HT: Ngành Hiệp Sĩ Date Time

MORAL CONSCIENCE / LUONG TÂM

	Objectives	Agenda
PLANNING	Student will be able to:	 Opening: Scripture reading & reflection Studying Our Faith Discussion Living Our Faith Serenity Prayer Game
	 Understand what Conscience is. 	
	2. How to develop, train their conscience.	
	Assessments	
	How will students show you they have mastered the objective?	
	 From the discussion, student can tell between good and ill-formed conscience Their reflection 	
	Key Points	
	Conscience is a call to love, and to do what is good.	
	Conscience must be disciplined and trained through time.	
PLA	Good conscience help you discover God's will in your life.	
	Opening / Scripture (5 mins)	Materials
PL	your life.	Materials

Roman 2:12-16

For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law; for *it is* not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Studying Our Faith (5 mins)

Every human being has a conscience, an inner guide to determining right from wrong. About this faculty, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on the Church had this to say: "In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience. Always summoning him to love and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can, when necessary, speak to his heart more specifically: do this, shun that. For man in his heart a law written by God. To obey it is the very dignity of man; according to it he will be judged."

So we hear the Church telling us that it is our duty to follow the dictates of conscience --- that, in fact, God will judge us according to how we follow the leads of conscience. Does

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this mean, then, that it's alright for people to do anything just so long as their consciences tell them it's right?

Review CCC 1776 – 1802.

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a6.htm

Discussion (10 mins)

Discuss the following reasoning "a man killed another after a minor dispute, and then argued that his conscience told him to do so."

- 1. Is this a valid argument? Lập luận nào có đúng không?
- 2. Is he really following his conscience? Người đó có làm theo lương tâm không?

The Church recognizes the existence of objective moral norms which conscience is bound to uphold. If, for example, one person killed another after a minor dispute, then argued that his conscience told him to do so, the objective moral law would still condemn him for killing. We sometimes find people in whom conscience is ill-formed simply because they have never been taught right from wrong in a proper manner. Conscience, like all our other human faculties, must be disciplined and trained through time. There are also individuals in whom the voice of conscience has become distorted, or even silenced, because of habitual sin.

The Navajo Indians have a helpful image to explain this. They picture conscience as a triangle that turns inside the human heart. Whenever we do something wrong, the spinning triangle brushes the walls of the heart, causing us discomfort and leading to reform. It occasionally happens, however, that an individual does so much wrong that the points of the triangle get rubbed away and the walls of the heart becomes calloused. In such cases, the voice of conscience becomes practically silent.

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Living Our Faith (10 mins)	Materials		
Reflection – journal writing. Reflect back on an incident where	Paper and pen		
your conscience spoke to you, guiding you to act.			
 What did your conscience tell you to do? 			
2. Is it in accordance with what the Church teaches?			
3. Did your action promote love and harmony?			
4. Did you feel good afterward?			
5. If you were to do it again, would you do it differently?			
Sharing – encouraged but not forced			
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Practicing Our Faith

Conscience Game

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3, 5-6

REINFORCEMENT