

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, uncharted 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 and social justice bioethics. He has worked and/or is working with various church organisations including the previous Singapore Pastoral Institute, Catholic Medical Guild, Family Life Society, Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore and Caritas Singapore.

Module 5 - Bioethics: Stewards for Life

Dates: 1, 8, 15, 29 September; 6 and 13 October 2015 (Tuesdays)

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 5. Bioethics: Stewards for Life

1. **The Dignity of the Human Person**
The person, the human body, the embryo
2. **Can We Reproduce Procreation?**
The ethics of assisted reproductive technologies
3. **Ethics in the Beginning of Life**
Stem cells, cloning, genetic engineering, human embryos, prenatal testing
4. **Stewards of the Human Body:**
Research on humans, consent, organ donation, modifying the body, plastic surgery
5. **Ethical Decisions at the End of Life**
PVS, comatose patients, euthanasia, AMD, care for the dying, defining death
6. **Stewards, not Masters**
A fundamental difference in bioethics