

# Life in Grace: Our Roadmap to Heaven

## Week 6: The Morality of Human Acts

- Elements of human acts:
  - Object
  - Intention
  - Circumstances
- Moral cooperation in the evil of Another
  - Formal cooperation (always sinful)
  - Material cooperation
    - Immediate (always sinful)
    - Mediate
      - ❖ Proximate (always evil)
      - ❖ Remote (sinful except under certain circumstances)
- Principle of double effect – For acts to be morally licit, all the following criteria must be met:
  - The action in question must be objectively good or neutral.
  - The evil effect(s) must be only tolerated, not directly willed. “One may not do evil so that good may result from it.” (CCC 1756)
  - The good effect(s) must be caused at least as directly as the bad effect(s).
  - The good effect(s) must be proportionate to compensate for the bad effect(s).
- Applying the principle of double effect:
  - Giving morphine to a terminally ill patient for pain relief even if it is almost certain to hasten the patient’s death
  - For a woman with an ectopic pregnancy, removing her fallopian tube to save her life even though her unborn child is certain to die

- Shopping at a store whose owner donates to an LGBT-activist organization
  - If it is the only place in a small town to buy groceries
  - If you purchase a Pride flag upon learning the owner will donate all the proceeds from the sale of this product to the activist organization