

ENRICHMENT: VIRTUE

Religion, Piety, and Obedience

There are many religious groups in the world. For example, there are Catholics, Jews, Protestants, Muslims, and even pagans, each of whom have a different belief system. Each seek to give what is due to God. But only the Catholic Church has the fullness of the truth. So, Catholics living in a state of grace are most able to practice the virtues of religion, piety, and obedience properly and fully.

The virtue of religion disposes or directs us to worship God. We need God's grace to worship Him correctly. Only when the virtue of religion has been purified and elevated by grace will we give God what is due. Through God's grace, the religious actions and liturgies we perform will further sanctify us and bring us closer to Him.



The virtue of religion directs us to worship God in the Mass.



The virtue of religion disposes us to sing to God with love and joy.

Piety is the virtue by which we give due honor and service to those we are indebted to. This virtue is primarily directed to God, who has given us everything. But we also should be pious toward the Church, our parents, our teachers, and our country.



A pious person honors God.



A pious person honors those who serve our country.

Obedience is the virtue whereby we follow the commands of those in rightful authority over us. We should obey God and the official teachings of His Church over all else. We also should obey our parents, teachers, and other leaders unless they tell us to do something morally wrong.



An obedient person wants to follow God's will.



An obedient person follows her parents' commands.

Journal Reflection

Write down one person whom you find it hard to obey. Write down one situation in which you often find it hard to be obedient. Then consider what short prayer you will say in these moments to help you be obedient. Write your answers and prayer on the journal page. [Journal pages are available on the parent and student portals.](#)

Prayer to Grow in Virtue

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with Your grace and joy so that we may give You right worship. Guide us to obey Your will and live piously. May we give others all that is due to them. Amen.