

# SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

## LIFE & DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, every life is sacred, and the dignity of human life must be protected from conception to natural death.

## CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY & PARTICIPATION

God did not create human beings to live in isolation, but to live in a community of love. It is our right and our duty to participate in society and to seek the common good of all.

## RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Every human person has a right to life and to those things which will allow for their well-being. At the same time, every human person has the responsibility of upholding the rights of others and of promoting the common good.

## OPTION FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE

One of our duties is to provide for the needs of the poor and to protect the vulnerable, so that their rights are also respected and so that they also can participate in the building up of society.

## THE DIGNITY OF WORK & THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Work allows human beings to build up society and find personal fulfillment. Therefore, there is a great dignity in work. To protect this dignity, the rights of workers must be upheld.

## SOLIDARITY

We are one human family, and so we must promote justice and peace in society by upholding the rights and dignity of others and promoting a society of love.

## CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We give honor to God by caring for His creation. Therefore, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of creation, to care for the earth, and to make good use of the gifts God has given us.

