**MORALITY FINAL EXAM STUDY GUIDE**

**INTRODUCTION – What is Life in Christ?**

* What three main sources of knowledge does Catholic morality draw from? What do they mean?
* What is the definition of ‘character’?
* What are ‘virtues’?
* Cardinal virtues – what are they, where do they come from, be able to identify them.
* Theological virtues – what are they, where do they come from, be able to identify them.
* What are ‘vices’?

**CHAPTER 1 – The Gift of Being Human**

* What does it mean to have ‘god-like’ qualities? Why should that matter to us?
* What is ‘human dignity’?
* Why do human beings have dignity?
* Where does our dignity come from?
* What are the three characteristics of human dignity, and what do they mean?
* What is ‘free-will’?
* What is the Church’s position on same-sex attraction, same-sex marriage?

**CHAPTER 2 – Making Moral Decisions**

* Know and be able to explain each step in the S.T.O.P. model of moral decision-making.

**CHAPTER 3 – Law as a Guide to Freedom**

* What does ‘rationalization’ mean?
* What does ‘freedom’ mean?
* What are the two kinds of freedom? Provide examples.
* What does ‘license’ mean?
* Be able to provide at least three (3) impediments to freedom, and define them.
* Know the four elements of Aquinas’ classic definition of law.
* Know and be able to briefly explain: Divine Law, natural law, Old Law.

**CHAPTER 4 – Jesus as Moral Guide**

* What does the word ‘beatitude’ means?
* Know that beatitudes are NOT laws or commandments.
* What does the word ‘incarnate’ mean, and where does it come from?
* What does the word ‘grace’ mean?
* Be able to match the beatitude beginnings with the endings.

**CHAPTER 5 – Conscience Formation**

* What is the definition of ‘conscience’?
* What three things does doing the ‘right’ thing’ depend upon?
* How do we form our conscience?

**CHAPTER 6 – Sin and Forgiveness**

* What is the definition of ‘sin’, and what are the effects of sin?
* Understand the path to forgiveness of sins, including and leading to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
* Know the difference between Original Sin and personal sin.
* Know the difference between mortal sin and venial sin.
* What is the definition of ‘concupiscence’?
* What is the definition of ‘contrition’?
* Know and be able to explain each of the steps in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**CHAPTER 7 – Love for God**

* Know the difference between ‘atheism’ and ‘agnosticism’.
* What is the definition of ‘humanism’?
* Be able to write (in order) each commandment and provide a simple explanation.

**CHAPTER 8 – Respect for Life**

* What is the definition of ‘esteem’? (299)
* Understand self-esteem as a virtue. (302)
* Understand what is meant by the idea of the family as the ‘domestic Church’. (306)
* What other words can be used to describe the word ‘honor’, as is understood in the Fourth Commandment? (306)
* Understand what is meant by the notion of ‘ageism’. (306)
* Know the definition of ‘abortion’, and understand the Church’s insistence that it is sinful. (319)
* Know the definition of ‘euthanasia’. (321,324)