

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE (11-13-22): BALTIMORE CATECHISM NO. 2
PART 1, LESSON 6(A)—ACTUAL SIN

- I. Prayers
 - A. “Signum Crucis”: “In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi. Amen.”
 - B. “The Confiteor” (page 5)
 - C. Saint and Virtue:
 - 1. Saint Augustine of Hippo
 - 2. Humility
- II. True or False (page 44)
- III. Actual Sin:
 - A. Human Person: Created for Holy Communion (Perfectly Good Relationships)—God = Perfect Goodness in Relationship
 - B. Our Participation in the Perfectly Good Relationship Who is One God in Three Persons—by Grace in:
 - 1. Truth (Crowned by Beauty)
 - 2. Freedom—Choosing the Good in Truth
 - 3. Love—Free personal exchange of goodness in truth
 - 4. Life—Fruitful, Flourishing, and ultimately Eternal
 - C. Original Breaking of the Fundamental Commandment of Properly Ordered Love:
 - 1. Satan and Fallen Angels
 - 2. Adam and Eve
 - 3. Divisions After the Fall:
 - a. Demon/Fallen Man from God
 - b. Demon/Fallen Man amongst others (angels/men)
 - c. Demon/Fallen Man within self
 - D. New Commandment (“Same as it ever was.”): Redemption in the Order of Grace—Holiness/Obedience/Love Restored and Elevated
 - 1. Love God (First Three Commandments)
 - 2. Love Neighbor as One Loves Self (Last Seven Commandments)
 - E. Original Sin (Corporate/Passed Down)/Actual Sin (Individual/Committed):
 - 1. Actual Sin: “Any willful thought, desire, word, action, or omission forbidden by the law of God” (#64)
 - 2. Actual Mortal Sin:
 - a. Spiritual Death—“deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace and the supernatural life” (#67)

- >”makes the soul an enemy of God”
- >”takes away the merit of all good actions”
- >”deprives it of the right to everlasting happiness in Heaven”
- >”makes [the soul] deserving of everlasting punishment in Hell” (#68)

3. Necessary aspects of a mortal sin (#69):
 - a. Serious matter (thought/desire/word/action/omission)
 - b. Sufficient reflection (consciousness/awareness)
 - c. Full consent of the will (deliberate)
4. Actual Venial Sin:
 - a. “Less serious offense against the law of God”
 - b. “Does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace”
 - c. “Can be pardoned even without sacramental Confession” (#70)
5. Ways to Commit Venial Sin (#71):
 - a. When evil itself is not seriously wrong
 - b. Serious wrong is done (1) when the sinner sincerely believes it is only slightly wrong or (2) when the sinner does not give full consent to the sin.

- F. Harmful Effects of Actual Venial Sin:
 - a. “Make[s] us less fervent in the service of God”
 - b. “Weaken[s] our power to resist mortal sin”
 - c. “Make[s] us deserving of God’s punishment in this life or in purgatory” (#72)

- IV. Table Talk—Discussion Questions (page 43, 1-5)
- V. Mission/Prayer and Blessing