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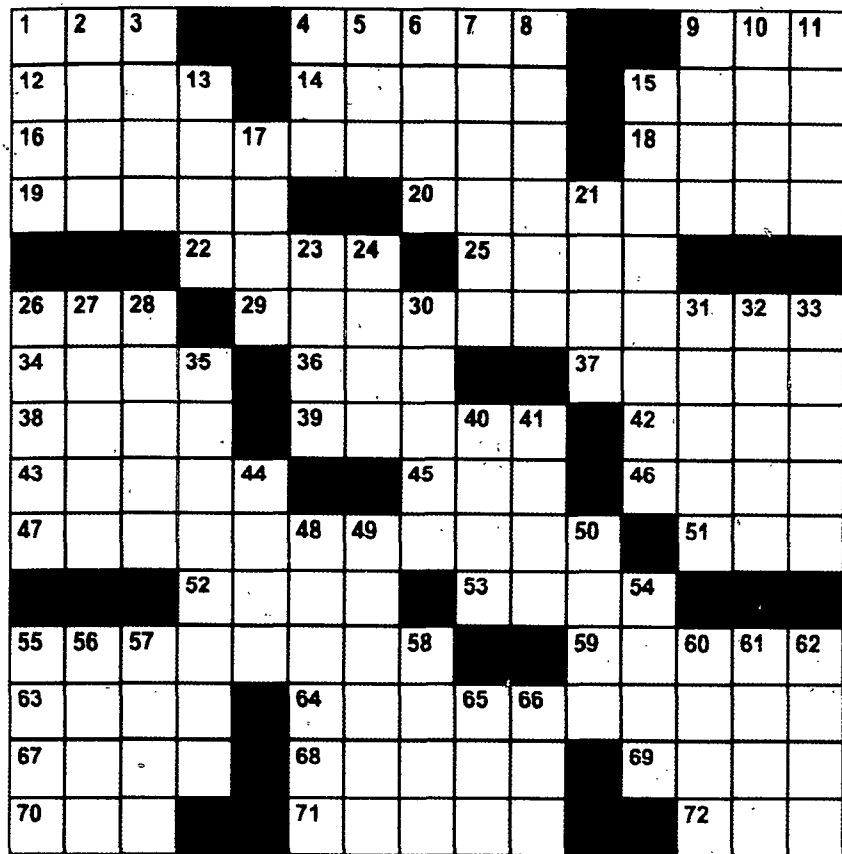
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## Catholic Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 700, to Cato
- 4 What Eve offered to Adam
- 9 \_\_\_\_-relief
- 12 "... \_\_\_\_ lema sabachthani?" (Mk 15:34)
- 14 "I am innocent of this man's \_\_\_\_" Pilate's response in Mt 27:24
- 15 Monastery dweller
- 16 Polish pope
- 18 Against
- 19 "O, come let us \_\_\_\_ him."
- 20 Went to Mass
- 22 Egyptian goddess of fertility
- 25 Weird
- 26 Used a shovel
- 29 College \_\_\_\_
- 34 First woman, and others
- 36 Unhappy
- 37 Region in Egypt
- 38 \_\_\_\_ Dimittis
- 39 Certain instruments
- 42 St. Philig \_\_\_\_
- 43 Work of Homer
- 45 Popular music style
- 46 \_\_\_\_ Musial
- 47 \_\_\_\_ wine (used at Mass)
- 51 Fast means of trans.
- 52 Middle Eastern country
- 53 Cut

- 55 Ecclesial hats
- 59 Sign outside a greasy spoon "\_\_\_\_ Joe's"
- 63 "... behold, from now on will all \_\_\_\_ call me blessed" (Lk 1:48)
- 64 \_\_\_\_ Conception
- 67 Brand of wine
- 68 Requires
- 69 Major ending
- 70 What Noah built
- 71 Precipitation
- 72 Total

### DOWN

- 1 \_\_\_\_ vu
- 2 Oaf
- 3 Salmon
- 4 Lawyers' org.
- 5 Beaver skin
- 6 Seaport in Asia Minor
- 7 Hang out
- 8 Revised
- 9 "Rich and poor have a common \_\_\_\_" (Prv 22:2)
- 10 Feed the kitty
- 11 Tire mark
- 13 Sign above the cross
- 15 What you find in a full convent
- 17 Mexican coin
- 21 Land of St. Patrick
- 23 Conditional words
- 24 Strike breaker
- 26 \_\_\_\_ the Short, monk who created the calendar
- 27 It projects from the middle of the soft palate
- 28 Pertaining to the biological unit of heredity
- 30 Decorate
- 31 Aids
- 32 Monetary units in Vatican City
- 33 Holy person
- 35 Most frightening
- 40 "Therefore whoever \_\_\_\_ the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily ..." (1 Cor 11:27)
- 41 Extend over
- 44 Move rapidly
- 48 Certain prayers
- 49 Tooth covering
- 50 Stead
- 54 Ashen
- 55 Southern state for short
- 56 Mr. Stravinsky
- 57 Stink
- 58 Hook's first mate
- 60 Makes lace
- 61 Aleutian island
- 62 Pour down
- 65 Summer drink
- 66 Time zone

Answers on page B18 (No: 40)

# Are unpaid debts considered sinful?

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**Q.** Seven years ago I filed bankruptcy, and my debts were discharged. Am I required to pay these debts in order to forgive the sin of being careless with God's blessings?

I will not likely have the money to pay them off; it amounts to a great sum, and my salary now is just enough to live on. Other people in my life think I have an obligation to go back and take care of these debts. (Ohio)

**A.** First, if you took reasonable care of your finances before your bankruptcy and did not plan to defraud your creditors, there is no sin to forgive. Recent years have seen a great increase in personal and commercial bankruptcies. I'm sure in most of them the individuals responsible say to themselves, with hindsight: "If only I had done this, or that, results would have been different."

Harsh as it may sound, however, bad financial judgments, incompetence or just "bad luck" may result in a lot of pain, but they are not sins.

After bankruptcy is declared, all possessions are disposed of according to the requirements of civil law. These dispositions, including any properties the insolvent individual is allowed to retain for personal and family support, for example, are morally binding, as long as there is nothing intrinsically sinful involved.

In the United States, the common juridical opinion is that all debts are contracted with the implied condition that they will be canceled in case of an honest bankruptcy. In other words, a voluntary forgiveness of the person's debts is as-



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### Question Corner

sumed.

The common language in the law is that "a discharge in bankruptcy shall release a bankrupt from all his provable debts." This language, and the practice of our courts in applying it, gives solid basis for the moral opinion that after a legitimate bankruptcy all debts are canceled in conscience as well as in law.

Again, malicious or "arranged" bankruptcy that deliberately defrauds someone else does not excuse from restitution. Such sinful intent, however, is never to be presumed without weighty evidence.

**Q.** May homemade wine be used at Mass? (New York)

**A.** Yes. Wine for the Eucharist should be pure, natural, unadulterated grape wine, that is, with no preservatives, flavoring or other additives. As long as it is made this way, it makes no difference whether it is produced commercially or at home. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 322)

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