

Catholic Social Teaching - Key Principles

Justice

Living in right relationship with God and neighbour.

Dignity of the Human Person

All human persons – from conception until natural death...

- *have a supreme and sacred dignity among God's creatures;*
- *are created in the image and likeness of God.*

The Common Good

Everyone's right to what is necessary for a truly human life.

Solidarity

Commitment to the good of my neighbour.

Subsidiarity

Freedom and duty to make responsible decisions at the lowest appropriate level.

Preferential Option for the Poor

Putting the needs of the poor first.

Dignity of the Worker

Sharers in God's creative plan for the world.

Peace

The tranquility of order, the work of justice, the effect of charity.

The Right to Private Property

Freedom to invest wages in land and possessions.

Universal Destination of Goods (Distribution)

The goods of the earth were made by God for all to share.

Environmental Stewardship

Responsible care for God's creation to sustain present and future generations everywhere.