

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL  
TEACHING**

# **SUBSIDIARITY AND PARTICIPATION**

**"THE CHARACTERISTIC IMPLICATION  
OF SUBSIDIARITY IS PARTICIPATION,  
WHICH IS EXPRESSED ESSENTIALLY IN  
A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BY MEANS OF  
WHICH THE CITIZEN [...] CONTRIBUTES  
TO THE [FULL] LIFE OF THE CIVIL  
COMMUNITY TO WHICH HE BELONGS."**

**COMPENDIUM OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH (189)**



*"We visit families to talk about the situation in the favela. It is important for the families to see that if we sit down and talk about the things we are going through, we are all going through the same difficulties, and if we all get together we can come up with a solution."*

Andre, MDF Educator, São Paulo, Brazil



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