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

The Personalist Principle – The human person is made in the image of God and has dignity (Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching, 2005, secs. 107-159).

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

- The Principle of the Universal Destination of Goods God destined the earth and all it contains for all peoples (Compendium, 2005, secs. 171-184).
- The Principle of the Preferential Option for the Poor The poor and marginalized should be the focus of particular concern (Compendium, 2005, secs. 182-184).
- The Principle of Subsidiarity A larger organization should help and allow subordinate organizations to achieve those tasks of which they are capable, without interference (Compendium, 2005, secs. 185-188).
- The Principle of Participation Citizens should participate and contribute to the common good, through political participation (*Compendium*, 2005, secs. 189-191).
- *The Principle of Solidarity* We must be determined to commit ourselves in solidarity to the good of all (*Compendium*, 2005, secs. 193-196).