

## *Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching*

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Human Dignity</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation of all principles</li> <li>• Made in God's image</li> <li>• Not earned, but endowed</li> <li>• Inherent worth and value</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key Questions for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What is happening to <u>people</u>?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Who is affected? How?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Respect for Life</b></p> <p>(The seamless garment of life: a term that refers to the reverence for life from conception to natural death.)</p> <p><b>Key words:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reverence</li> <li>• From conception through natural death</li> <li>• Consistent Ethic</li> <li>• Life in all its forms is sacred</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key Question for Analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Who is excluded from life?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Who's existence is threatened?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Common Good</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The good of all and the good of the wider community</li> <li>• Not just individual but also global</li> <li>• Development of the group</li> <li>• Taking the whole into account</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What is in the best interest of all?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>What will best foster authentic human development for the greatest number?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>How can we know what the common good is in a given situation?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Stewardship</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• care for all of creation</li> <li>• proper use of resources</li> <li>• co-creators and guardians</li> <li>• environmental and ecological reverence</li> <li>• recognition of God’s revelation in all of creation</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What is happening to the resources at our disposal?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>What is the attitude toward the environment and how is it regarded and protected?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Human Rights and Duties</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inalienable</li> <li>• Realized only in community</li> <li>• Must be protected</li> <li>• Not granted, not earned</li> <li>• Responsibility</li> <li>• All are equal</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key questions for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What rights are upheld and protected?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>What responsibilities are required?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Solidarity</b></p> <p><b>Key words:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One human family</li> <li>• Relationship building</li> <li>• Love of Neighbor has global implications</li> <li>• Remove artificial borders and boundaries.</li> <li>• Interdependence</li> <li>• “Standing with” - Companionship</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What is happening to others not immediately connected to us in our local setting?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>What is my moral response?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Option for the Poor</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferential love</li> <li>• Priority of restoring to the community, those excluded</li> <li>• God hears the cry of the poor and responds</li> <li>• Covenant</li> <li>• Those in greatest need</li> <li>• Most vulnerable</li> <li>• An action of love</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>How are the poorest and most vulnerable faring?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Where is there a manifestation of oppression and powerlessness?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Rights of Workers</b></p> <p><b>The Dignity of Work</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priority of people over capital Economic justice</li> <li>• Respect for vocation</li> <li>• Human work is participation in vocation</li> <li>• safe working conditions</li> <li>• just wages</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>What are the conditions of the worker?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Is the wage structure just?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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<p><b>Family/Community Participation</b></p> <p><u>Key words:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion = Life</li> <li>• Exclusion = Death</li> <li>• Social by nature</li> <li>• Participation is essential for human flourishing</li> <li>• Right to citizenship</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>		<p><b>Key question for analysis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Who informs the decisions? Who makes the decisions? Who is affected by the decisions?</i></li> <li>➤ <i>Are the bonds of community strengthened?</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Scriptural connections:</b></p> <p><b>Quotes from Catholic Social Teaching:</b></p>
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