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## THE RELIGIOUS LIFE



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### Words to know:

contemplative (*a person or state of life dedicated to thought and prayer*), ecclesially (*according to the Church*), substance (*what something is*), evangelical counsels (*the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, counseled but not commanded by Christ*), qua (*as*), holocaust (*in the Old Testament: a whole burnt offering to God*)

Aspects of the Moral Life that Pertain to All	Aspects of the Moral Life that Pertain to Some
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li><li>• Gifts of the</li><li>•</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____ graces</li><li>• _____ and _____ life</li><li>• States of _____</li></ul>

### Contemplative Life:

- » Predominance of \_\_\_\_\_ intellect
- » Inspired by love of \_\_\_\_\_ and love of the \_\_\_\_\_
- » In the contemplative life, one ascends from the contemplation of divine \_\_\_\_\_ to the very contemplation of divine \_\_\_\_\_.
- » The ascent brings about a gradual \_\_\_\_\_ of the soul to the God whom one beholds. And so, the contemplative begins on earth the life to be pursued in heaven with \_\_\_\_\_.

### Active Life:

- » The active life is taken up with the exercise of the \_\_\_\_\_ according as it orders and rules daily affairs.
- » Here, the focus is on the \_\_\_\_\_ virtues, especially on \_\_\_\_\_, as one seeks to be of loving service to his fellow man.





### Preeminence of the Contemplative Life:

- » Highest \_\_\_\_\_ and highest \_\_\_\_\_
- » More \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- » \_\_\_\_\_ for its own sake
- » Gives greater \_\_\_\_\_
- » More \_\_\_\_\_

### Religious Life:

- » States of perfection, as St. Thomas describes them, have a special relationship to \_\_\_\_\_.
- » The religious state binds one to the perfect pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_ through divine service in a life shaped by the virtue of \_\_\_\_\_.
- » The evangelical counsels of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to which religious bind themselves are an especially focused way of living the precepts of the new law.
- » All, we know, are called to love God with their whole \_\_\_\_\_, mind, soul, and strength, and their neighbor as themselves. But the one who adopts the \_\_\_\_\_ aims to do so with a particular intensity.
- » The vows equip the religious with perfect \_\_\_\_\_ for the attainment of \_\_\_\_\_.
- » Religious life tries to create a \_\_\_\_\_ in which heaven touches earth.

Efficacy of the Vows
Cool concupiscence: Lust of _____, lust of _____, _____ of life
Curb solicitude: Temporal goods, _____, self-rule
Offer the whole: Possessions, _____, and _____

The genius of religious vows is that it is a \_\_\_\_\_, a declaration that God, the Creator and End of all, is worthy of one's whole \_\_\_\_\_, a sacrifice solemnly effected by a devout \_\_\_\_\_.

**Comprehension question:** What are the benefits of the religious life for our souls and for the world? Would you ever consider making such a self-offering?

