



Catholic Central Activity Guide

Episode 45: Just War

Diving Deeper

- ▶ Think about when you might have seen war portrayed in films, TV, video games or news clips. Do any in particular stick out to you? What do these portrayals of war get right about the actual reality of war? Where do these portrayals fall short?
- ▶ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. echoed the wisdom of Church tradition when he said "There can be no justice without peace and there can be no peace without justice." What do you think this means?
- ▶ Justice is one of the cardinal virtues, meaning that the other virtues hinge upon it. Why do you think justice is so central to living a moral life? What would life look like without justice as a foundation of our society? What can you do to promote justice in your relationships and daily life?

Go Forth

- ▶ Think about a conflict you've either seen between others or experienced yourself. How could the conflict have been avoided? What was the resolution? Would you say that in the end the parties involved achieved true peace and "right relationship"? What could have been done differently, on either side? Make a list of things you can do when conflict arises in the future in order to have real justice in the end.
- ▶ By "right relationship," Catholics mean a state where people aren't exploiting, oppressing, or manipulating each other. Write down examples of when you have observed people doing these things to others. What could you do to alleviate those situations? Take three concrete steps this week to help make a relationship right.



Resources

- ▶ [Just War in the Catechism](#)
- ▶ [Church Pop's 10 Things Every Catholic Should Know About Just War](#)
- ▶ [An Application of Just War Doctrine](#)

