



# Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

## The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PGC 3 of 3: Soul Loss)

### Media Information

**Rating:** **PG-13**  
**Year:** 2009  
**Director:** Chris Weitz  
**Stars:** Kristen Stewart  
Robert Pattinson  
Tyler Lautner

### Clip Description

**Timing:** 16:00-17:25,  
24:00-25:00,

**Movie Description:**  
This second movie in the series tells of Edward leaving Bella because he feels she'd be safer. She grows closer to Jacob, who learns he's a werewolf. The movie ends with Bella saving Edward from the Volturi (vampire royalty) and learning that she's to become a vampire herself.

### Related

#### Scripture:

Matthew 16:25-26  
1 Corinthians 15:21-23

#### Catechism:

#365  
#405

### Faith Connection

This movie raises lots of questions about the soul. The vampires believe they don't have one. Bella believes differently, even to offering herself to be made a vampire. So, what does the Catholic Church teach about your soul? Can you give it up? Can it be taken? In short, no. Scriptures refer to the soul and life interchangeably (many translations of Mt 16:26 use soul instead of life). The Catechism teaches that the soul and body are one nature, not two melded together; in other words, there's no life without soul. Without getting too bogged down in undead philosophizing, what does this have to do with us in the real world? Knowing that our soul and body are profoundly united leads us to God's infinite mercy: there is nothing we can do to 'lose our soul' if we turn back to God. There is no sin that cannot be repaired by repentance and request of God's forgiveness and love. How reassuring! How challenging.

### Discussion Questions

1. What do you think about the idea that your soul and body are essentially united?
2. Do you treat your body as inseparable from your soul? As a necessary and eternal temple?
3. How open to forgiveness are you?
4. What parts of your soul need God's healing?
5. What will you do to accept that healing?

