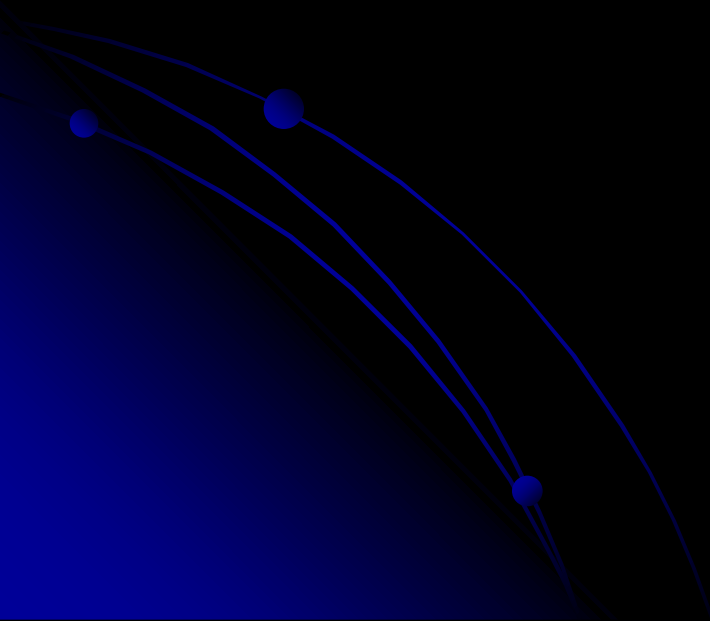



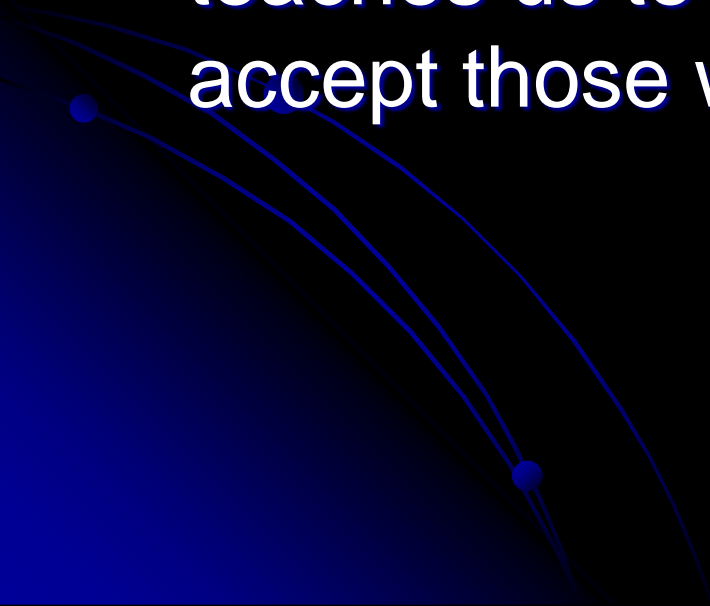
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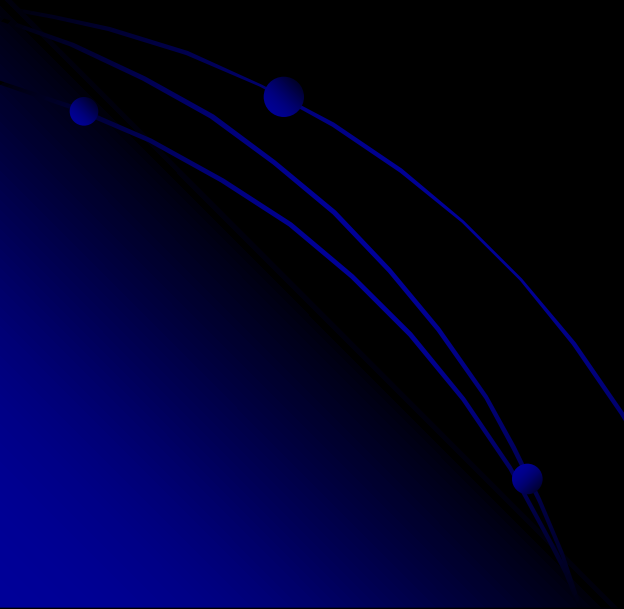
The Issue

- New Zealanders are being deprived of the basic right of shelter. Families are being withheld from housing that is suitable for proper family living and people are denied housing due to the law.
 - Homelessness is on the rise.
 - The Web of Causes
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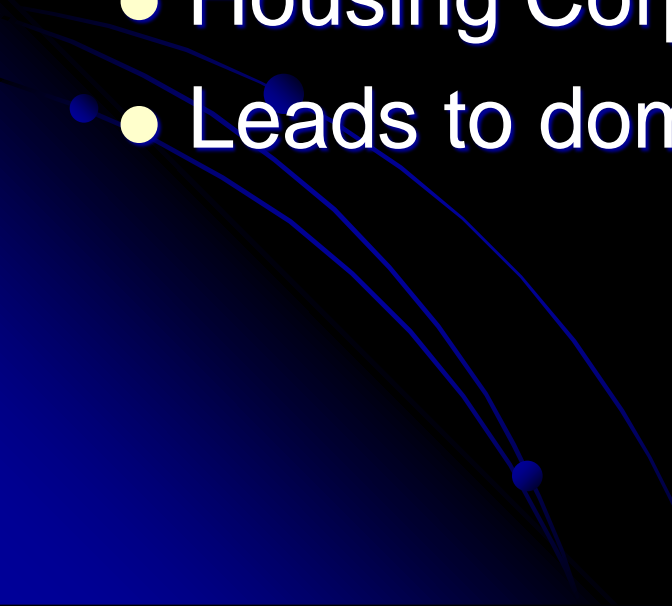
Church Teaching

- An important principal of social justice is the “preferential option for the poor.” This outlines basic teaching of love and concern for those who are less fortunate. It teaches us to share what we own and to accept those who are vulnerable.
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- What can we do?
- How does this impact on us?
- Is the problem bigger than you and I?



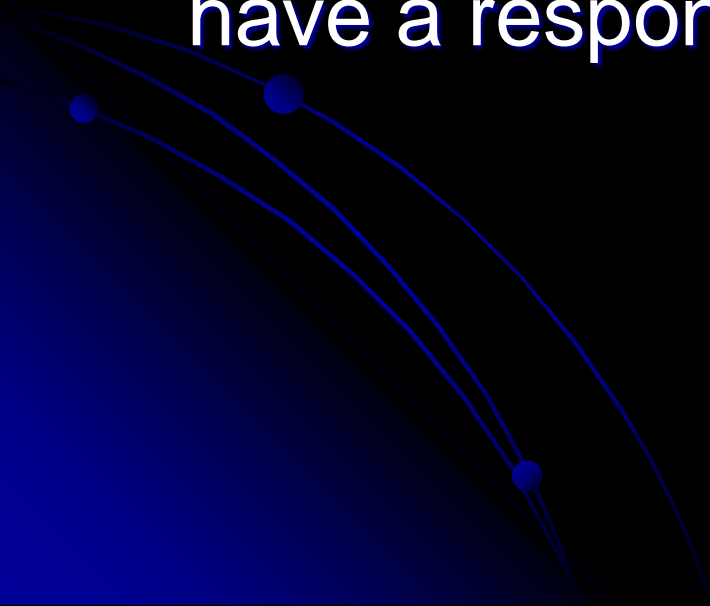
Why does the Church speak out?

- The church spoke out on this issue because there is a lack of dignity our society shows towards homeless people. The number of homeless is on the rise.
 - Housing Corporation Act 1974
 - Leads to domestic violence
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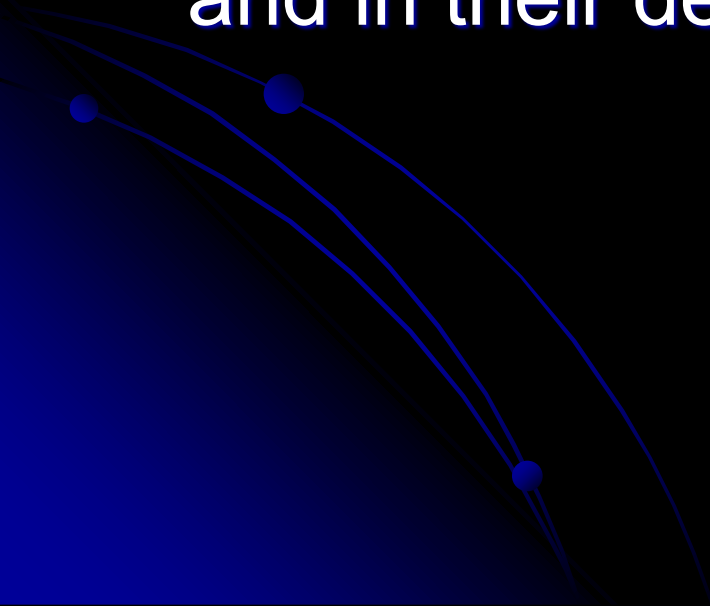
Who are the people and how are they affected?

- People become homeless because of money, unemployment, drugs, alcohol, or death.
 - Laws and Acts put people on the street.
 - Children and adults are victims of poor health or violence.
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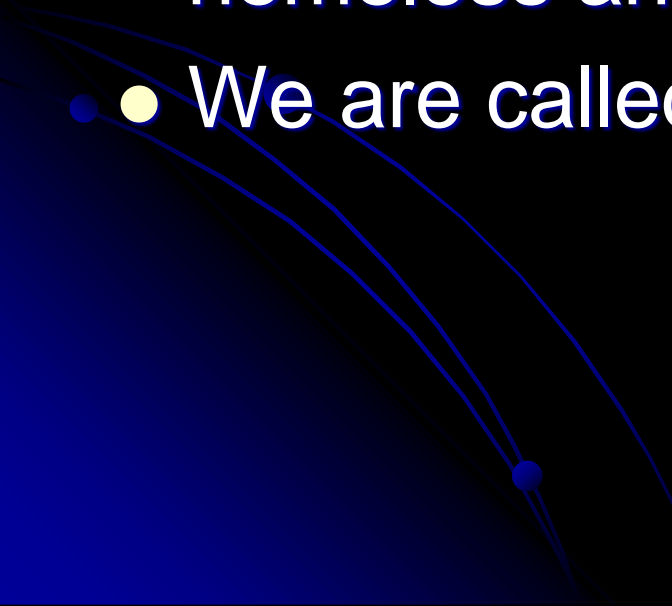
Sollicitudo Rei Socialis

- Pope John Paul in 1988 stated:
 - “The importance of sharing what we have for the benefit of all.”
 - He also states as a developed nation we have a responsibility toward the poor.
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Redemptoris Nostri Cruciatus

- This was Pope Pius XII 1949 document.
 - “We need to encourage all generous and noble souls to put forth their best effort to aid these homeless people in their sorrow and in their destitution.”
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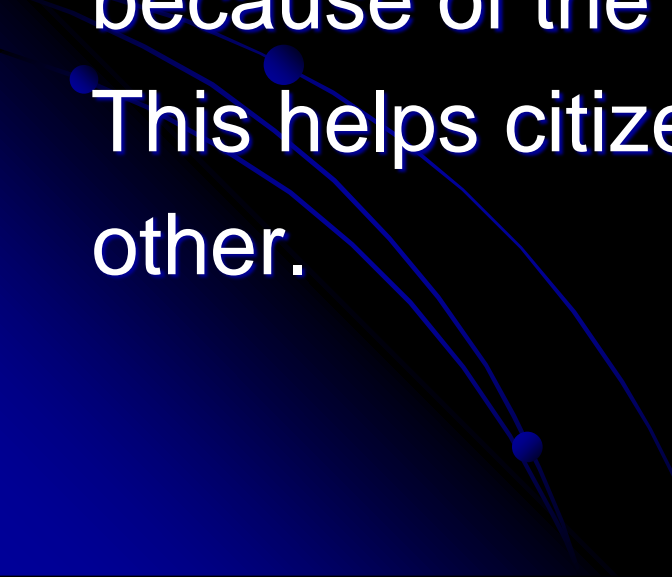
Church Teaching

- The Church teaches that we should live a modest lifestyle, and share with those who are less fortunate. The teaching to show love and concern, welcome those who are homeless and powerless.
 - We are called to apply the gospels.
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This would lead to a more just society. It would bring about a change in status and class. We wouldn't live in a society where the homeless are present.

We would all be on the same level because dignity would be restored. Changing laws to assist the homeless would lead to justice, because of the effect on the country as a whole.

This helps citizens to be responsible for each other.



Basic Plan for Justice

- Raise awareness on the issue
- Revise the basic standard for housing.
- Structures in place for those in needs.
Government input rather than great reliance on church groups.
- An analysis of the Housing Corporation Act 1974.