

The Eighth Commandment: You Shall Not Bear False Witness Against Your Neighbor

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Message: In order to love, live, and bear witness to the truth, our Faith should shape both our private and public life

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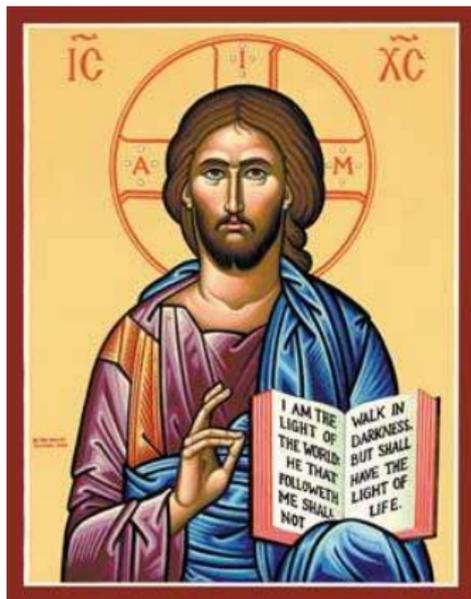
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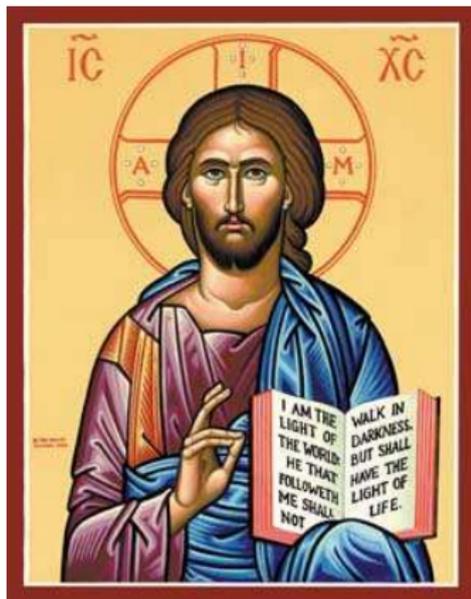
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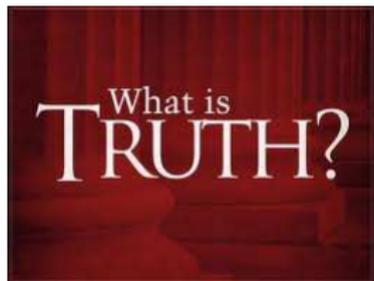
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Lord God Almighty,
Look with favor on your servants
who use the technology discovered
by long research.
Enable them to communicate truth,
to foster love, to uphold justice
and right,
and to provide enjoyment.
Let them promote and support
that peace between peoples
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from heaven,
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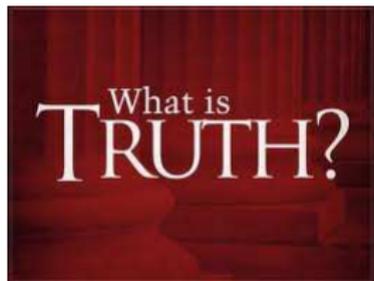
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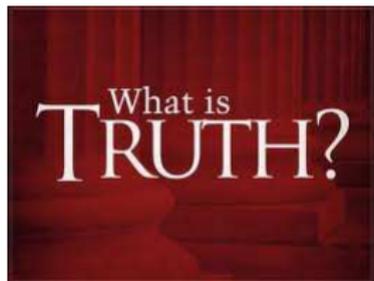
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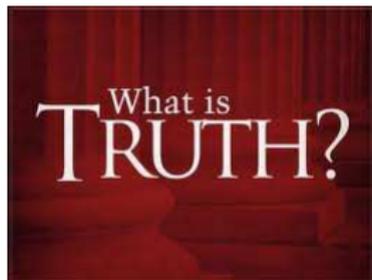
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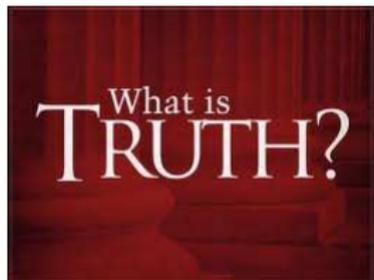


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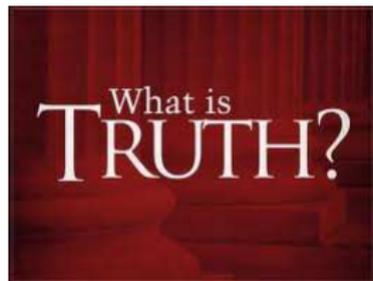


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- Reality and authenticity according to God's design. Through God's revelation, truth is found in Apostolic Tradition, in Scripture, and in the Magisterium of the Church guided by the Holy Spirit. In the human order, truth is discovered by the light of reason and reinforced by love of truth and truthful behavior.—USCCA, p. 530

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- Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people's day-to-day lives.—*Lumen Fidei*, 27

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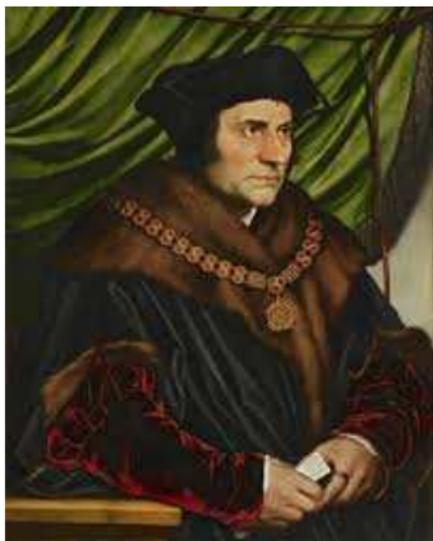
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- The moral law should be followed

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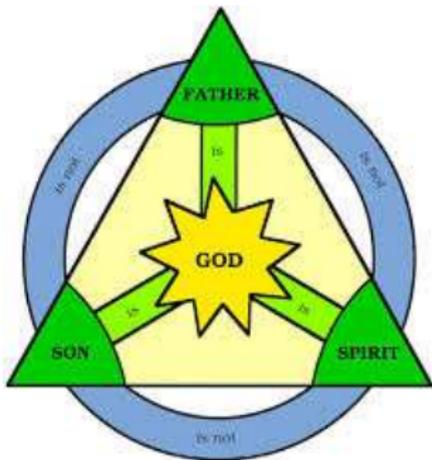
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Father,
look with love on your people
and pour out upon them the gifts of
your Spirit.
May they constantly grow in the
love of truth.
May they study and work together
for perfect unity among Christians.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.