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Class: 8Q **Date:** 3/22/15

Saint of the Day: St. Sebastian
(Pray for me!)

***Worth 15 points**

INSTRUCTIONS: Every other month (starting in September) you are asked to undertake a Christian examination of something from popular culture (examples listed below). Your goal is to highlight the deeper messages (good or bad) within the example from pop culture you chose and figure out what kind of action a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian should take.

***Important Note:** This does **NOT** give you free license to do anything your parents would not normally want you doing (Examples: watching bad TV shows, buying bad magazines/songs/music videos, etc.). For this assignment you should not have to go looking in deep and dark places. Rather, just keep your eyes and ears open as you go about your daily life.

THE BASICS

A. What kind of example from pop culture did you choose? (1 pt.)

***Example answers:** Advertisement, book, celebrity, fashion trend, magazine, movie, music video, news story, phone app, song, Internet trend, video game, etc.

Video game

B. Give the specifics of the example of pop culture that you chose. (1 pt.)

***Example answer 1:** The song “Bang Bang” by Jessie J, Ariana Grande, and Nicki Minaj. This song is currently the #4 song (and #4 music video) in the world according to iTunes.

***Example answer 2:** I chose a billboard advertising beer. The billboard showed a picture of a woman not wearing many clothes drinking a beer and saying, “Let’s drink til’ the sun comes up.”

The video game "Grand Theft Auto 5", which at this point has been purchased by over 52 million people (Wikipedia)

C. How morally good/bad would you consider your example? (1 pt.)

***Example answer 1:** 75% good, 25% bad. / ***Example answer 2:** 10% good, 90% bad.

50% good, 50% bad

CHRISTIAN EXAMINATION

Put your Catholic goggles on and examine the example you chose.

What are its main messages? (3 pts)

If someone messes with you, you should mess with them back. Also, you should do whatever it takes to get what you want.

What would Jesus think about it? Why? (3 pts)

I don't think Jesus likes all the killing and inappropriate relationship stuff because that stuff is bad.

What kind of good and/or bad effects could this have on a person, community, or culture? (3 pts)

I don't think playing this game will make anyone a murderer or druggie or lustful person unless you really believed that this stuff was okay. One good thing is that this game can teach you how to be clever and get yourself out of tough situations.

ACTION STEP (3 pts)

Based on my examination of this item from pop culture I, a trying-to-be-a-saint Christian, believe that I should... play this game less and not do the bad things that they do in the game.