

## PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE: THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT (11-3-24)

### PRAYERS

- I. "Signum Crucis": "In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti. Amen."
- II. "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"
- III. Saints and Virtue:
  - A. Saint Monica
  - B. Prayer

### SACRED SEVEN – TRUE/FALSE

1. All authority comes from God.
2. The authority of a parent is limited, but not the authority of a pope.
3. Catholics are responsible for paying just taxes imposed by the state.
4. As Catholics, because our citizenship is primarily in Heaven by Baptism; we are not required to take an interest in our earthly country's welfare.
5. The Church teaches that democracy is the best form of government.
6. Children who leave the home and marry are still required to obey their parents.
7. Children should help parents when they have needs.

### THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT: HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER (241)

- I. Requirement (242-243):
  - A. Respect and love our parents
  - B. Obey our parents in all that is not sinful
  - C. Help our parents when they are in need
  - D. Respect and obey all lawful superiors
- II. Fourth Commandment forbids (250):
  - A. Disrespect
  - B. Unkindness
  - C. Disobedience to parents and lawful superiors
- III. True Authority (243):
  - A. Derived from God and give by God to certain people
  - B. A person who exercises authority properly:
    1. Reflects the goodness and truth of God
    2. Serves to benefit those over whom he exercises authority

3. Respects the limits placed on his authority by God
  4. Does not encourage or direct those over whom he has authority to disobey God
  5. Duties of those in authority (244):
    - a. Parents—Provide for spiritual and bodily welfare of children
    - b. Superiors—Care for those entrusted to them
- IV. Citizenship:
- A. Duties (245):
    1. Love for country
    2. Sincere interest for the county's welfare (246):
      - a. Voting honestly and unselfishly
      - b. Paying just taxes
      - c. Defending the rights of the country when necessary
      - d. Based on right reason, active works of citizenship are required by citizens for the public welfare of the country. (248)
    3. Respect for and obedience to lawful authority is required because it comes from God, the Source of all authority. (247)
  - B. Duties of those holding public office (249):
    1. Just exercise of their authority for all those served
    2. Promotion of the general welfare

### **TABLE TALK QUESTION**

What cultural influences have led to an increased disregard for the Fourth Commandment?

### **CLOSING COMMENTS/BLESSING**