



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

WEEK 3

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

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.”

“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

Catholic Social Teaching in Action



The USCCB launched the You Are Not Alone initiative – a national effort to offer hope, accompaniment, and practical support to immigrants and their families facing fear and instability due to immigration enforcement in the United States. The initiative focuses on actions like emergency and family support, accompaniment and pastoral care, solidarity through public prayer, and education about Church teaching and immigrants’ rights.

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.