



HUMAN DIGNITY

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of God.

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THE COMMON GOOD

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It's about living together in a community.





SUBSIDIARITY AND PARTICIPATION

All people should be able to participate in their community and have a say in decisions that affect them. When they cannot meet their own needs, other parts of society should step in to offer support and assistance.



SOLIDARITY

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CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

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AN EASY GUIDE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

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Common Good

What is best for everyone?

Preferential Option For The Poor

The needs of the poor should be prioritised over the desires of the rich.

Care For Our Common Home

We should care for and preserve creation.

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All people should have a say and be able to contribute to their communities.

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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Social Teaching principles (CST) cover all spheres of life - the economic, political, personal and spiritual.

The principles are inspired by the writings of the Pope and other Catholic leaders about social issues.

Caritas Australia's work is shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching.



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