

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

A vision of the world where people live in right relationships with God, with ourselves with each other, and with our mother earth.



God created everything! Everything that is breathed into life in some way represents God, and in some way connects us all.

“God has made the earth and all that it contains for all to share. The earth’s goods must be divided fairly and this right of everyone to a just share comes first. All other rights must help, not block, this basic right of every human being.”

Populorum Progressio, Pope Paul VI, 1967

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SEE

Look at today's newspaper. Can you see justice and injustice.

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JUDGE

What does our the Catholic Church teach about this? What would Jesus do?

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ACT

Commit to an action that can begin to right one of these relationships.

SEE



Pope Francis asks us to find Jesus in the face of others, in the voices, in their pleas' (EG)

Look around, can you see Jesus in strangers and your friends

JUDGE



Think back over today or your week. Did you see a time when someone's dignity was not respected? How would Jesus have treated that person?

ACT



Decide on one thing you can do this week that shows someone they are loving created in God's image.

Dinner Challenge

As a family make a meal of pizza, as you are preparing discuss where everything came from, how it was packaged, if there will be any waste etc.

Once your pizza's are cooked sit down around the table and explain that you are going to serve everyone up.

Make sure that the youngest or least able to argue their point gets nothing.

Cut up the remaining pizza unevenly and make sure that there are some people with too much and others with not enough.

Say grace:

E te Atua

Whakapainga ēnei kai

Hei oranga mō ō mātou tinana

Whāngaia hoki ō mātou wairua ki te taro o te ora

Ko Ihu Karaiti tō mātou Ariki

Amine

Loving God

Bless this food

To sustain our bodies

Feeding our spiritual needs also with the bread of life

Jesus Christ, our Lord

Amen



Solidarity - means walking together and empowering each other.

Before you eat ask 'Is this fair?'

Explain that everyday through out the world there are people who go without and people who have too much. Often it is those people with less resources that miss out.

How can we make sure everyone is getting what we need? This doesn't mean the same amount for everyone, as people who are bigger and doing more exercise may need more.

The fair distribution of earth and goods is a real issue that we need to be aware of. Take time to allow everyone to distribute the food fairly and enjoy.

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As a priest he was dedicated to bringing Christianity back to the 'working class'. He founded the Young Christian Workers movement that supported better working conditions and also created the model of See, Judge and Act which we still use today.

Throughout this section we have talked about living in right relationships, with God, ourselves each other and the earth. When we do this, the image of God in whom we are created becomes more visible in us, and by choosing to freely live a good and just life we become people who can encounter God more fully.

