

# PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS

#### **Navigating Ethical Ambiguity**

## A Guide to Being Good

Why do our choices have to be so painful to make? Why is it so tough to be a good person today?

The oughts and shoulds and dos and don'ts of the world conspire to trip us up. Or so we think. In a complex existence suffused with more shades of grey than we can imagine, our answers to the moral questions of the day no longer come in black or white. Cultural values, societal norms and religious teachings scheme to befuddle us. So what are we to make of euthanasia, abortion, the death penalty, homosexuality and experiments with embryonic stem cells? It all depends.

Perhaps it is time to go back to basic principles and a study of Ethics. Ethics, in its best understanding, deals with the fulfillment of the human potential and the art of achieving the good life. And even happiness.

In this series of modules, we gain a better understand of our moral compass, to understand the basis of how we come to make our decisions which gives us then the freedom to navigate freely the unpredictable, unchartered roads of our life journeys.

#### Lecturer

Our lecturer is Dominican Moral Theologian, Father David Garcia OP. Fr David Garcia lectures at the Major Seminary and Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore in Moral Theology and is a well-known speaker who has addressed a spectrum of issues affecting society ranging from family life, social justice and bioethics. He has worked and/or is working with various church organisations including the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore, Catholic Medical Guild, Family Life Society and Caritas Singapore.

## Module 3 -Christian Morality Today

Dates: 21 April; 5, 12, 19, 26 May; 2 June 2015 (*Tuesday* 

nights)

Time: 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Venue: Level 3, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre

There is no prerequisite for application to the modules.
All participants are welcome.

Where places are limited, priority will be given to those who are actively forming others; to this end, endorsement from the relevant parish priest or leader in the parish or diocesan community / ministry / organisation will count toward this consideration.



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### In This Module

Module 3. Christian Morality Today

1. Ethics and Religion

Does ethics need religion? What is the contribution of religion to ethics?

2. Ethics and Christianity

What is the contribution of Christianity to ethics?

3. Christian Faith and Christian Hope

What does it mean to believe in God? How is human hope different from Christian Hope?

4. Christian love

On human love and Christian love

5. Empowered and gifted

God's spiritual contribution

6. Fruitful and Blessed

God's contribution to human meaning and fulfilment