

The Catholic Church's social teaching is a wealth of wisdom for living lives of holiness and building a just society in today's world. Catholic social teaching is encompassed under seven themes:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person,
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation,
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

For the next few weeks we will take a look at solidarity.

Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice.¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict. <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity>

If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice.

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

"When an alien resides with you in your land, do not mistreat such a one.

You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God."

Leviticus 19:33-34

Prayer for Solidarity

Almighty and ever-living God,
empower your one human family to join hands
on our journey of faith.

Send us your spirit of hope,
so that we may work
to alleviate human suffering
and foster charity and justice
in our world.

Amen.

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