



## WEEK 3

# Call to Family, Community, and Participation

7 weeks of *Easter*  
themes of *Catholic Social Teaching*

At the Easter vigil, we both celebrate baptism of new members of the Body of Christ and remember our own baptisms. In Baptism, we receive a “vocation to holiness,” which is “intimately connected” to our membership in the “Communion of Saints,” which strives to make present the “Kingdom of God in history.”

### Help Us Build Communities in God’s Vision of Justice

Holy Spirit,  
We praise and thank you!  
You anoint us to  
bring glad tidings to the poor  
proclaim liberty to captives  
recover sight for the blind  
free the oppressed  
and build communities in keeping  
with God’s vision of justice.  
Show us how to be  
light of the world  
salt of the earth  
seeds that sprout love

and leaven that infuses humanity  
with the desire to promote  
human dignity and solidarity.  
Help us to listen so that  
those in poverty can lead our  
efforts to  
proclaim a more hopeful vision  
liberate captives from injustice  
heal the blindness of the powerful  
free us all from self-centeredness  
and build community to overcome  
poverty.  
Amen.

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*“Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. . . . Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds.”*

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, nos. 179, 219

### Sacred Scripture

“This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

1 John 4:21

### Sacred Tradition

“The common good requires the social well-being and development of the group itself... It should make accessible to each what is needed to lead a truly human life: food, clothing, health, work, education and culture, suitable information, the right to establish a family, and so on.”

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1908