



Think First & Stay Safe!



The Bribery Lure

Lesson #11

This is one of the Lures for which no positive side could be discerned. As we are all aware, evil is present in our world.

The temptation of Jesus in the desert gives us a wonderful example of strength in the face of bribery. The devil attempts to bribe Jesus with the riches of the world.

St. Maximilian Kolbe is an inspiration for us in his giving of self to save another. We looked at this story as almost the complete reverse of bribery. He gave himself in another's place, bribed the guards with his life.



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>May your enduring kindness be always with us.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Matthew 26:14-16 (Judas betrays Jesus) Matthew 4:8-11 (Jesus is tempted by the devil)
Saint or Hero	St. Maximilian Kolbe <i>Took the place of a man about to be killed in a concentration camp</i> St. Paul <i>Endured suffering to tell people about Jesus</i> Jesus <i>Obedient to God even unto death</i>

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Silver coins Globe of the world
Music	<i>Earthen Vessels</i> (John Foley, SJ, OCP) <i>We will Serve the Lord</i> (Rory Cooney, GIA)
Liturgy or Rites	Reconciliation Eucharistic Prayer and Consecration Passion Gospels
Prayers	Apostles' Creed Stations of the Cross
Church Teachings	CCC: 412 <i>St. Leo the Great...</i> "Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away." (Reconciliation) CCC 1455 <i>The confession of sins,...frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others.</i> Address: <i>...strive constantly to identify the ills of your society, such as bribery & corruption, embezzlement...neglect of the poor & friendless, nepotism, tribalism.... As true youth you will see, judge & then act according to the criteria of the Gospel...</i> Address to the Young People of Nigeria, Pope John Paul II, February 13, 1982