



## **EDIFY EPISODE: CATHOLIC FIRST**

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### **FOR ADULT FORMATION GROUPS**

#### **For Understanding**

*Watch Daniel Lipinski's "Catholic FIRST" to learn the answers!*

1. What are the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching?
2. Which of these themes have a direct line to particular policies debated regularly in Washington, D.C.? Why are issues of human dignity “non-negotiable”?
3. What changed for Congressman Lipinski in 2016?
4. Why is St. Thomas More a role model for Catholics in public roles?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Draw from your own experience or invite a local expert in to help you think more deeply about this video and how it can inspire you to live out the faith in the public square!*

1. How can Catholic witness transform America? What are some examples?
2. What are some ways that you can resist sectarianism and encourage conversation and deliberation in your family, at your school, or on social media?
3. How might political party platforms change if faithful Catholics came together and demanded that parties uphold human dignity from conception to natural death?



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### **FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DISCUSSIONS**

#### **For Understanding**

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1. The 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching are: Human Dignity, the rights of the family, rights and duties, care for the poor, the dignity of work and workers, solidarity, and care for creation. What is special about the Catholic principle of "Human Dignity"?
2. Recall Congressman Lipinski's personal story of his 2016 and 2020 races. What changed about the Democratic Party in those years?
3. How is St. Thomas More a model for you today? In particular, how can humility, moral integrity, and a well-formed conscience help rebuild American democracy?

#### **To Go Deeper**

*Assign these questions to students for pre-research for follow-up assignments to the video.*

1. Name two or three saints or historical figures you think are models of being "Catholic FIRST," especially in politics and government?
2. What are some ways that you can resist sectarianism and encourage conversation and deliberation in your family, at your school, or on social media?
3. How might political party platforms change if faithful Catholics came together and demanded that parties uphold human dignity from conception to natural death?