

CATHOLICISM 101

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT / PRAYERS / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ASSIGNMENT 32

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"Echo" Episode 32

-REFLECT / PRAY-

Why is it important to always hold love and the truth together?
What obstacles in my life may prevent me from fully accepting the truth of Christ?

-READ-

USCCA Chapter 32

-DISCUSS-

What is truth? Can truth change? Is truth dependent on anything?

What is the difference between facts and opinions? How do we tell them apart?

How do you tell right from wrong? How do you stay informed?

Have you ever had to stand up for something true? How did you do it?

Are any lies acceptable? Why or why not?

Bishop Hying said that love without truth becomes sentimental and sappy; truth without love becomes harsh, and judgmental, and rigid; but when you put the two together, you have the firepower of the Gospel. When was one time that someone spoke truth to you, and was it an experience of God's love?

In a culture saturated with relativism, which is the belief that no objective truth exists, how would you respond to someone who questioned your belief in the truth?

Read and reflect on the following quote from Pope Benedict XVI, as quoted in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults:

"Lies have devastating effects... We need but think of the events of the past century, when aberrant ideological and political systems willfully twisted the truth and brought about the exploitation and murder of an appalling number of men and women, wiping out entire families and communities. After experiences like these, how can we fail to be seriously concerned about lies in our own time, lie which are the framework for menacing scenarios of death in many parts of the world. Any authentic search for peace must begin with the realization that the problem of truth and untruth is the concern of every man and woman; it is decisive for the peaceful future of our planet." (p. 435)

Why do you think it often feels easy to justify our personal lies, despite the devastating consequences of lies to our relationships, societies, and the world?

-PRAY-

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

-QUESTIONS?-

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