

MM 7.2 Mapping Aquinas' theory

Notes:

1. Aquinas defines synderesis as the 'first principle of the natural law' or a 'natural habit'. "There is in the soul a natural habit of first principles of action, which are the universal principles of the natural law. This habit is synderesis." Aquinas, De Veritate Q16 and "Synderesis must be in man naturally, since it is a kind of seed plot containing in germ all the knowledge which follows. Furthermore, this knowledge must be habitual so that it will be ready for use when needed". Aquinas De Veritate Q16
2. Use quote from Humanae Vitae on contraception 'each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life' (1967).

