

PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes, That we may see You in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears, That we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts, That we may love each other as You love us.

Renew in us Your Spirit Lord, free us and make us one.

Mother Teresa





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CORPORAL

- 1. Feed the Hungry Mt 25:35
- 2. Give Drink to the Thirsty Mt 25:35
- 3. Clothe the Naked Mt 25:36
- 4. Shelter the Homeless Mt 25:35
- 5. Visit the Sick Mt 25:36
- 6. Visit the Imprisoned Mt 25:35
- 7. Bury the Dead Mt 25:40

SPIRITUAL

- 1. Instruct the Uninformed Mt 16:15
- 2. Counsel the Doubtful Jn 14:27
- 3. Admonish Sinners Lk 15:7
- 4. Bear Wrongs Patiently Lk 6:27
- 5. Forgive Offenses Mt 6:12
- 6. Comfort the Sorrowful Mt 11:28
- 7. Pray for the Living and the Dead Jn17:24

No one person can do everything, but everyone can do something.





CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING





CHURCH TEACHING on CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 83

The conscience is called by this social teaching to recognize and fulfill the obligations of **justice and charity** in society.

Compendium, 201

Social justice ... concerns the social, political and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions.

<u>Pope Benedict XVI</u> <u>Deus Caritas Est, 22</u>

The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than She can neglect the Sacraments and the Word... Those who are able to make offerings in accordance with their means... to support orphans, widows, the sick and those who for other reasons find themselves in need, such as prisoners and foreigners.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST)

CST is a rich treasure of wisdom helping us build a just society & live in holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Based in Scripture, it has been articulated through papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents.

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Made in the image and likeness of God, all human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.

Call to Family, Community, & Participation

We participate in society, seeking the common good & well-being of all. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened.

Rights and Responsibilities

Every person has a right to life and those things required for quality of life. We have responsibilities to one another, our families, and society to seek the common good.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

A basic moral test is how we treat our most vulnerable members. Matthew 25:31–46 teaches us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Work expresses our dignity and participation in God's creation. Basic rights of workers must be respected: productive work, decent and fair wages, private property, & economic initiative.

Global Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, geographic, and ideological differences.

Care for God's Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of His creation.

RESOURCES and IDEAS

Learn, educate others, and donate time, treasure, and/or talent for an organization promoting Catholic Social Teaching.

USCCB: Two Feet of Love in Action usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/Two-Feet-of-Love-in-Action-2-page-handout.pdf

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

ccano.org/social-justice-programs

ASK a LOCAL LIBRARY to showcase the dignity of all people

WRITE a LETTER to the EDITOR or POST on SOCIAL MEDIA emphasizing the dignity of all people

REACH OUT to someone who could benefit from a friendly conversation

VOLUNTEER at a HOMELESS SHELTER

PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

DONATE TO FOOD PANTRIES

VOLUNTEER at the ANIMAL HUMANE SHELTER

PRAY a ROSARY for the most vulnerable among us, those we see and those we don't see

VOTE in all elections—let your Catholic voice be heard

ENCOURAGE & SUPPORT YOUNG

FAMILIES by running errands or babysitting

TUTOR CHILDREN

