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PHS Lesson 6 – Respecting Material Goods

Read this chapter and on a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions. You must answer in complete sentences in paragraph form.

1. Respect is a trait upon which the Church places a great deal of value. This trait has far reaching effects on all levels of society and is based on the Seventh and Tenth Commandments: “You shall not steal” – “You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods”.

Define:

- plagiarism
- embezzlement
- reparation
- restitution

2. Why do you think stealing is such a problem in our world? What are some conditions that would encourage a person to steal?

3. God gave us a beautiful world filled with resources to care for our needs. If these goods were shared, all nations would prosper. Since this is not the case, many people throughout the world are starving. How do we as people of God respond to this need?

Define:

- almsgiving
- social action

4. Living in our contemporary society in Western New York, what suggestions would you make to help people respond to this Commandment?

5. The Catholic Church has always spoken with strong moral authority with respect to the problems of a social and economic nature.

Define:

- common good
- social doctrine
- stewardship
- “Preferential Treatment for the Poor”

6. Environmental justice is a serious concern of our Church. What are some of the themes encouraged by our bishops to meet these concerns?

7. As we mature from youth to adulthood, most people prepare for their life’s work or a vocation. Work is a part of our vocation and also an integral part of God’s plan for our lives. How do you see a vocation as part of God’s plan for you in your life?

8. How do we live justly as we assume responsibilities for a job? What responsibilities do employers have toward their workers?

9. In some situations, “slavery” enters into the present day economic status of some countries. What can you do to protest this condition?

10. Our daily life is bombarded with advertising. We receive hundreds of messages daily. What is the danger here for the Christian trying to live out God’s Commandment to share His gifts to us?

11. What is envy? How does this insidiously come into play in our lives and our interaction with others?
12. On page 284 in the “For Further Reflection” column, look over the three concerns listed. Respond to the last one. How does injustice lead to conflict? How has conflict of this nature occurred in your family, your community, your schools?