



Slippery Slope

A tricky precarious situation; especially one which leads gradually but inexorably (not to be stopped) to disaster. *"Without a clear boundary to confer personhood on a human being . . . the end is disastrous!"*



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2464 The eighth commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others. This moral prescription flows from the vocation of the holy people to bear witness to their God who is the truth and wills the truth. Offenses against the truth express by word or deed a refusal to commit oneself to moral uprightness are fundamental infidelities to God and, as such, considered **grave offense**.

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2401 The seventh commandment forbids unjustly taking or keeping the goods of one's neighbor and wronging him in any way with respect to his goods. It commands justice and charity in the care of earthly goods and the fruits of men's labor. For the sake of the common good, it requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property. Such actions are considered **grave offense**.

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2258 The fifth commandment recognizes "human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

2291 The use of [abusive substances] inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a **grave offense**. Clandestine production of and trafficking in [abusive substances] are scandalous practices. They constitute direct co-operation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law.

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A Grave Obligation (2180-2182)

"On Sundays and holy days the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass" (Canon 1247). This is satisfied in any Catholic rite on the day or the evening before (Canon 1248). Under obligation of **grave offense**, the faithful are bound to attend Mass unless excused for a serious reason (e.g. illness, care of infants) or dispensed by their pastor (Canon 1245). By Sunday participation the faithful witness to their belonging to the Church, to their communion in charity, and to their hope of salvation.

Habit

An acquired or developed mode of behavior or function that has become nearly or completely involuntary.