

# Grade 8 - Lesson 12

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

## Proclamation:

*Society is established by God to protect and ensure the common good of every man.*



## Catechetical Points

- Promoting the common good should also include protecting the dignity of all people, from birth until natural death.
- As humans, we have a special role to be stewards of creation.

## Materials

- Catechism Board Game
- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
  - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
  - Password: 6084375348
    - St. Thomas More by Catholic Online
      - <https://youtu.be/rRz2eOxjS2o>
    - Government forces Little Sisters of the Poor to violate faith or pay IRS fines by Becket
      - <https://youtu.be/uO-l3o0WjqU>
    - What is Stewardship? By awgibson82
      - <https://youtu.be/syypnxc8Qv0>
    - Water Parable
      - <https://youtu.be/joiSgXzP-ik>

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.

[15 min] **God's Law Comes First**

- Read page 129 (page 231 in the teacher's manual).
- Watch **Government forces Little Sisters of the Poor to violate faith or pay IRS fines** by Becket
  - <https://youtu.be/uO-I3o0WjqU>
  - The government had required the Little Sisters of the Poor to include contraception as part of their health plan offered to employees, but this goes against Catholic teaching. They would have had to pay millions of dollars in penalties to the government, but recently, the Little Sisters of the Poor won their Supreme Court Case.
- **What are some other examples of the Government's laws conflicting with God's law?**

[10 min] **St. Thomas More**

- Read the first column on page 130.
- Watch **St. Thomas More** by Catholic Online
  - <https://youtu.be/rRz2eOxjS2o>
- **Why is St. Thomas More considered to be a martyr for the faith?**

[10 min] **Civil Laws**

- Read Luke 20:25 about rendering unto Caesar.
- Use the Chalk Talk on page 226 in the teacher's manual to talk about the different types of Law.
- Read Civil Laws on page 131.
- **What is the difference between patriotism and nationalism?**

[10 min] **Stewardship**

- Read The Christian View of Creatures on page 132.
- Watch **What is Stewardship?** By awgibson82
  - <https://youtu.be/syypnxc8Qv0>

- Feel free to stop the video at 1:30.
- **What does stewardship mean?**
- **How can you use your time, talents, and treasure to help others and serve God?**

[15 min] **Catechism Board Game**

- If you have extra time, play the Catechism Board Game.

[5 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Pray the **Prayer to St. Michael** (student text page 185, teacher's manual page 351)