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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8: 5 – 8, 14 – 17

1 Peter 3: 15 – 18

John 14: 15 -21

1st Peter 3: 15-18 addresses two big ideas: a good conscience and a good conversation in Christ. These are the best means to secure a good name, a solid reputation and a lasting one. But it will cost you when others object to your Christ centered conversation of charity, peace and communion for all. Yet we must work at developing and forming a Catholic and universal moral conscience. This affects many areas of our complex life. However, Christ is the example of a morally clear conscience, as it was the just who suffered for the unjust.

A Diocesan event will take place on May 14 at 7 PM in our church. Experts will discuss ***“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship – A Call to Political Responsibility”***. This is a pastoral letter issued by the USCCB in Nov, 2007. A well formed conscience is the heart of Catholic theology. A good summary is expressed by Pope Benedict XVI, in his recent reflection on the Eucharist as “the sacrament of charity.” He challenged us to adopt what he calls a Eucharistic form of Life and Eucharistic consistency.

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