



WEEK 1

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

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

As the church celebrates the resurrection of Christ in the Easter season, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (Jn. 10:10). God’s love for each person is a fundamental teaching of the Church, and our response to this love is how our Christianity is lived out in the world today. During the seven weeks of the Easter season, join in learning about the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, which offer wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of the modern world.

Prayer for Life and Dignity

Eternal God, creator and sustainer of life, bless us with the courage to defend all life from conception to natural death.

Bless us with the strength to respect all peoples from east to west, from north to south, so that we may truly follow the call of Jesus to be neighbor.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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“The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity. Differences of color, religion, talent, place of birth or residence, and so many others, cannot be used to justify the privileges of some over the rights of all.”

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 118

Sacred Scripture

“God created mankind in his image;
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.”

Genesis 1:27

Sacred Tradition

“Every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living and holy God.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2319