





Solidarity

Explain some differences between charity and solidarity.

Participation

Think of a time when you have not been allowed to take part; describe your feelings.

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Describe how to treat someone with dignity.

Preferential Option for the Poor

For what should we opt (choose) in order to make the world a more just place?

the early Church). Catholic Social

****** 'Family' means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

With great power comes great responsibility."

•••• Lilo to Stitch in Lilo and Stitch (2002)

•••• Uncle Ben in Spider-Man (2002)

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Even the smallest person can change the course of the future." ⁴⁴All for one and one for all!⁷⁷ When one person has a right, others have a responsibility to uphold that right. Whatever is needed for each and every person, and creation, to flourish. (\bigstar)

Not just doing things for other people but acting with them to build a more just world together. Set no.

As far as possible, decisions should not be taken at the highest levels, but by the people who are most affected. Life's not a spectator sport. If watchin' is all you're gonna do, you're gonna watch your life go by without ya. ⁴⁴ When they're finished putting first class people in the boat, they'll be starting with us.⁹⁹

Laverne to Quasimodo in The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1996)

•••• Irish mother to her child in Titanic (1997)

We are all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving." ⁴⁴ Because of you the future of this entire universe is in jeopardy.⁷¹ To choose to consider the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable people first. People have a right and a duty to take part in shaping a more just and human society. We are called to care for creation as stewards, not just as consumers.



Every human being has in-built dignity because she or he has been created in the image and likeness of God.

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common good. It is	
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Pope Leo XIII, On Capital and Labour, 51

••• Saint Pope John XXIII, Peace on Earth, 44

⁴⁴The workers themselves should share in deciding the conditions on which their future depends.⁹¹ ⁴⁴Effective world solidarity should allow all peoples to shape their destiny.⁹⁹ ⁴⁴ The possession of rights involves the duty of implementing those rights, for they are the expression of a person's dignity. The possession of rights also involves their recognition and respect by other people.⁷⁷ ⁴⁴Civil society exists for the common good, and hence is concerned with the interests of all in general, but also with individual interests in their due place and degree.⁹⁷

💶 🕨 Saint Pope John XXIII, Peace on Earth, 44

⁴⁴ Effective world solidarity should allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny. Relations between nations have too often been governed by force... developing nations are asking that they be allowed to take part in the construction of a better world.⁹⁹ ⁴⁴Often, institutions on a higher level make decisions about conditions on which the future of workers and their children depends. The workers themselves should share in deciding these conditions.⁹¹

Saint Pope Paul VI, The Development of Peoples, 65

Pope Leo XIII, On Capital and Labour, 51

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⁴⁴ This [option for the poor]... affects the life of each Christian as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ.¹¹

••• Catholic Bishops of the United States, Economic Justice for All, 71

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•• Saint Pope John Paul II, On Social Concern, 42

⁴⁴Human persons are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are.⁹⁷ ⁴⁴Each community... has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations.⁹⁹ ⁴⁴ This is an option... to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness. It affects the life of each Christian as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ. It applies equally to our social responsibilities and hence to our manner of living.⁹¹ ⁴⁴Social justice implies that persons have an obligation to be active and productive participants in the life of society and that society has a duty to enable them to participate in this way.⁹⁹

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⁴⁴Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever it needs for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and to ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations.⁷⁷ Set no.

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⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.⁹⁹ ⁴⁴ Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship.⁹⁹

Jethro said to Moses:

Index them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. "...we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body."

•••• Acts 2:4<u>4-45</u>

•••• I Samuel 10:25

⁴⁴ Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy.⁹¹ "...always seek to do good to one another and to all."

Proverbs 31:9

I appeal to you... that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. Jethro said to Moses:

⁴⁴ Look for able men among all the people... Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves .⁹⁹

••• 1 Corinthians 1:10

I Thessalonians 5:15

"...our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you...?'
'...whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'¹

⁴⁴...in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.⁹⁷ "...God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and guard it."

••• I John 3:18



Matthew 25:37-40

Jesus said: 'When you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.'¹¹ ⁶⁶ When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.⁹⁹

Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion... over all the wild animals of the earth.

What are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them? Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honour."

••• Luke 14:13

Ephesians 4:16

At the end of every year your youth group has a day trip to celebrate all you've done together. This year most of the group are really excited about going to a big theme park. You know that one girl in the group is terrified of rides and will not attend. You go on holiday with your family to Thailand, where your uncle invites you to visit the factory where clothes are made for his shop in the UK. You notice that workers do 13 hour shifts, with no time off, for as little as four pounds a day.

What will you do? •••▶	What will you do? ••••
What has influenced your decision? •••>	What has influenced your decision? ••••

Your school council is voting today on designs for a new uniform. The head teacher has said that only sixth formers are allowed to vote, even though they will not have to wear the uniform. You have been saving up for the latest trainers. You need only £20 more. As you walk past your neighbour's front door, you notice a £20 note on his doorstep. You know that he has a small child and a very sick wife and has just lost his job.

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Peace on Earth

(Pacem in Terris)

Saint Pope John XXIII wrote *Peace on Earth* soon after the US and Russia had reached the brink of nuclear war. He taught that, since all have the right to live in peace, every person and every nation has a responsibility to be a peacemaker.

The Development of Peoples

(Populorum Progressio)

More people now owned televisions and saw images of hunger overseas. Saint Pope Paul VI called on countries to stand together to allow poorer nations a fair share of the world's resources. These were given by God for all to share.

On Capital and Labour

(Rerum Novarum)

Pope Leo XIII wrote this famous encyclical soon after the Industrial Revolution. Before this, some people thought popes should only write about spiritual things. He told employers to treat their workers justly, pay a just wage and allow them to form unions. This would help the poorest but also benefit society.

Joys and Hopes

(Gaudium et Spes)

This document from Vatican II (a major council of the world's bishops, called by Saint Pope John XXIII and completed by Saint Pope Paul VI) explored how individuals, families and communities could help build a more just society. Decisions should not only be taken at a high level, but by the people whose lives were affected.

Last year, a family moved into your neighbourhood from overseas. They have never been invited to community meetings. Next week there is a meeting to decide the location of a new community centre, what facilities it needs and how it will be used.

Six of you decide to go hiking one lovely Saturday. At some point, you all realise that you are lost and do not know the way home. Everyone has run out of drinking water. Danny has a medical condition and needs to take his tablets. You have half a bottle of water in your rucksack.

What will you do? ••••	What will you do? ••••
What has influenced your decision? •••>	What has influenced your decision? •••>

A group has posted a video on social media. In the video they make cruel jokes about the looks of someone who goes to your school. You do not like this boy. The few times you have interacted with him, he has ended up annoying you.

It is 7pm on a winter evening. You are running for the bus when you notice a pair of young men digging up newly planted trees in the local primary school's wildlife reserve. They have covered their faces.

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On Social Concern



(Sollicitudo Rei Socialis)

Rich countries were working together across the world more and more. But the systems they set up to do this, like the global trade system, often made life harder for the poorest countries. Saint Pope John Paul II called for justice.

On Care for our Common Home

(Laudato Si')

Pope Francis wrote this encyclical as world leaders prepared to meet in Paris to discuss ways to tackle climate change. He said that we must change our thinking on what 'progress' means, for the sake of the earth and its people – especially the poorest.

Economic Justice for All

The US Catholic bishops called for economic reforms so that the poorest people were not excluded. They said everyone should be free to take part in public life.

As well as encyclicals, Catholic Social Teaching includes letters written by bishops to a country or diocese, and other Church documents.

On the Hundredth Year

(Centesimus Annus)

As the Soviet Union ended, Saint Pope John Paul II said the failure of communism did not mean capitalism was right, for both can undermine human freedom and dignity. He himself had lived under both systems. He called instead for social and economic justice. When their city was under siege due to Syria's civil war, Ali and his neighbours feared death many times. They survived by helping one another. "Muslims and Christians lived together when we were trapped

here," explains Ali. "We shared food and became closer." Now they are rebuilding their homes and their city, to make life better for everyone.



Photo: Val Morgan/SCIAF



Children and young people around the planet are calling on world leaders to take urgent action on the climate crisis. Many joined CAFOD outside Parliament to tell their MPs that climate change is pushing people deeper into poverty. These students are standing in solidarity with their sisters and brothers who are suffering. As they told the BBC's Newsround: "We are running out of time to make a difference." More than 4.5 billion people don't have access to a toilet. They are denied dignity and privacy. So when a new toilet block opened at Kwaedza Primary School, Zimbabwe, 700 pupils and families came to celebrate. These were the first flushing toilets at any school in the district, built by locals with help from CAFOD. A six-mile water pipe was also laid, reaching 3,000 people.



Photo: Tendai Muchada

Girls and women in some areas of Afghanistan can be forbidden to go to school or take part in other activities outside the home. When Benesh* asked to participate in a women's group making yoghurt, her father said

no. But she convinced him and when the group earned money, he was impressed: "You've proven that women can work outside the home and contribute to their family's income." Now she is helping to pay for her siblings to go to school.

*Name changed for security reasons



When the Rohingya people were driven out of Myanmar by persecution, 700,000 fled to Bangladesh. Here CAFOD is helping make refugee camp conditions more dignified. This is not just about food or shelter, but the way people are treated. "We are there as a

symbol of expression of love to the people," says local aid worker Atul. As one Rohingya family explained: "You listened and took us seriously. You showed us respect."



Photo: Cassie Dummet

For over 50 years Colombia suffered conflict. The death toll rose to 280,000 people. Despite a peace deal, a culture of violence remains in many places. Peace----building workshops are taking place in 34 schools in the Magdalena Medio region with help from CAFOD. Young people are doing their part to make peace a reality. As one says: "We believe anything is possible... We are the present."



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Fiseha is proud of being a builder as well as a farmer. Her community are working ---together on irrigating their drought-prone farms in Sebeya, Ethiopia. They are digging reservoirs and canals, to save and carry water to their fields. The work is shared and so are the benefits. "I am starting a new life," says Fiseha. "I enjoy making a difference for my local community and bringing hope for future generations."

Photo: CAFOD

In the poorest parts of São Paulo in Brazil, 2 million people live in difficult conditions. often without basic services like water or electricity. CAFOD is helping locals to join forces and press the authorities to provide decent housing. By caring for each other, they become stronger. Zeza now has a safe place to live:

"We fought to win our homes. Together, we built this community. Here is where I built my self-esteem and selfworth. Now I can help others to defend their rights."

Photo: Joelle Hernandez/CAFOD





When Pope Francis held a big meeting in Rome (called a Synod) to talk about problems affecting the Amazon region, CAFOD helped indigenous people like Yésica to attend. She is from the Peruvian Amazon. It was important for her to tell her story to Church leaders and influence decisions about her own people's future. Pope Francis believes decisions shouldn't only happen at the top, but ought to include everyone affected. Proto lives in northwest Colombia near the Atrato river. This region is very rich in plants and animals, yet is at high risk from climate change and from water pollution. Proto and his friends have been named "Young Guardians of the River" and are taking care of their local environment. As he says: "We want to recover our source of life, which is the Atrato River."

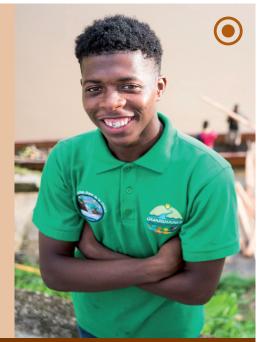


Photo: Matts Olsson

Photo: Pavel Martiarena Huamán

When his neighbours started to die from the deadly Ebola virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mathe knew he had to step up. Many did not believe the virus existed or were too afraid to seek help. With training from our local experts, Mathe and his youth group began texting out facts about the virus. "We told them Ebola was real, and how to stop it. People were relying on us and we felt it was our responsibility. They trust us now."



Photo: Tommy Trenchard/CAFOD



Farida lost the use of her legs when she was little. Now, helped by CAFOD, she teaches people about disability rights, above all for children. People with disabilities in Bangladesh, especially from poor families, can be left behind by society and even mistreated. Farida wants to show them and their families that they are just as valuable as everyone else. The community of Puentecitos in El Salvador are learning together how to care for the earth while adapting to climate change. Farmers Fidel, Carlos and Julia are practising organic, sustainable farming.

They use native seeds that don't need costly chemicals, rotate their crops to feed the soil and make their own organic fertiliser. They buy less food now because their own crops are producing more. The earth benefits and their diets are healthier too.



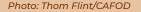
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Five groups led by children and supported by CAFOD in Peru's capital Lima have won status as legal organisations. Now they are asking local authorities to fund projects like safe spaces to play. "We plan what we are going to do and put proposals forward," says Gabriel, "then we actually carry out our plans." As CAFOD's Lucy Jardine says: "People should have the right

to make decisions at their own level

about issues that affect their lives."



Zimbabwe is one of the world's poorest countries and over half of its people don't have enough to eat. Drought, floods and sky-high food prices have brought the risk of starvation for many. As Nomalita says: "I can only give my family a single meal of porridge a day." Local experts funded by CAFOD find out who is most in need of emergency food and clean water,



and reach out with help. The very poorest people are too often pushed aside, but we believe they should be first in line.

Photo: Charmaine Chitate



In many countries, women have no right to their marital home if their husband dies. When Garmah in Liberia was left a widow, she and her four children faced homelessness. Our local experts helped her to prove she had a right to the house so the family was able to stay in their home. "God sent redeemers to fight for my land rights. I am overfilled with joy. I feel safe, my children have a place to rest their head and I can make a garden to feed them."

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