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Character	Moral Virtues (examples below)
Command	-Care (for human life, for self, for the
Common Good	earth, for the marginalized)
Dignity	-Charity (Love)
Divine law	-Compassion
Duty/Obligation/Responsibility	-Peacefulness
Habit	-Kindness
Haecceity	-Gentleness
Happiness, the Good Life	-Mercy
Human Goods	-Forgiveness
Moral Rights	-Generosity
Motive/Intention	-Modesty
Natural Law	-Respect
Person	-Openness
Role Model	-Courage (Fortitude)
Vice	-Humility
	-Justice
	-Prudence
	-Temperance

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Principle of the Golden Rule – Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1992, sec 1789).

Pauline Principle – One may never do evil so that good will result from it (CCC, 1992, sec 1789).

Principle of Charity – Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself (*CCC*, 1992, sec 1789).

Principle of the Common Good - There is a common good that humanity is responsible for ensuring and attaining (Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching, 2005, secs. 160-184).

Principle of the Preferential Option for the Poor - the poor and marginalized should be the focus of particular concern (Compendium, 2005, secs. 182-184).