Reflect and pray
 - Gaudium et spes, 16

Morality and Conscience

- Conscience as judgment: assume a responsibility
 - Teachings about conscience
 - How virtue forms conscience
 - Catholic teachings about conscience
 - Conscience as a sacred space
 - What is a wrong judgment?
 - What the Catechism of the Catholic Church says about conscience

Morality and the Dynamics of Sin

- Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - 1428, 1848, 1850, 1865
- “Original” and “current” sins
 - Sin in the context of our modern culture
 - Original sin
 - Current sin
 - Is an action
 - What the Catechism of the Catholic Church says

Morality and the Dynamics of Sin

- Sin in the Catechism of the Catholic Church :
 - It is an action
 - Grave matters
 - Requirements for sin
 - Mortal, venial and grave sin

Morality and the Dynamics of Sin

- Conversion: obligation and possibilities
 - Human liberty
 - Family involvement in the process
 - The role of family and culture (cause-effect analysis)
 - The transformation of people as a sign of the Kingdom
- Resurrection, faith and Christian hope

Morality, Health, and Life

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2258, 2276 and 2288
 - Responsibility to preserve health and life
 - Responsibility for quality of life
 - Pastoral activities related to the preservation of health and life

Morality, Health, and Life

- Catholic beliefs about health and the preservation of health and life
 - The responsibilities that must be assumed
 - Life as a sacred gift
 - Life in all its stages
 - Life and the “option for the poor”
 - Awareness of the sacred nature of life (one’s own and others’)

Morality, Health, and Life

- Catholic beliefs about the direct and indirect deprivation of life
 - Euthanasia, CCC # 2277
 - Suicide
 - Evangelium vitae, 57
 - Difference between direct and “indirect” ways
 - The medical issue of terminal patients
 - Medically assisted suicide

Morality, Health, and Life

- Pro-life
 - More than antiabortion
 - Caring for life in all its stages
 - From birth to death
 - Quality of life and what it implies

Morality, Health, and Life

- Use and non-use of medical treatment
 - What type of medical treatment is appropriate?
 - Ordinary
 - Extraordinary

Morality and Human Sexuality

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2331, 2332, 2337 y 2347
 - How do we approach (and react to) the subject of sex?
 - A wider analysis of sexuality

Morality and Human Sexuality

- Christian faith and sexuality: creation and integration
 - And God saw that it was good
 - The story of Creation, in context
 - Sin bursts in (CCC, 400)
 - Theology of Creation
 - Chastity vocation
 - Chastity for everyone
 - Christian Integrity (CCC, 2338)

Morality and Human Sexuality

- Rules and values: specific themes
 - Sexuality in marriage
 - Openness to procreation
 - Humanae Vitae
 - Homosexuality

Morality and Human Sexuality

- Laws of growth
 - Catholic teachings
 - Sexual integration
 - Laws of growth (CCC, 2343)

Morality and Social Responsibility

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1881, 1905, 1906, 1930, 2448
 - What is the Social Doctrine of the Church?
 - Leo XIII and Rerum Novarum (1891)
 - New things in this encyclical
 - Touched on hunger, poverty, prejudice, discrimination, war, and peace.

Morality and Social Responsibility

- Starting points: human dignity and rights
 - What is human dignity?
 - What is a human right?
 - The viewpoint of theology and the CCC about these points
 - Rights: what we deserve as people

Morality and Social Responsibility

- What do human rights include?
 - Existence, integrity...
 - Good social reputation
 - Access to cultural goods
 - Ability to worship God
 - Choosing your preferred state of life
 - Economic rights
 - Right to gather publicly
 - Right to reside and migrate
 - Political rights

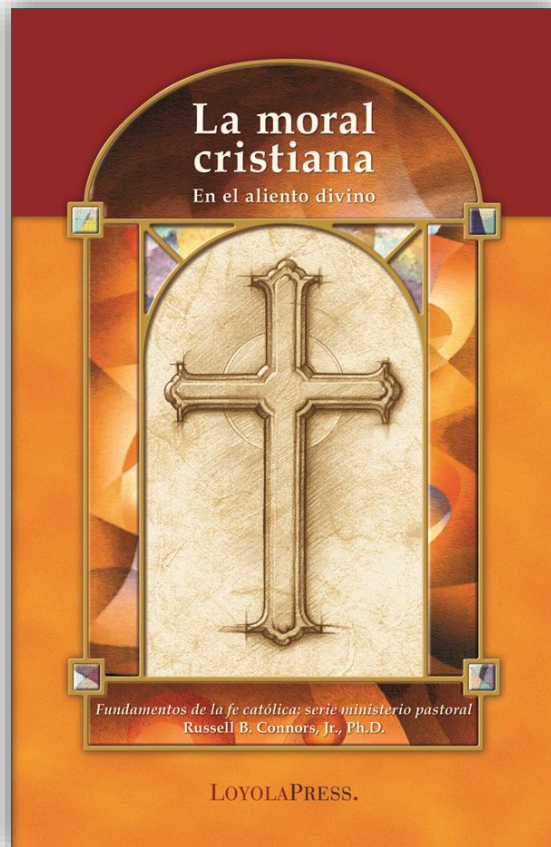
Morality and Social Responsibility

- Main focus: Economic justice
 - CCC, 2436
 - Our relationship with money, richness, the rich, and the management of wealth
 - Economic justice for all
 - Work: dignity, gift and wages
 - Social Doctrine Documents
 - Criteria for just wages
 - CCC, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436

Morality and Social Responsibility

- Preferential considerations for the poor
 - What this says about God
 - Who are the poor?
 - Analysis of social sciences
 - Not a program, but a lifestyle
 - Although it is not a program, sometimes it must be practiced as such
 - It must express closeness to God
 - Politics and practices of Christian institutions
 - It is a free choice

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