

Morality Grade 11 Summer Reading Assignment 2024

Left To Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza

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[Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust: Ilibagiza, Immaculee, Erwin, Steve: 9781401944322](#)

This assignment is due on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Instructions:

Read the book, Left to Tell, by Immaculee Ilibagiza and read the following church documents addressing the evils of racism and the Christian response and call to action. (In the event that the links below do not work the Church documents can easily be found online.)

1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Pastoral Letter on Racism* 1979
2. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops *Open Wide our Hearts The Enduring Call to love* 2018
3. Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre *The Dream and our Truest, Deepest Selves: A Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Rockville Centre* 2018
4. Pacem in Terris (April, 11 1963) | John XXIII

After reading Left to Tell, and the Pastoral Letters and Papal Encyclical indicated above, please compose a 500 word (typed and double spaced) textual comparison and reflection that connects the events and characters in the book to the writings of the Bishops and the Pope through the lens of Christian solidarity.

St. John Paul II said, “**Solidarity** is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” (St. John Paul II, *On Social Concern* [Sollicitudo rei Socialis. . .], no. 38)

As part of your written response please fulfill the following requirements:

1. **Choose two quotes** from the Church documents and give specific examples from the book of how a character or characters, or certain actions or events, portray the quotes and exemplify the definition of solidarity in a positive way.
2. Then, **choose two different quotes** from the Church documents and give specific examples of how characters, events or actions did not live out the quotes and what you think they should have done instead, or what should have happened instead, according to the definition of

solidarity.

3. Particular attention should be paid to the themes of Faith and Forgiveness in Immaculee's life. These themes will also be addressed in class throughout the year.

Follow the MLA in-text citation formatting to cite the direct quotes in your paper. **Minimum length: 500 words, typed and double spaced.**

All work must be your own. Plagiarism is not acceptable and may result in a Zero and Academic Discipline through the Administration.

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