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Principle 1—Catholic Social Teaching

The first principle of Catholic Social Teaching is: Life and Dignity of the Human Person. The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred.

From the issuance of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humane Vitae* in 1968 through the *Roe v. Wade* decision by the United States Supreme Court in 1973, up to today, volumes have been written on the inherent right to life from conception to natural death. This tenet is—as are all the others—based on the concept of natural law, which has its origins as far back as ancient Greek and Roman philosophy and law, including Aristotle who differentiated between what is “right by nature” and what is “right by convention”.¹

Modern Catholic Social Teaching states that: “Natural law is inscribed in the heart of every person, is grounded in human good, and gives clear directives regarding right and wrong acts that can never be legitimately violated.” Thus there is no such thing as situation ethics; and the end can never justify the means.

Humanae Vitae repeats the teleological “claim that ‘life has inherent purposes and each person must conform to them.’” Pope Paul VI reaffirmed *Humanae Vitae* in his encyclical *Familiaris Consortio* as he stated that the “gift of self thru sex requires a permanent, monogamous commitment that remains open to procreation without interference in the biological structures of the sex act.” This explains the church's opposition to in vitro fertilization, surrogate motherhood and artificial contraception.

But sometimes other parts of this right to life “seamless garment” get lost in the shuffle. Catholic citizens can make the argument that capital punishment is immoral. It does not act as a deterrent to crime. It leads to the execution of innocents. And it legitimizes the use of lethal against human beings. In 1994 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops proclaimed that, “We cannot teach killing by killing.” And in 1995 they published their letter entitled, “A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death” calling for an end to the use of the death penalty.

In 1983 Cardinal Joseph Bernadin (d. 1996) developed the idea of a consistent life ethic. He stated that although abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia are different issues, they are all linked because valuing and defending human life are at the center of all these issues.

In *Evangelium Vitae* (1995), John Paul II stated that: “Euthanasia is a grave violation of the law of God since it is the deliberate and morally unacceptable killing of a human person.” The Roman Catholic Church does not accept that human beings have a right to die.

Next time we will discuss The Call to Family, Community, and Participation.

¹ Himes, Kenneth B., ed. *Modern Catholic Social Teaching*, Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2004, 41; IBID 58; IBID 57; IBID 366; IBID 55; Bernadin, Joseph, *Consistent Ethic of Life* Sheed and Ward, 1988.

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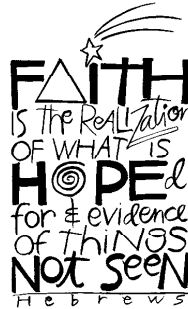
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

Today as we listen to God's word, we find that we must learn to wait patiently for the coming of the Lord. Our waiting must be faith-filled; that is, we must set our hearts on the promises that God has made to us. Our time of waiting must also be filled with deeds of service to others. Even the master will serve the faithful servants upon his return, says Jesus in today's Gospel. Let us pray today to be faithful, patient servants of the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sat.	8/7	5:30p.m.	For the Intentions of Valeria Brown (B'Day) by T. B.
Sun.	8/8	8:00a.m.	For All Parishioners
		10:30a.m.	Benny Vento by Judy V. Learmonth
Mon.	8/9	6:30p.m.	Jim Davis by Brenda & Scott Vargo
Tues.	8/10	8:30a.m.	Tom Chambers by Bruce & Toni Webb
Wed.	8/11	6:30p.m.	Lynn Jones by Glenn & Dianne Murphy
Thurs.	8/12	8:30a.m.	For the Intentions of Dr. Tom Johnson by Taffy O'Brien
Fri.	8/13		No Mass
Sat.	8/14	5:30p.m.	Danny Elmore by Coletta & Marvin Vandall
Sun.	8/15	8:00a.m.	For All Parishioners
		10:30a.m.	Jean Wallace by Art & Mary Gonzales



Altar Server Schedule:

Sat. 8/14 (vigil): C. Malay/J. Light
Sun. 8/15 8a.m.: A. Keaveny/E. Holt
10:30a.m.: J. & D. Re/S. Klenk

Offerings: 7/31—8/1:

Env./Loose: \$3,977.91
Parish Maintenance: \$30
School Env.: \$115
Glenmary Sisters: \$180

Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (August)

(vigil) Sat. : D. Maxwell/R. Pino/S. Shay
Sun. 8a.m.: Pat Beverley/Debbie Garvin
10:30a.m.: L. Duba/W. Duba/M. Kemlock

(Vigil) Sat. 8/14: Ron Sheehan
Sun. 8/15: 8a.m. Nancy Sanger
10:30a.m. Bev & Herman Hundley

Bulletin Deadline: Any requested announcements for the bulletin must be turned into the Parish Office by **11a.m. on Wednesdays.**

New in the parish, not registered, or, an employed adult member not receiving envelopes?
Call or come to the Parish Office to register. Registration forms are also in the church vestibule.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):
Saturdays 4:45p.m. or by appointment.

Part-time Job Opportunity...The parish is in need of a new director for institutional advancement to replace Mr. Kemlock who is leaving for other opportunities. See Fr. Paul for details.

This Week...

Mon. 6p.m. Cub/Boy Scouts
7p.m. School Consultative Board
Tues. 7p.m. Pre-K Orientation (Cafeteria)
Thurs. 10a.m. Youth Choir Practice
Sat. 8a.m. Scripture Sharing @ Bob Evan's

Choir Practice

Sat. Choir: Wed. @ 7p.m.
Sun. Choir: Thurs. @ 6:30p.m.

Parish Office Summer Hours

The parish office will be closed Friday's at noon.

Wedding Banns

Philip Dudley & Katie Howard
(August 21, 2010)
The couple is from Austin, TX.



Thank you.....to Gloria Lively and Claudia Kania who coordinated our Summer Day Care Program, which was very successful.



Confirmation:

Bishop Bransfield will be here Saturday, Sept. 25th at 4p.m. to Confirm members of our parish.
If there are any adults who have not been confirmed and wish to be, please contact the parish office.

The next Virtus Training is scheduled for Sept. 2nd. This is a must for all **volunteers and employees** of the parish and school; for anyone who works directly and indirectly with the youth. The Virtus Workshop requirement is now available on-line. For more information please contact the parish office.

Reminder.....Please remember to take home your bulletin and used tissues, do not leave them in the pews. We do not have anyone to tidy up the church after the weekend Masses. Thank you.

A volunteer is needed to manage the gift card program for the school (Script). Due to federal regulations employees are no longer permitted to manage the gift card program. If you are willing to manage the program, which involves ordering the cards and managing the inventory, please see Mr. Vargo or Fr. Paul.

I would like to thank the school and church community for your support. Last week Mountain State Univ. Offered me a position in their marketing department and it is an opportunity I could not refuse. I wish all the best for the school and look forward to continuing to volunteer in the parish community.
Aaron Kemlock

The Fayetteville Ministerial Association is looking for a Director of their "Crew Center", which is located in downtown Fayetteville. The center is for the youth in Fayette County, giving them a safe place to hang out with their peers. If you are interested in the position, please forward your resume to ..

FBC
104 Ankrom St.
Fayetteville, WV 25840

Or e-mail to:

Ron George, Jr. at
pastor@fayettevillebaptist.org

Faith Formation.....

Our programs will begin in another month or so, however, we are in need of facilitators for our classes. We are looking for someone to facilitate at each grade level, 1st—8th grade. We especially need someone in our 2nd grade Religious Ed class to prepare our students for the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. If you are willing to pass on the faith to our youth, please contact the parish office—304 465-5445 or email pastor @sppcatholic.org.

God loves everyone—but probably prefers 'fruits of the spirit' over 'religious nuts!'