

## Virtue-al Reality



**A mall on a Friday night.** A group of your friends are going to the mall to shop, hang out, eat, talk, and flirt. There is a leather jacket in a new shop that one person wants. There is a story about two people at school that one person wants to tell. There is a place that has the best cookies on the planet. There is this cute new kid who might be there. What moral dilemmas might arise in this scenario? (Adapted from *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*, by Cheryl Tholcke, in the Total Catechesis series [Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press, 2004]. Copyright © 2004 by Saint Mary's Press. All rights reserved.)

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**A party with high school students from the area.** A group of your friends are going to a party to talk, laugh, hang out, flirt, and have fun. This week the party is at the house of a new kid whose parents are away, and you've heard they have a big liquor cabinet. You've also heard that the new kid does drugs on the weekends. In addition, someone you like is going to be there, and you've heard that that person might be breaking off a dating relationship that has lasted for the past three months. What moral dilemmas might arise in this scenario? (Adapted from *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*, by Cheryl Tholcke, in the Total Catechesis series [Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press, 2004]. Copyright © 2004 by Saint Mary's Press. All rights reserved.)

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**A school sporting event.** A group of your friends are going to a school sporting event to enjoy the competition, cheer for your team, give the other team a hard time, talk, laugh, hang out, and afterward get something to eat. The other team is the big school rival, and you've heard that it is planning a prank. There was a fight the last time the two schools played each other. There are a bunch of really good-looking kids that go to the other school. After the last event, there was a contest among your friends to see who could eat the most pizza. There is a tradition of toilet papering the yard of the MVP's home. What moral dilemmas might arise in this scenario? (Adapted from *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*, by Cheryl Tholcke, in the Total Catechesis series [Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press, 2004]. Copyright © 2004 by Saint Mary's Press. All rights reserved.)

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**A sci-fi film at the local cinema.** A group of your friends are going to see the latest science fiction film at the local cinema. Following the movie one of the girls in the group is going to drive everyone back to her house because her parents are gone for the evening. The plans for later in the evening are to sit around talking, eating, and playing the latest video games. One friend shares that he has been cooking up something in his chemistry lab for the group to try—he promises it is legal. What moral dilemmas might arise in this scenario? (Adapted from *Catechetical Sessions on Christian Morality*, by Cheryl Tholcke, in the Total Catechesis series [Winona, MN: Saint Mary's Press, 2004]. Copyright © 2004 by Saint Mary's Press. All rights reserved.)

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