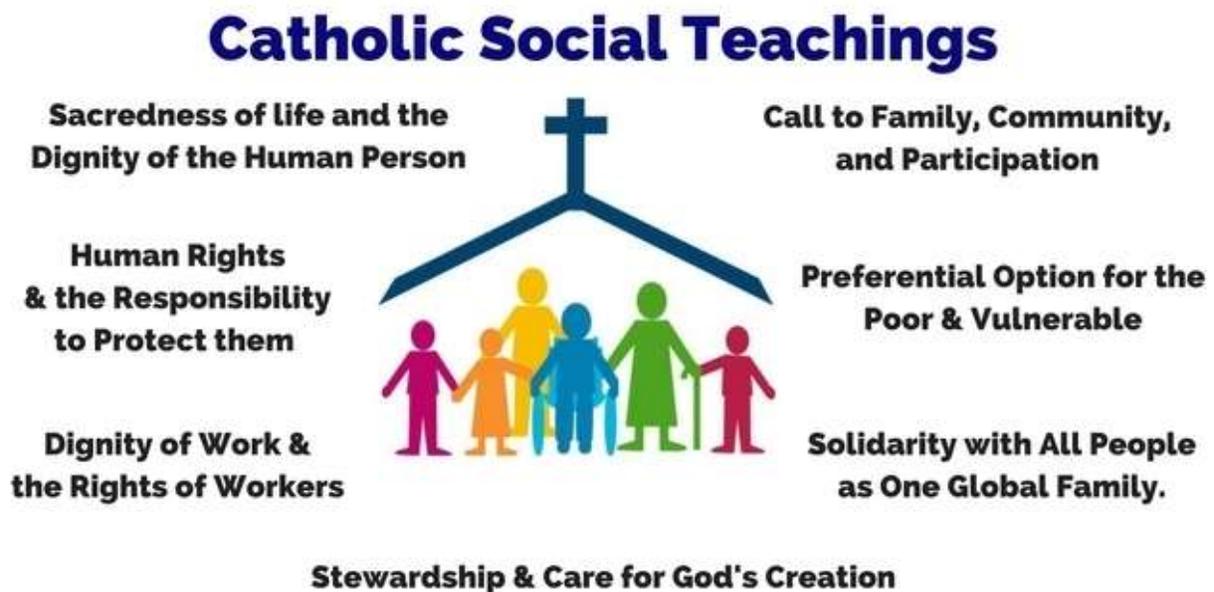


Lesson 25: Social Justice

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Love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. To help us keep these two connected, the Church provides us with Catholic social teachings which promote justice and dignity for all human beings. We are called to be people for others. These principles outline the Church's response to God's call to take action in the world for others. We are to love one another as Christ loved us. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves



Life & dignity of the human person: The foundational principle of Catholic social teaching is that human life is sacred. We are called to respect and protect life from conception to natural death. What defines each of us is that we are a human person, created in the image and likeness of God.

Call to family, community, and participation: Catholic social teaching reminds us that humans are not just sacred, but social. All people have the right to participate in society for the common good.

Rights & responsibilities: Catholic social teaching insists that human dignity can be respected only when fundamental human rights are protected. Corresponding to these rights are responsibilities – to each other, our family, and the wider society. This principle challenges us to recognize our duty to protect the rights that all people have according to the human dignity given to them by God.

Option for the poor & vulnerable: This principle means putting the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable members of our society first and mending the divisions between the rich and poor.

The dignity of work and the rights of workers: Work is the way that we participate in God's creation. To protect the dignity of work, we must protect the basic rights of all people to find jobs that pay a just wage, to organize and join unions, and to own private property.

Solidarity: Catholic social teaching reminds us that we are one human family. Despite our differences, we are called to work with our brothers and sisters toward peace and justice for those who are suffering and oppressed. Solidarity is a call we all share.

Care for God's creation: We are to show respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Our faith and sense of morality must lead us to protect the environment and be considerate of future generations of people living on this planet.

