


KEY PRINCIPLES
of
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



OUR MORAL COMPASS

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Being a Christian entails promoting the dignity of our brothers and sisters, fighting for it, living for it.
Pope Francis

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Our Catholic faith demands more of us than saying prayers and following laws. Catholic social principles are the moral compass, as contemporary as Jesus' Sermon the Mount and the description of God's criteria for judging us on the last day. This rich inheritance echoes God's call to make the reign of God real in our world.

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Catholic Moral Life

The beginning oral tradition

- to laws . . .
- truths to master . . .
- rules to follow . . .
- sins to confess . . .



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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

SCRIPTURE
TRADITION
REASON
EXPERIENCE



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VATICAN II

FROM WHAT
TO WHOM -
JESUS



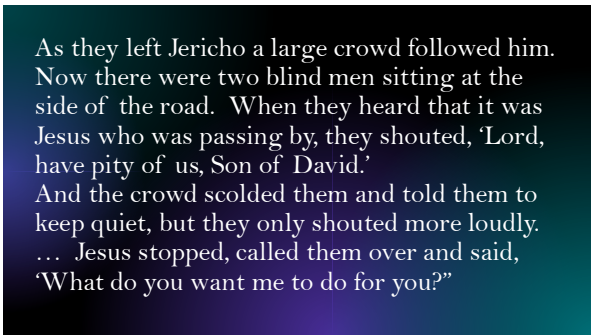
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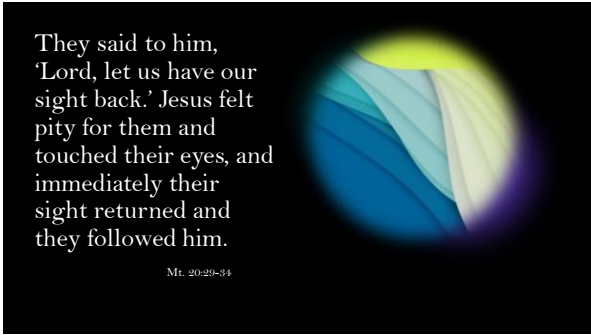
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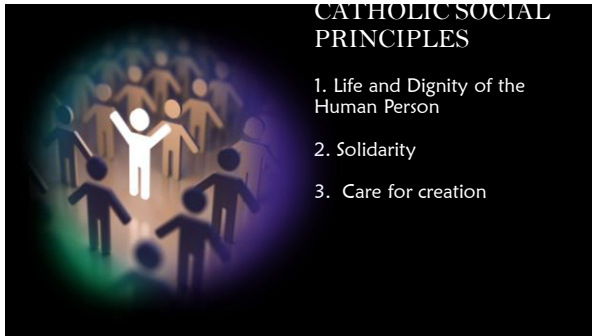
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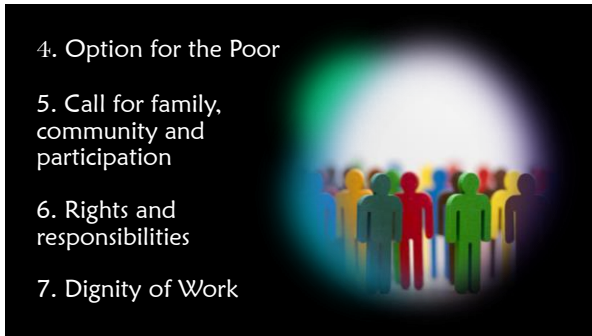


CATHOLIC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Solidarity
3. Care for creation

The graphic features a central white silhouette of a person with arms raised, surrounded by a circle of smaller, dimly lit human figures. The background is dark with a subtle green and blue glow.

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4. Option for the Poor
5. Call for family, community and participation
6. Rights and responsibilities
7. Dignity of Work

The graphic shows a row of colorful human silhouettes in various colors (yellow, green, red, blue) against a dark background with a bright white light source behind them, creating a lens flare effect.

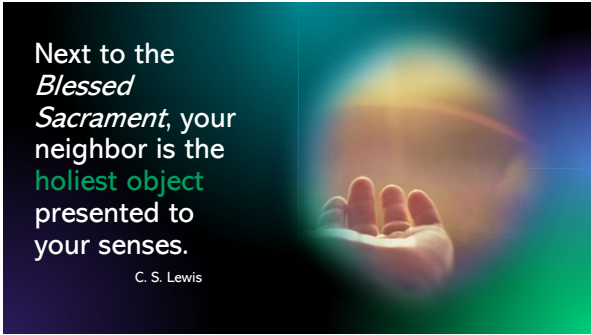
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Rights and dignity of the human person

The graphic includes a photograph of a diverse group of people, including children and adults, sitting on the ground in a natural setting, looking at something in their hands. The background is a dark green gradient.

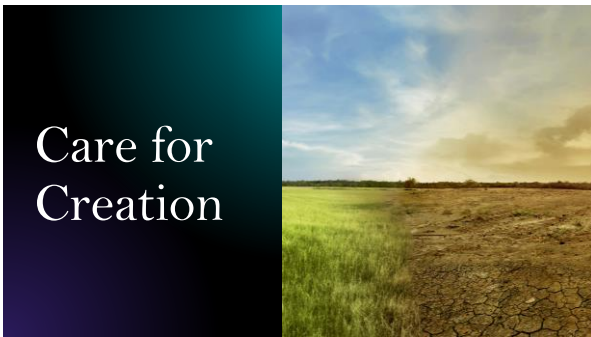
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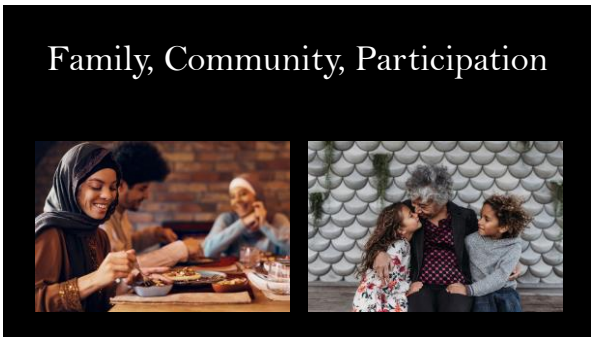
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Dignity of work and rights of workers

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What you see depends on where you are standing

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