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W-WC 602: WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. What are the sources of morality according to the Second Part of *Summa Theologiae* of Thomas Aquinas and the current *Catechism of the Catholic Church*? Can different opinions on the priority of these sources as suggested by the revisionist Thomists and traditional Thomists (Neo-Scholastic Thomists) be reconciled about the interpretation of St. Thomas's teaching on the morality of human acts (*Summa Theologiae* 1a-2ae, qq. 6-21)?
2. In 1965, Vatican Council II has only given a few indications concerning the nature and renewal of moral theology. But in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1992) and the Encyclical letter *Veritatis Splendor* (1993) of John Paul II it was stated very clearly how Christian tradition understands the task of the moralist and the foundations of morality. Explain how these two sources relate to one another, and how these moral teachings have been received by moral theologians?
3. The African vision of and reverence for life has been challenged by the prevalent costs of anti-life forces in Africa which include: endless wars, witchcraft, diseases, ethnic tensions, famine, ignorance and poverty, etc. Discuss this statement in the light of two Post-Synodal Exhortations of the African synods, namely: *Ecclesiae in Africa* of John Paul II (14 September 1995) and *Africae Munus* of Pope Benedict XVI (19 November 2011).
4. There is a view that the Catholic Church should be ethically consistent in her position on killing. That is, if the Catholic Church is pro-life and against pro-free choice liberal ideologies which promote abortion, euthanasia, contraception, direct sterilization and

experimentation on human embryos as intrinsically evil acts, then she should also be consistently against war or capital punishment. Do you agree and why? How would you make exception?

5. Explain from relevant ecclesial documents on the Christian notion of 'responsible parenthood' in the context of contemporary reproductive technologies and the traditional African culture of "abundant life" as Laurenti Magesa suggests in his seminal book, *African Religion: The Moral Tradition of Abundant Life* (1998).
6. In the light of the Nuremberg Code's Ten principles (1946-1949) regulating research and medical experimentation on human subjects show why is the concept of informed consent so important in medical research and experimentations. What functions does informed consent perform for both volunteer and the medical trial of the three controversial Pfizer, Moderna and Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines, for

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