



CASE STUDY

*“There are three stages which should normally be followed in the reduction of social principles into practice. First, one reviews the concrete situation; secondly, one forms a judgment on it in the light of these same principles; thirdly, one decides what in the circumstances can and should be done to implement these principles. These are the three stages that are usually expressed in the three terms: **look, judge, act**. It is important for our young people to grasp this method and to practice it. Knowledge acquired in this way does not remain merely abstract, but is seen as something that must be translated into action.”*

Mater et Magistra, Pope John XXIII, 1961

- Choice of case :

Members present cases they have prepared in a brief summary, pointing out the virtue present in the case. After cases are presented, the team votes on which case to study based on its relevance to the needs of the team, and current societal issues.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

- **Look**

The member whose case was chosen expands on it, so that all the facts are presented highlighting causes, consequences, the dilemma or problem, and the elements pointing out the key virtues. Then, other members may offer similar or parallel cases, especially those with comparable displays of virtue, and not limited to cases with similar circumstances.

We look at why things happen as they did. What are the causes of these actions? What positive or negative consequences do these actions provoke?

- **Judge**

Analyze the case through the eyes of our culture, and then, through the eyes of Christ. Use texts, the words of Christ, or parallel situations in the New Testament. Note human or Christian virtues important to the case or aspects of Movement spirituality(for example: the core convictions, practical principles, etc...) that shed light on the situation.





- **Act**

Having looked at the case with Christ, we then adopt Christ's attitude and actions as our own. Based on this case we are going to act on two levels, personally and as a team:

1. *Personal lights or inspirations*
2. *Team resolutions*

Members propose resolutions, based on the case and parallel cases. These are normally voted on to determine one team apostolic resolution for the week ahead. Apostolic resolutions should be both contemplative and conquering, and have the goal of impacting the world around us through the virtue involved. They should be concrete, so that one can objectively measure their fulfillment.

REVIEW OF APOSTOLIC COMMITMENTS

- a. *Review the resolution made from the last Encounter with Christ. Discuss lights and fruits.*
- *The team members stand and the team leader leads the closing prayers as written in the Regnum Christi prayer book.*
 - *Announcements may be made after the closing prayer.*

