

# Anchor Family Faith Formation 2/5/2025



Welcome! Please take this time to check in with the people at the table. How was their week/day? How are they doing?

#### Talking Point!-Fun Fact in Church History-CHARLEMAGNE

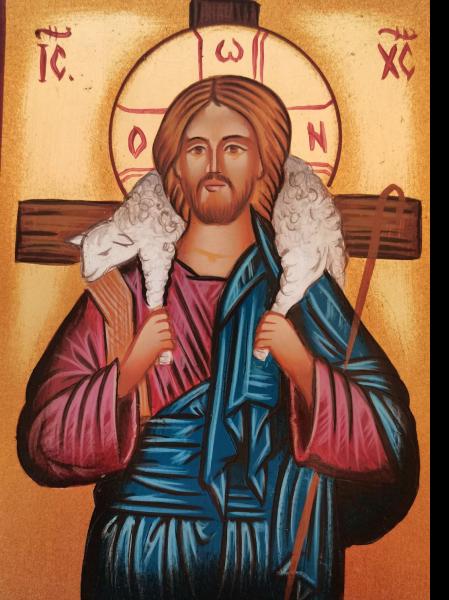
Charlemagne was the King of the Franks (768A.D.). Ever protective of the Church, he often "converted" those enemies he conquered. On Christmas Day, 800A.D., he was crowned by Pope Leo III as the Holy Roman Emperor. He required bishops to test their priests to ensure their proficiency. He also required clerics to be able to read and write! Charlemagne was the father of "Christendom", believing that society should be centered in Christ and focused on the eternal.

#### Announcements

- SPY1 Retreat Saturday, Feb. 8th 9:00-2:00
  - Parents attend a prayer service at 1:25pm in SCM
  - Pack Snack, Lunch, Drink
  - Sign Emergency Contact Form
- SPY2 Sponsor Forms
- Pastoral Meeting Sign ups-Starts Next Week
  - Bramlett
  - Krivanek-Vezina
- Retreat Volunteers for April 5th 8:45-2:00pm
- No attendance for last week

# Prudence: Right Reason in Action"





Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.

-St. Augustine

# Which is the RIGHT decision?

How do you know?

## PROVERBS 14:15-18

The simple believes everything, but the prudent looks where he is going.

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool throws off restraint and is careless.

A man of quick temper acts foolishly, but a man of discretion is patient.

The simple acquire folly,

but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

## PRUDENCE

"It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation."

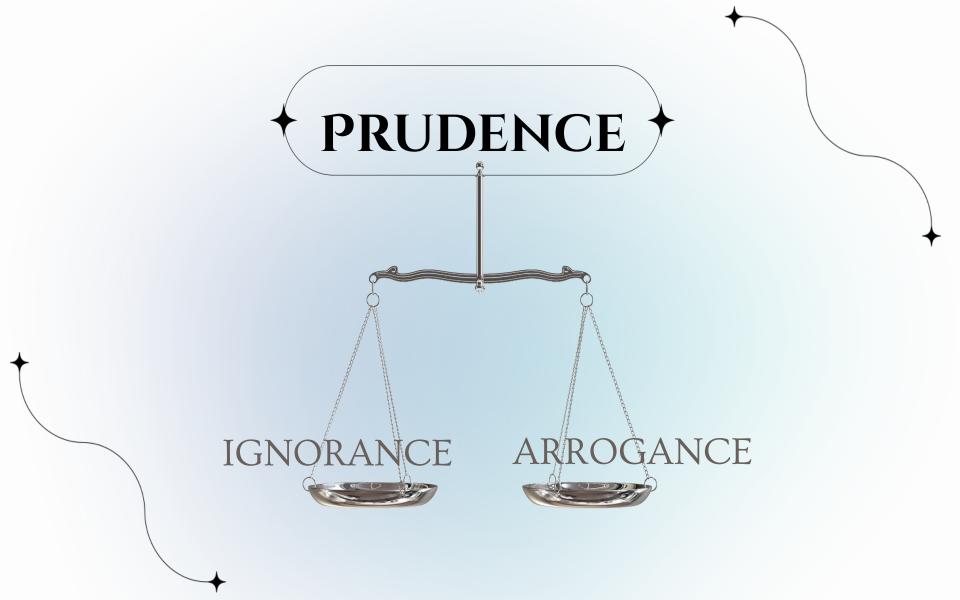
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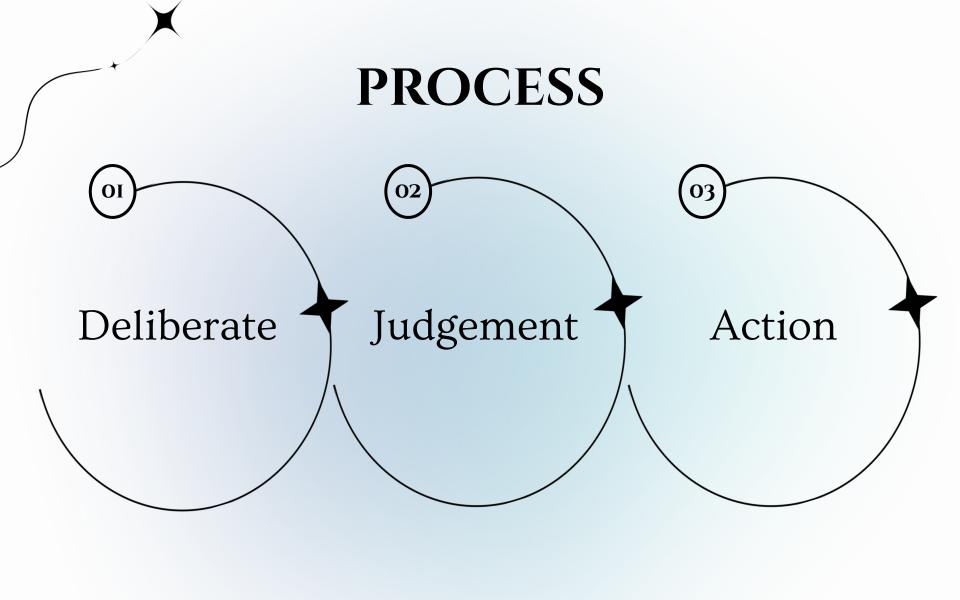
## PRUDENCE

• It is well-ordered reason applied to action so that we know not only WHAT to do but also HOW and WHEN to do it.

• "right reason in action," -St. Thomas Aquinas.

Sub-Virtues: Wisdom, Practical Common Sense,
 Counsel, Judgement, Decisiveness







• Memory: Past Experience of moral choices

• Understanding: Present Experience

Docility (Teachability)

- Shrewdness (Quick Conjecture)
- Reasoning (From Knowledge to Judgment)

#### • Foresight (What Befits the End)

Circumspection (Attention to Circumstances)

Caution (Avoiding Obstacles)



#### Activate another virtue

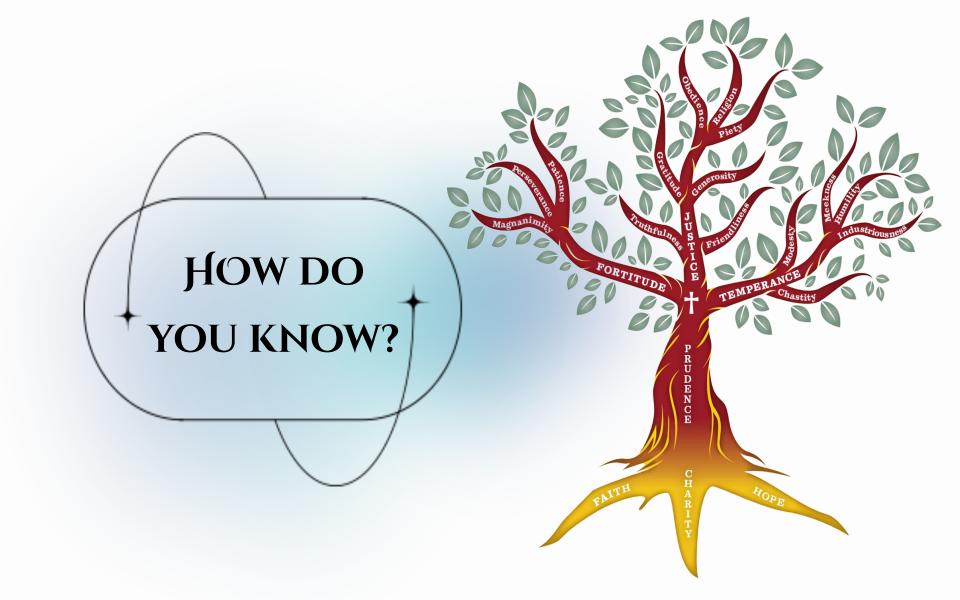
• Act in a timely manner: "It is not to be confused with timidity or fear, nor with duplicity or dissimulation.



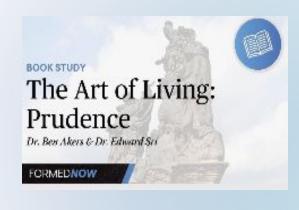
## MARY VIRGIN MOST PRUDENT







### **RESOURCES**





Article: Prudence for

<u>Kids</u>

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Can you think of a situation in your own life where prudence helped you make a good decision?
- 2. How can you help your kids to develop the virtue of prudence?
- 3. What are some obstacles to being prudent in today's fast-paced, decision-driven world? What can you do to overcome these?
- 4. What part of the Prudence Process (Deliberate, Judgement, Action) is most difficult for you and why?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.