

Twenty Questions on Contemporary & Traditional Official Catholic Moral Teaching

Circle or Underline ***True*** or ***False*** for each of these questions

- 1) The Catholic Church teaches that any medical procedure that results in the foreseen termination of fetal life is intrinsically evil and never permitted under any circumstances. *True* or *False*
- 2) The Catholic Church teaches that private property is not an absolute moral right to the owner(s), but only a relative right which the owner must relinquish at times in light of other overriding needs of others. *True* or *False*
- 3) The Catholic Church teaches that a Catholic politician could never in good conscience vote for any law that contains provisions that would allow for the legality of abortions. *True* or *False*
- 4) The Catholic Church has always taught that a key hallmark of its social teaching is that concrete practices such as torture of prisoners and slavery are always morally wrong. *True* or *False*
- 5) The Catholic Church teaches that no one under any circumstances may ever do anything, either by direct action (commission) or by failure to act (omission) that would aid or cooperate in the commission of a moral evil by a third party. *True* or *False*
- 6) The Catholic Church teaches that when there is a conflict between a person's individual conscience and official magisterial teaching on a certain issue a faithful Catholic has no choice but to follow the Church's magisterial teaching in this matter. *True* or *False*
- 7) The Catholic Church teaches that care for the poor and disadvantaged of society should carry greater weight, rather than equal distribution in the allocation of public resources as well as the use of private property. *True* or *False*
- 8) The Catholic Church teaches that murder can never be morally justified, even if it could be argued that the murder of a given individual would end some grave evil or bring about some considerable good. *True* or *False*
- 9) The Catholic Church teaches that no married woman of child-bearing age could ever use a drug for any reason if was foreseen beforehand that such drug (such as the progesterone pill) would have a contraceptive effect (i.e., prevent conception of a child). *True* or *False*
- 10) The Catholic Church teaches that one can tolerate a moral evil in one's life in order to avoid a greater moral evil. *True* or *False*

- 11) The Catholic Church teaches that one may never use or permit any evil means or effect so that a good end or effect would come about as a result of that evil means. *True or False*
- 12) The Catholic Church teaches that there would be no moral objection as such to members of the same sex living together, just as long as they did not engage in homogenital sexual acts. *True or False*
- 13) The Catholic Church teaches that the Pope and the College of Bishops enjoy a special gift of the Holy Spirit to teach in moral matters by virtue of their magisterial office which is not given to others, even if these others have studied these same moral matters. *True or False*
- 14) The Catholic Church teaches that all moral norms which are grounded in the natural law are absolute and unchangeable and thus they ought to bind in the same way in all times, in all places, and in all circumstances. *True or False*
- 15) The Catholic Church has consistently taught in its social teaching that every act which is immoral also ought to be rendered illegal in the civil arena. *True or False*
- 16) The Catholic Church teaches that in end-of-life cases the use of pain medication such as morphine can be used to treat pain even if it is foreseen that such medication will hasten the patient's death or shorten the patient's life. *True or False*
- 17) The Catholic Church at Vatican II (1962-1965) reversed its centuries' old teaching that procreation was the highest primary end of marriage, and now accepts the love dimension of marriage as being a primary end of equal importance. *True or False*
- 18) The Catholic Church teaches that the condition of homosexual orientation is not a result of personal choice or bad moral living of vice and that homosexuals should not be considered as sinning by having a same-sex orientation. *True or False*
- 19) The Catholic Church teaches that not each and every papal teaching enjoys the same level of authority, and that to gauge the proper authority of a papal teaching one has to look at what is being taught, as well as the way in which it is being taught, and the frequency with which it is being taught. *True or False*
- 20) The Catholic Church teaches explicitly that one should take into account in moral evaluation not only the action itself but the intention of the agent and circumstances of the action in determining its moral rightness or wrongness. *True or False*