

# CATHOLICISM 101

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT / PRAYERS / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## ASSIGNMENT 34

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### -WATCH-

“Echo” Episode 34

### -REFLECT / PRAY-

Why is voluntary poverty so significant in the lives of many saints?  
How should a Christian relate to material possessions?

### -READ-

USCCA Chapter 34

### -DISCUSS-

Is it a sin to be wealthy? Why might wealth be problematic for some, but not others?

How does the culture view wealth?

What does it mean to have “poverty of spirit”?

Is everyone called to “sell everything and follow me [Jesus]”?

What are some ways to have a healthy detachment from worldly goods?

How are we called to be stewards of our wealth, goods, and world?

The temptation to act in jealousy, envy, and selfishness is a constant threat to poverty of spirit. What practical steps can you take when you are tempted in this way?

Read and reflect on the following quote from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

“Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God.” (CCC 2547)

Why is complete trust in God necessary for the virtue of generosity to flourish?  
How do we increase our trust in God?

Contrary to popular belief, the Bible does not list money as the root of all evil, but “love of money is the root of all evils” (1 Tm 6:10). How does an overattachment to money limit our capacity to love God?

### -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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