

Principles of Catholic Social Justice Teaching

Life and Dignity of the Human Person [Life is sacred from conception to natural death; People are more important than things.]

- How has your service project helped you come to a greater respect for the dignity of each individual?

Call to Family, Community, and Participation [Marriage and family foundational to society and need to be supported; Everyone has right to participate in social, economic and political life.]

- How has your service project helped you come to a greater recognition of those pushed to the margins of society? How might they be better welcomed to participate in society?

Rights and Responsibilities [Right to life; Right to conditions of decent life (education, healthcare, employment, housing); Have duty to secure these rights not only for selves but for others.]

- How has your service project made you more aware of the basic rights of individuals? What obligation do you as an individual and we as a society have to make sure that the rights of all are met?

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable [Society measured by how it stands with poor and vulnerable.]

- In light of your service project, do you believe our nation/state/local community has a great enough concern for the plight of the poor? Why/not?

Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers [Right to productive work, fair wages, organize]

- How has your service project helped you to understand better the importance of work and the rights of workers?

Solidarity [One human family; Commitment to common good vs. individualism]

- How has your service project brought you to a greater recognition of our interrelatedness as human beings?

Caring for God's Creation [We are stewards of earth and participate in God's creation.]

- How has your service project brought you to a greater understanding of environmental issues and the impact they have on the poor and vulnerable?

Subsidiarity [Higher levels of society to help lower levels of society meet needs. Decision making left to lower levels of society/those most immediately impacted by decision when possible.]

- Do you feel that society empowers/enables those whom you serve to make decisions for themselves regarding issues by which they are most immediately impacted?