

# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

## The Common Good – TRUE OR FALSE CARDS

Is a concern for the welfare  
of the whole

Does not recognize the  
human person is sacred and  
social

Is built upon the principle of  
human dignity and the  
equality of all people

Recognizes that human  
beings realize their dignity  
and achieve their destiny in  
particular communities, not  
isolation

Does not require a  
foundation of basic rights  
which are minimum  
standards for life in society

Is personal and communal

Does not need to be active  
at every level of life

Is directed by a moral  
concern that each person  
must participate and share in  
the benefits of social  
advances

Is not needed to avoid the  
harmful forces of coercion,  
domination or exploitation

Is needed for the overall just  
functioning of a society

Recognizes that  
governments and political  
institutions are necessary  
and have active  
responsibility for achieving  
the common good

Does not need to be a  
transnational/global reality  
encompassing the entire  
human family

Is not utilitarian in nature: it's  
not "the greatest good for  
the greatest number,"  
because this can allow for  
the exclusion of individuals  
or even segments of society

Is about me and my right to  
do what I want

Means community needs  
come before my own needs.

**The Common Good –  
TRUE OR FALSE ACTIVITY**

TRUE	FALSE	UNDECIDED