

SOURCES OF CHURCH TEACHING ON JUSTICE

Old Testament

New Testament

**Papal Documents
and**

**Vatican
Councils**

**Other points of
interest**



I am guilty of war when I proudly exercise my intelligence to the disadvantage of my fellow human beings.

I am guilty of war when I distort other's opinions which differ from my own.

I am guilty of war when I show disregard and deprive others of their rights.

I am guilty of war when I desecrate the environment.

I am guilty of war when I imagine my kin and myself to be a privileged people.

I am guilty of war when I think that a land of one's birth must necessarily be the place of his/her livelihood.

I am guilty of war when I believe that other people must think and live as I do.

I am guilty of war when I make success in life dependent upon power, fame and riches.

I am guilty of war when I encourage that people should keep pace by force, rather than by love and reason.

I am guilty of war when I believe the God I conceive is the one others must accept.

The Lost Son



The social justice teaching of the Catholic Church is rooted in Holy Scripture, which calls the people of God to lives of justice and mercy, compassion and hope, solidarity and peace. Over the centuries, in response to changing conditions and situations, the magisterium (i.e., the teaching authority of the Church -- the bishops, popes, and councils) have responded to the ever-new, yet ever-the-same, circumstances of the human condition with prayer and reflection which has produced ever more detailed doctrine.

THE FOCUS IS ON:

People have the right to:

- the Dignity of the human person
- community and the common good
- rights and responsibilities
- option for the poor
- the dignity of work
- solidarity
- care for God's creation

CHURCH WRITINGS

Old Testament

New Testament

Church Documents

Lets talk about examples of these.

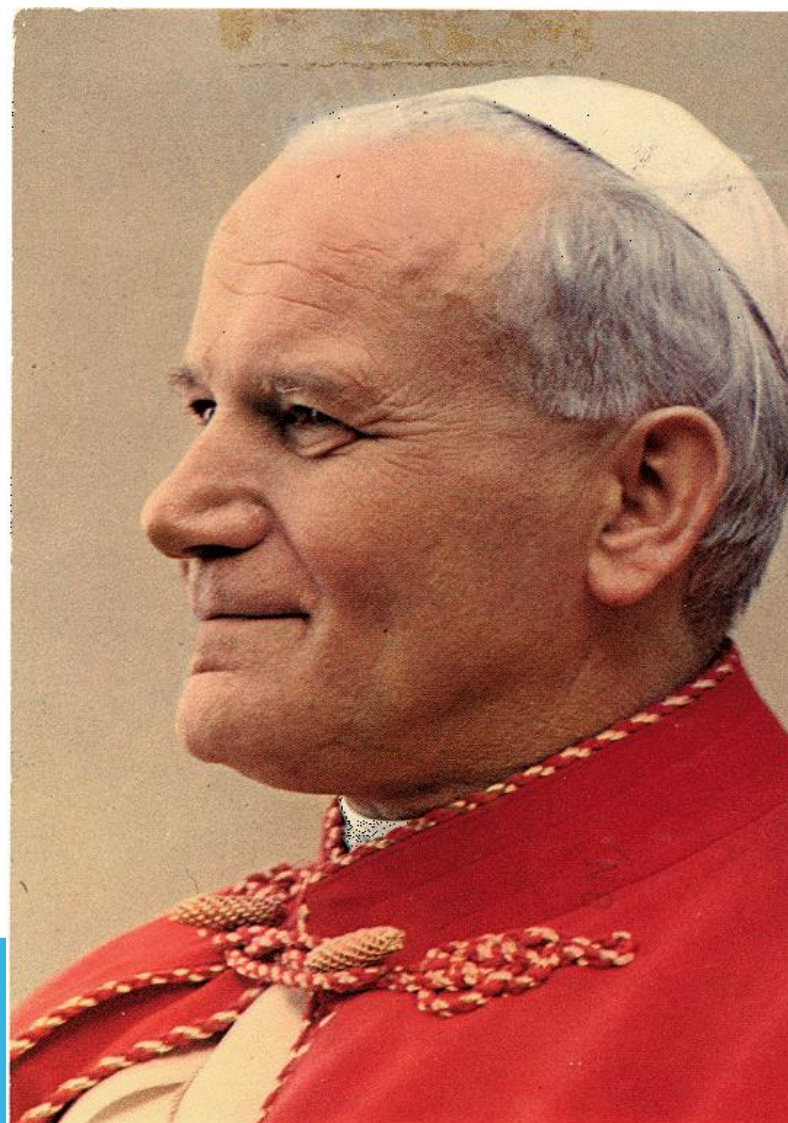


CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: MAJOR THEMES

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

It offers moral principles and coherent values that are badly needed in our time. In this time of widespread violence and diminished respect for human life and dignity in our country and around the world, the Gospel of life and the biblical call to justice need to be proclaimed and shared with new clarity, urgency, and energy.







DISCUSSION

If Jesus was born today
it would be in a downtown motel
marked by a helicopter's flashing bulb.
A policeman would be the first upon the scene.
Later, at the expense of a TV network,
the host of a chat show
and a controversial author
would arrive with their good wishes
-the whole occasion to be filmed as part of the
'Is This The Son Of God?' an E! one hour special.
His childhood would be a blur of photographs and
video on You Tube,
twitter and face book entries.


Then dwindling by his middle age into 'Where Is He
Now?' features.

If Jesus was thirty today people wouldn't really care about the public ministry, they'd be too busy investigating His finances, visiting his Facebook page, hacking his tweeter account and trying to prove if any of his friends had Church or Mafia or Terrorist connections.

The miracles would be explained by an eminent and controversial magician,

If Jesus was here today
He'd be the fly in everyone's ointment,
the sort of controversial person who
stands no chance of a fair go.
Communists would expel Him,
Capitalists
would exploit Him or have Him
smeared by people who know a thing or
two about God and terrorists would blow
him up.

If Jesus was here today he would be exploited on True Hollywood story, persecuted by the paparazzi and be accused of all sorts of fabrication.



If Jesus was thirty-two
today would you sit at the
foot of the cross and say
why don't you help yourself?
Or its his own fault you know?
You wanted to be a celebrity?

