

FRANCISCAN JUSTICE, PEACE & INTEGRITY OF CREATION(JPIC)

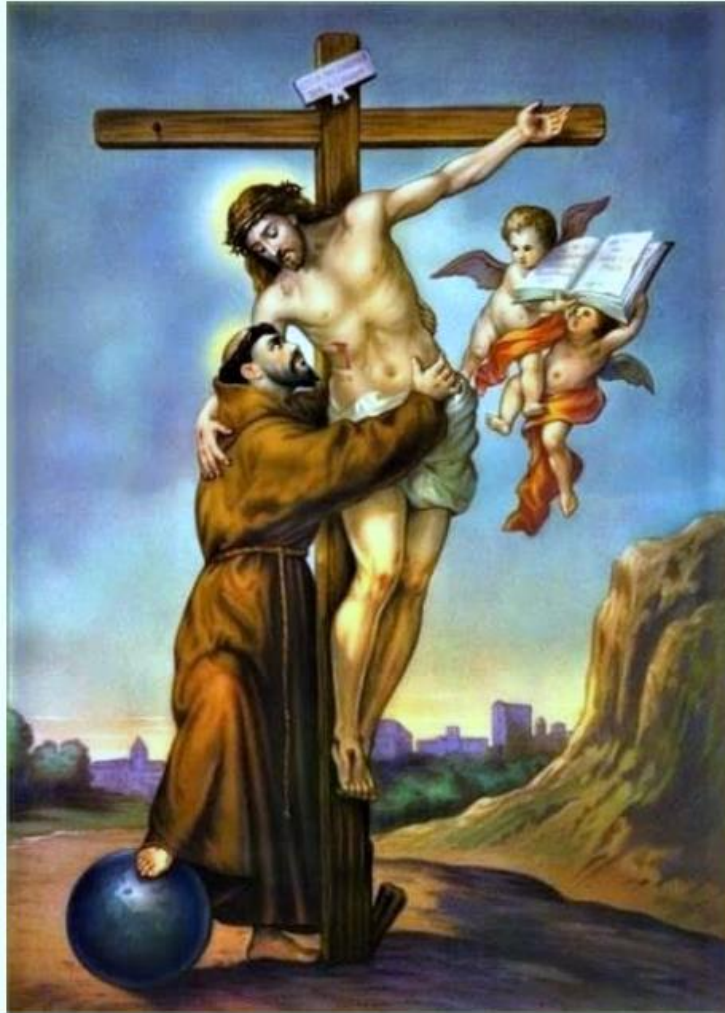
**Los Tres Compañeros Region
Secular Franciscan Order**

Leo Portion Workshop

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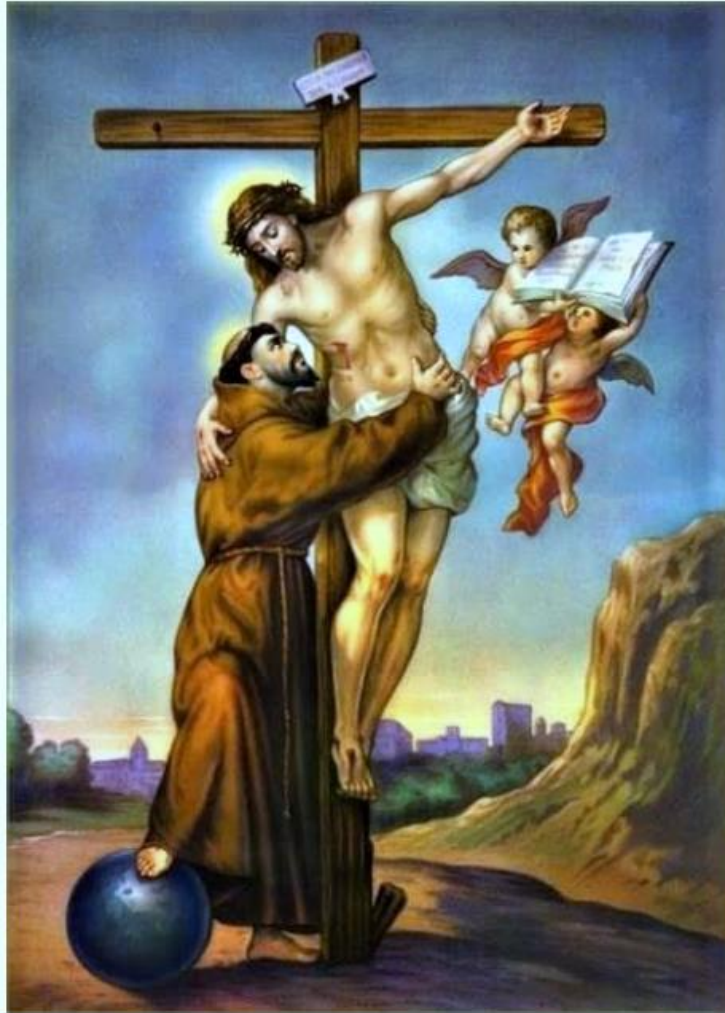
Opening Prayer



Most High,
glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me
true faith,
certain hope,
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge,
Lord,
that I may carry out
Your holy and true command.

St. Francis (1206/07)

Oración inicial



Altísimo y glorioso Dios,
ilumina la oscuridad de mi corazón
y concédeme fe verdadera,
esperanza cierta
y caridad perfecta,
entendimiento y conocimiento,
Señor,
para que pueda cumplir
Tu santo y verdadero mandamiento.

San Francisco (1206/7)



MISSION OF JPIC

The mission of JPIC is to assist the Professed Secular Franciscans as they reflect on their relationship with God as manifested in the fruits of conversion in their lives...



MISSION OF JPIC

... This with special regard to the daily choices made in the areas of justice, peace making and respect for all created things and people; as brothers and sisters of penance, bringing life to the Gospel and the Gospel to Life.

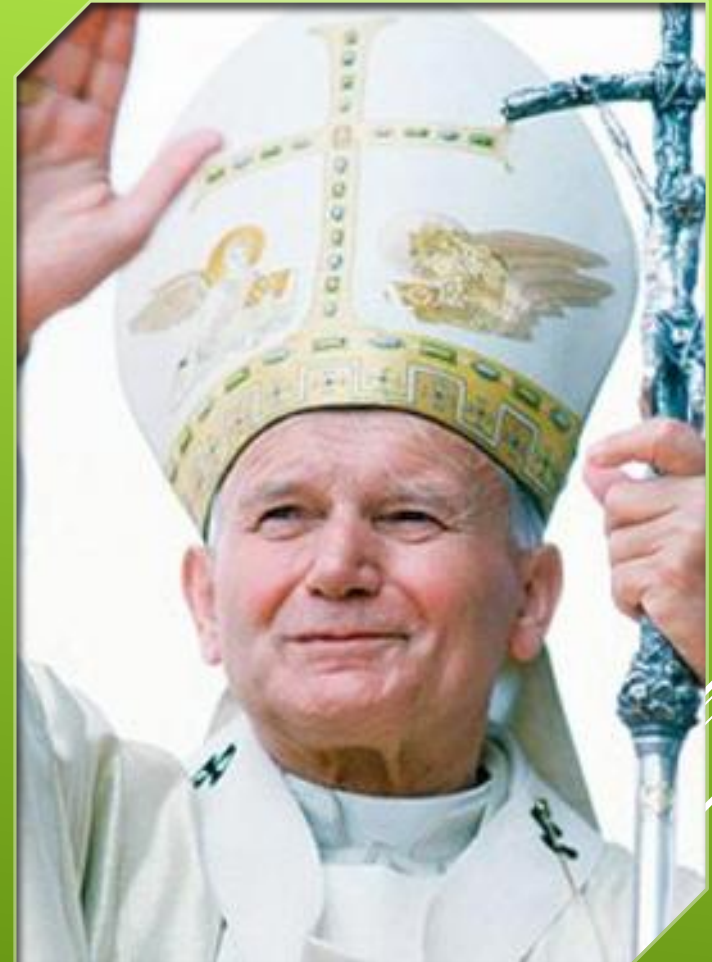
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THE SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
 2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
 3. Rights and Responsibilities
 4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
 5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
 6. Solidarity
 7. Care for God's Creation
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LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

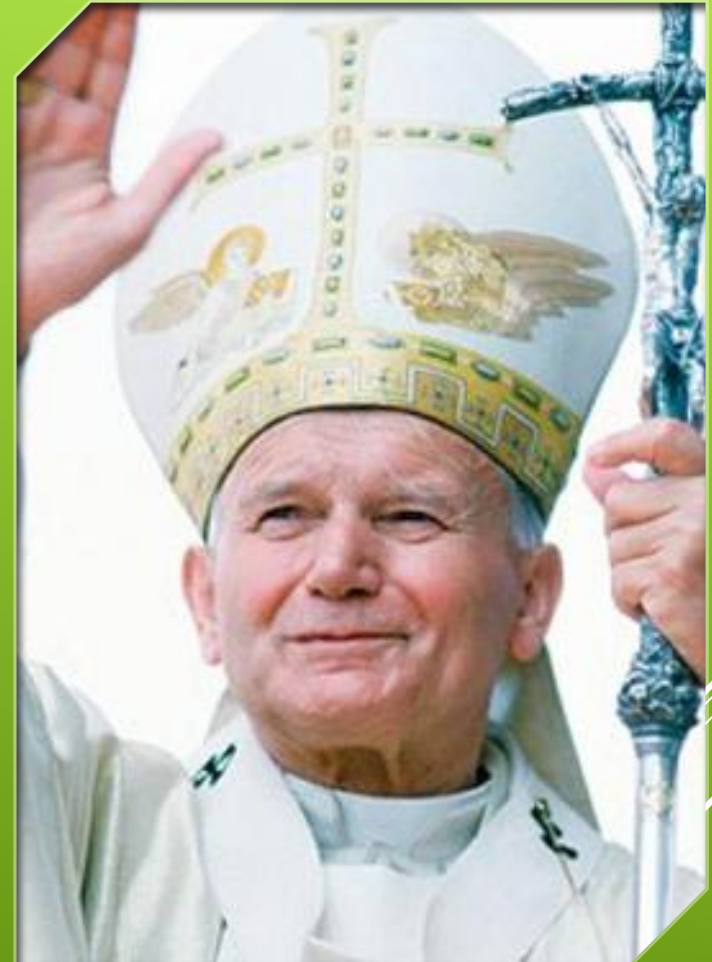
The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society...



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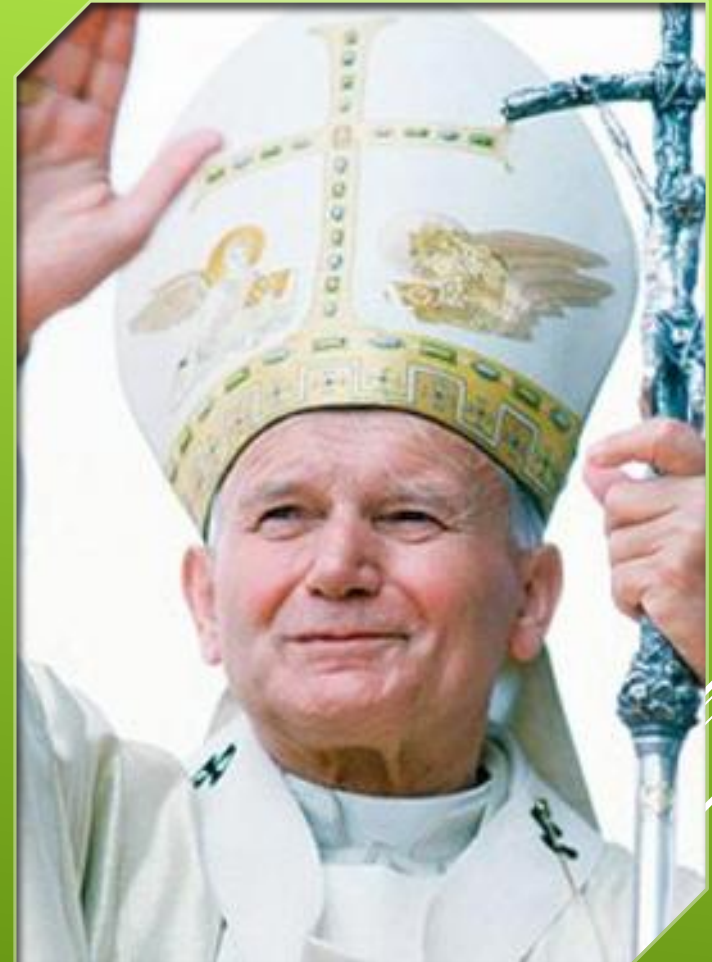
*... This belief is the **foundation** of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia...*



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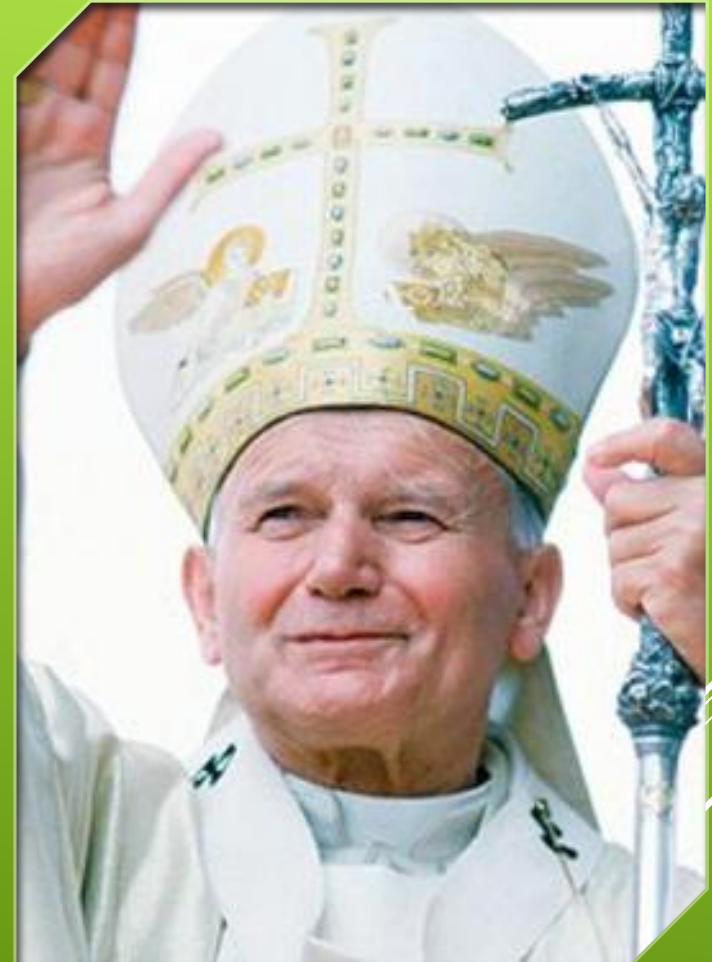
*... The value of human life is being threatened by **cloning**, **embryonic stem cell research**, and the use of the **death penalty** ...*



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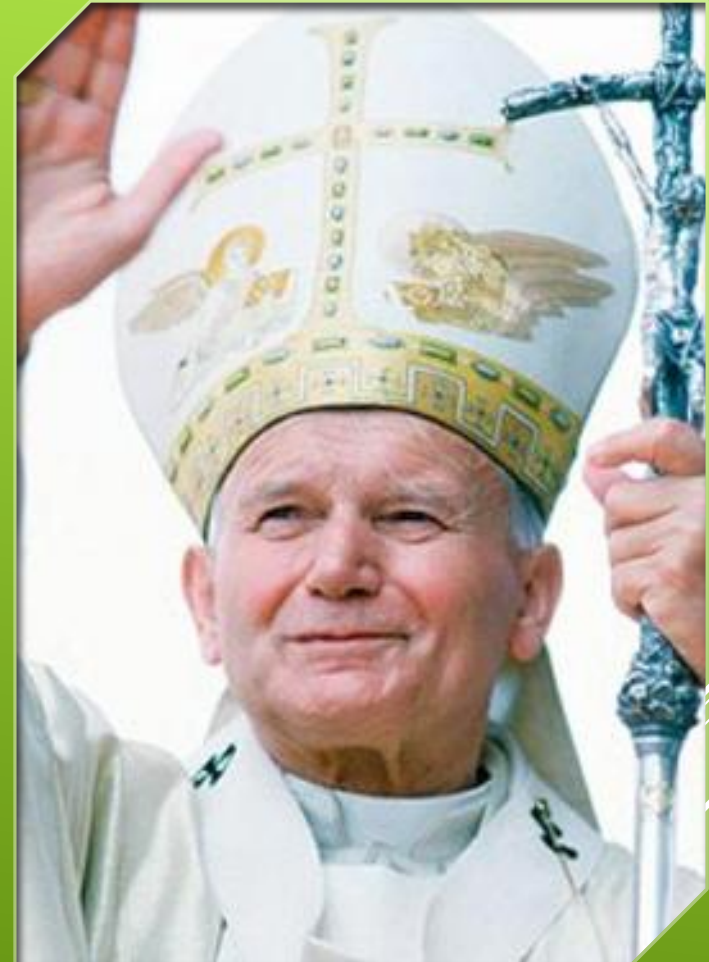
*... The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is **always** wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war...*



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*... Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to **prevent conflicts** and resolve them by peaceful means ...*

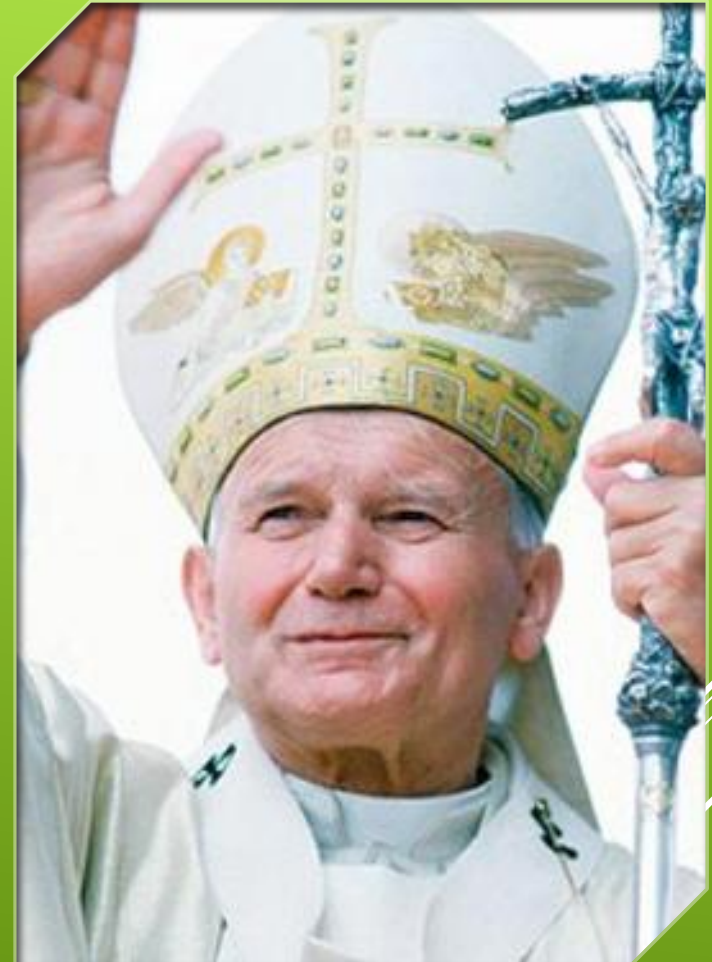


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LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

*... We believe that **every** person is precious, that **people** are more important than **things**, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person ...*

From the **Life and Dignity of the Human Person**, USCCB, and the **Handbook for Animators of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)**, Page 28



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“ EVEN THE WEAKEST AND MOST VULNERABLE, THE SICK, THE OLD, THE UNBORN AND THE POOR, ARE MASTERPIECES OF GOD’S CREATION, MADE IN HIS OWN IMAGE, DESTINED TO LIVE FOR EVER, AND DESERVING OF THE UTMOST REVERENCE AND RESPECT. ”

POPE FRANCIS (7/17/2013)



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Pope Francis at Asian Youth Day in 2014.

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

... The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community...



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CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

... Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined...



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CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

... We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

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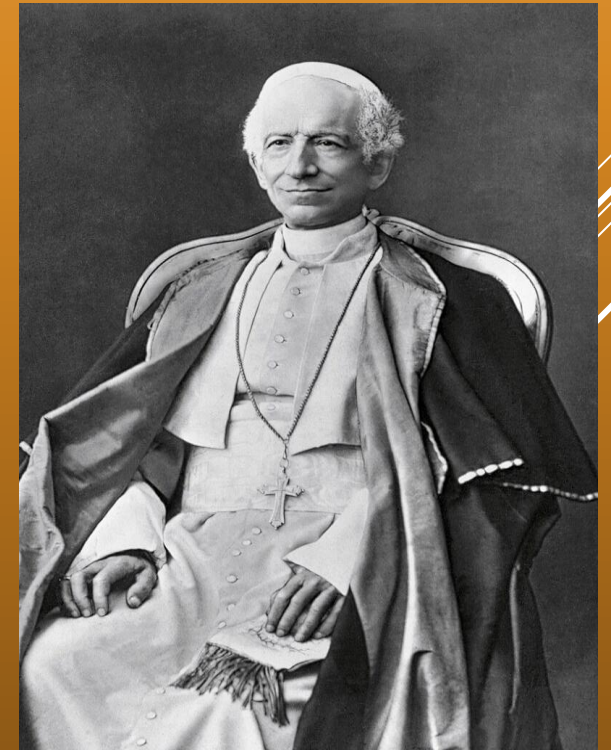
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[T]HAT THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT SHOULD AT ITS
OPTION INTRUDE INTO AND EXERCISE
INTIMATE CONTROL OVER THE FAMILY AND THE
HOUSEHOLD IS A GREAT AND PERNICIOUS ERROR.

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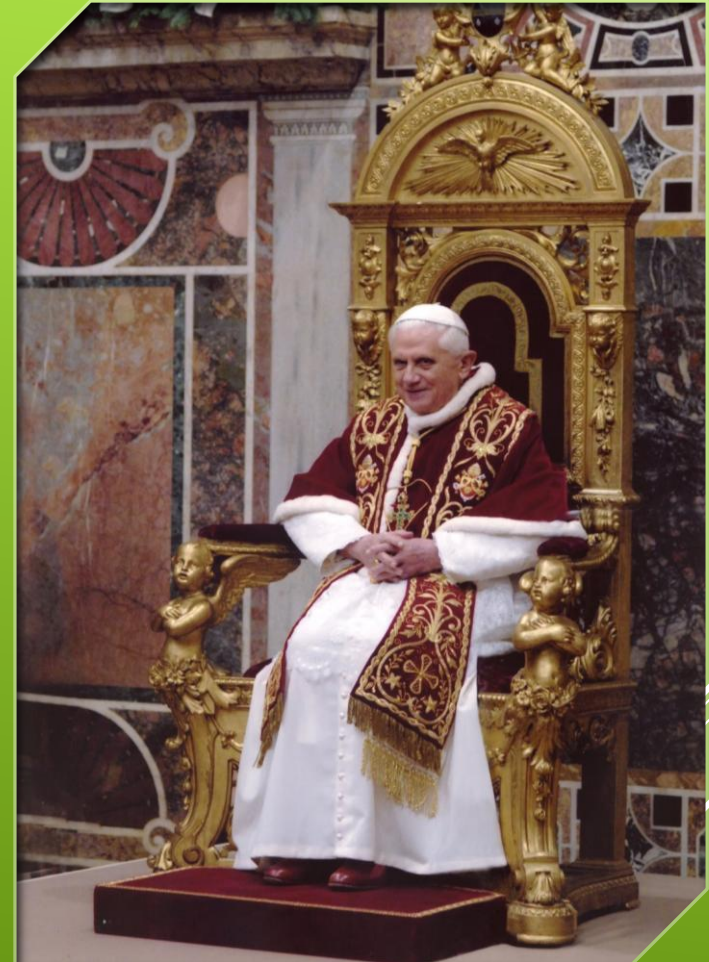
POPE LEO XIII IN *RERUM NOVARUM* (5/15/1891)

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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

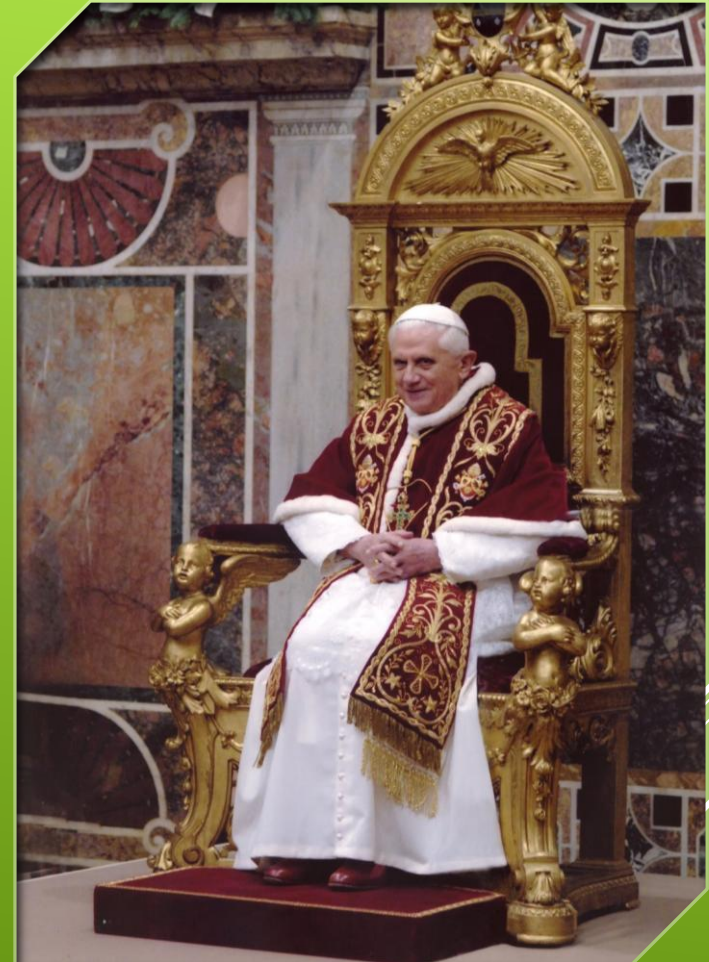
... The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met...



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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

... Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency...

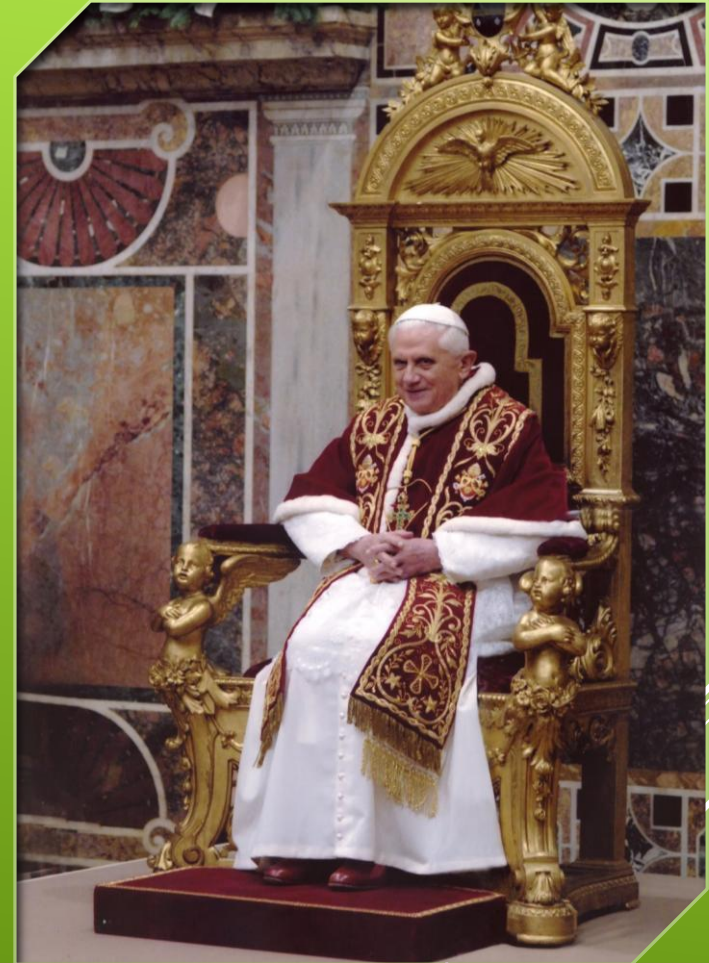


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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

... Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities -- to one another, to our families, and to the larger society...

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**GIVE FROM WHAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED AND DO
NOT TURN AWAY FROM THE POOR.**

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... TOBIT THE FATHER (TOB 4: 5-11)

This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed
under CC BY-SA Archangel Raphael with
Tobias





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OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

... A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first ...

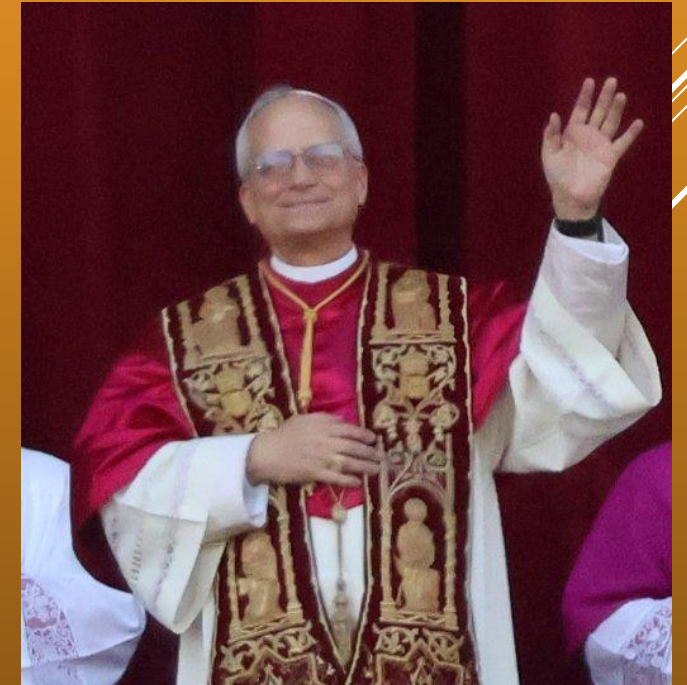
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GOD HAS A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED, AND HE ASKS HIS CHURCH TO MAKE A DECISIVE AND RADICAL CHOICE IN FAVOR OF THE WEAKEST.

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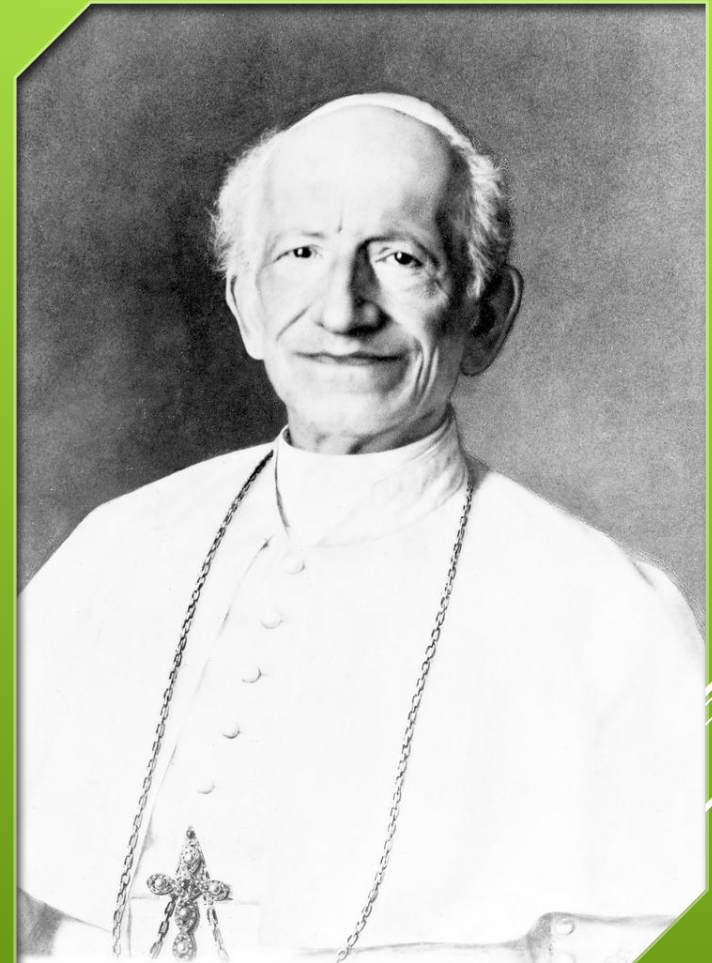
... POPE LEO XIV (*DELEXI TE*)



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THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation...

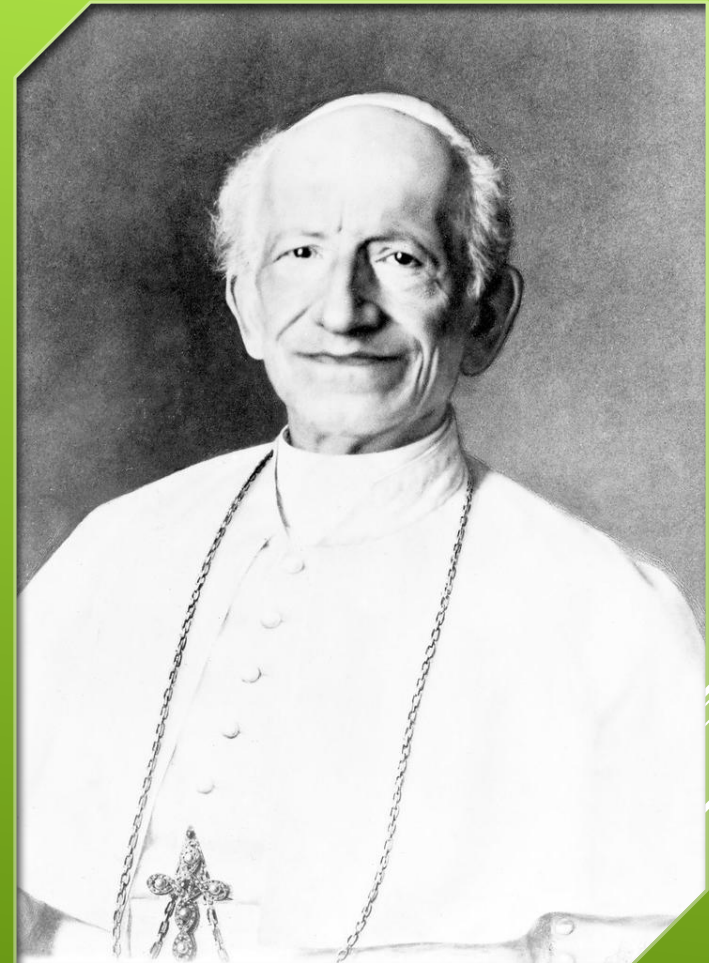


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THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

... If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

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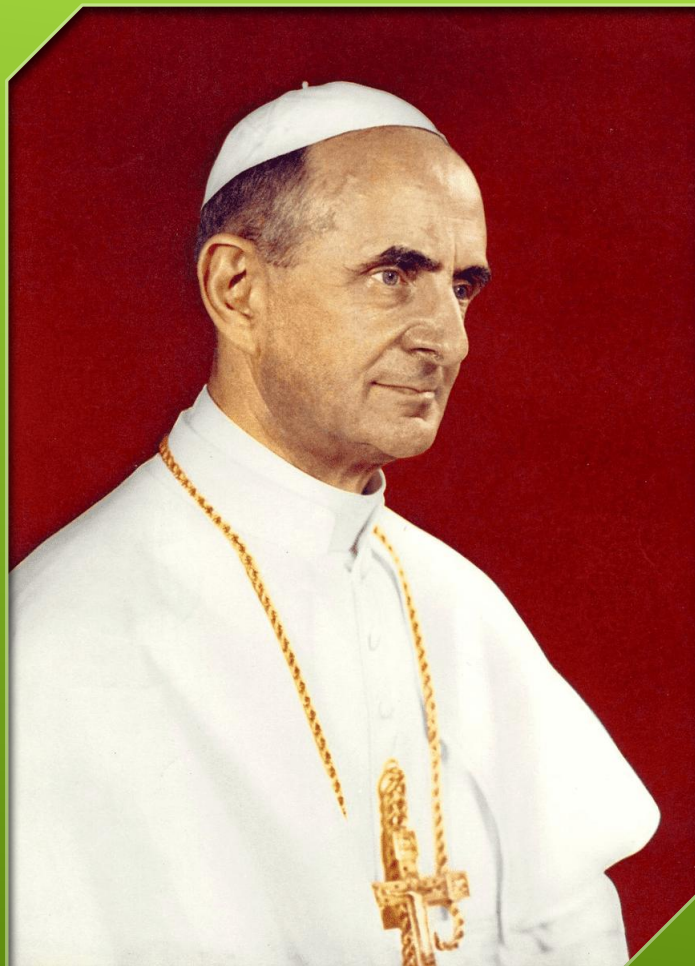
**WE DO NOT GET DIGNITY FROM POWER, OR
MONEY, OR CULTURE. WE GET DIGNITY FROM
WORK.**

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... POPE FRANCIS (MAY 1, 2013)

Pope Francis Korea Haemi Castle,
2014, [CC BY-SA 2.0](#)





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SOLIDARITY

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

From the **Call to Family, Community, and Participation**, USCCB, and the **Handbook for Animators of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)**, Page 29

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IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE.

... POPE PAUL VI

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CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation ...



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CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

From ***The Care of Creation***, USCCB, and the ***Handbook for Animators of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)***, Page 29



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“ PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, THROUGH
OUR SISTER, MOTHER EARTH, WHO SUSTAINS
AND GOVERNS US, AND WHO PRODUCES
VARIOUS FRUIT WITH COLORED FLOWERS AND
HERBS. ”

... ST FRANCIS ASSISI
(*CANTICLE OF CREATURES*)

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THE SEVEN CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. **Feed the Hungry**
 2. **Give Drink to the Thirsty**
 3. **Clothe the Naked**
 4. **Shelter the Homeless**
 5. **Visit the Sick**
 6. **Visit the Imprisoned**
 7. **Bury the Dead**
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FEED THE HUNGRY

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

IS 58:10

San Felipe de Jesus Fraternity working with Catholic Charities in Laredo tp feed the hungry.



GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY

... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

Matt 10:42

Recipients of the funds raised by the Secular Franciscans in the USA. Source: National JPIC Bulletin, March 11, 2025, H2O Project Promotion.



CLOTHE THE NAKED

Then the king will say to those at his right hand ... I was naked and you gave me clothing ...

Matt 25: 34,36

St Padre Pio Fraternity(Georgetown) bringing clothing to the homeless along I-35 in North Austin.



SHELTER THE HOMELESS

Is [the fast] not to share your bread
with the hungry, and bring the
homeless poor into your house ...

Is 58: 7

St Padre Pio Fraternity(Georgetown) had five
members working with the Williamson County
Homeless Coalition in their 2025 PIT Count.



VISIT THE SICK

Then the king will say to those at his right hand ... I was sick and you took care of me ...

Matt 25: 34,36

San Felipe de Jesus Fraternity (Laredo) working at a week-long medical/spiritual mission.

VISIT THE IMPRISONED

Remember those who are in prison as though you were in prison with them.

Heb 13:3



Photo from **Secular Franciscan Order-USA** website: Bello OFS, Deacon Thomas, Article, "NAFRA Guidelines Concerning Secular Franciscan Prison Ministry," 10 August 2020.

BURY THE DEAD



Then he called his son, Tobias,
and when he came to him
said, "My son, when I die, give
me a proper burial ... And
when [your mother] dies bury
her beside me in the same
grave."

Tob 4: 3-4

Fraternidad Monte Alvernia's celebration of
the Transitus of St. Francis Assisi in Austin in
October 2023.

... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me ...

And the king will answer them:

‘TRULY I TELL YOU, JUST AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY, YOU DID IT TO ME.’

Matt 25: 36-40



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A ~~FINAL~~ COMMENT ...

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY

Picture a walk along a peaceful river on a sunny day ...



Questions?
¿Preguntas o dudas?



Paz y Bien

