

Catholic Social Teaching

Every fortnight we focus on a different Catholic Social Teaching 'key'. These keys are rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of church leaders and influenced by grassroots movements to be a part of positive change. We use them to help us follow in the footsteps of Christ; showing kindness, compassion and understanding and by promoting justice, love and peace. We refer back to these principles in all aspects of our school life and outside of school too. There are nine Catholic Social Teaching keys that entwine in all areas of our school life and all subjects of our curriculum.

All about Stewardship (Caring for God's gifts).

Stewardship is all about caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources.

All living things are connected so we must use God's gifts responsibly to meet the needs of everyone, now and in the future.

If you would like to share the message at home, you may wish to share the following scripture, quotes and prayer as a family.



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

Caring for God's gifts -
Stewardship



Loving God,
We believe that the world is for everyone.
We thank you for the gift of Creation.
Help us to take care of the planet and all people who live on it.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer
Caring for God's gifts
- Stewardship

*"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to care for it and keep it."
Genesis 2:15*

*"Our earth is talking to us and we must listen to it and decipher its message if we want to survive."
Pope Benedict XVI*

*"We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!"
Pope Francis*

**All about
Option for the Poor**
(Putting people in most need first).

We put the needs of others first, especially the poor. We think about the needs of those who are the most vulnerable.

Jesus taught that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, look after the sick and visit those imprisoned, we are looking after Him.

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The needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.

Putting people in most need first -
Option for the Poor

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Love one another as I have loved you

Loving God,

We believe that when we serve the poor we serve you.

Help us to take special care of those people most in need.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Putting people in most need first

- Option for the Poor

"Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow."

Isaiah 1:17

"The (needs of the poor and vulnerable) affects the life of each Christian as they seek to imitate the life of Christ."

St Pope John Paul II

"The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing..."

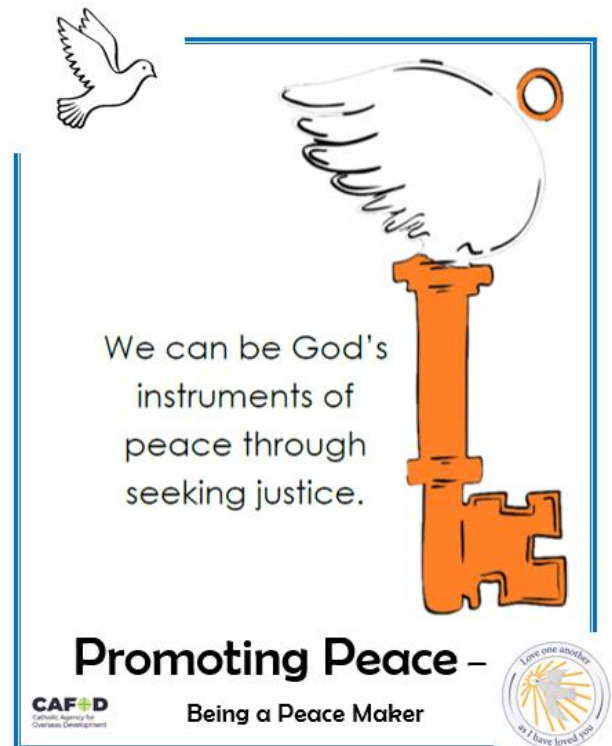
Pope Francis

**All about
Promoting Peace
(Being a Peace Maker).**

Peace is not just the absence of war. It is part of God's nature, and a value we should all seek to live out in our daily lives.

Peace comes from both justice and love and is dependent upon people understanding, respecting and loving one another.

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We can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.

Promoting Peace -
Being a Peace Maker

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Community Development

Love one another
as I have loved you

Loving God,

We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes, our communities and our world.

Help us to be peacemakers, listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Promoting Peace
- Being a Peace Maker

*"...those who promote peace have joy."
Proverbs 12:20*

*"Today the world has a profound thirst for peace. In many countries, people are suffering due to wars which, though often forgotten, are always the cause of suffering and poverty."
Pope Francis*

*"Peace (needs to be) ... built on justice, nurtured, supported by charity and...freedom."
Pope St John XII*

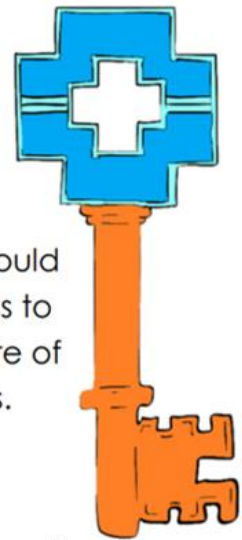
All about Distributive Justice

(Everyone has a Fair Share of Resources).

God's plan was for all people to share in the goods of this world. This means that no person should struggle to have the basic necessities of life such as food, shelter and clothing.

Distributive justice is all about fair allocation of resources. So everyone has shelter, food, water, clothing and education.

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Everyone should
have access to
their fair share of
resources.

Distributive Justice –

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Domestic Development

Everyone has a Fair Share
of Resources



Loving God,

We believe that the gifts of the world should be shared fairly.

Help us to always be grateful for what we have and share generously with others.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Distributive Justice

- Everyone has a Fair Share of Resources

"All who believed were together and had all things in common."

Acts 2:44-45

"...we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone."

Pope Francis

"The principles of universal destination of goods is an invitation... to bring about a world of fairness and solidarity..."

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church

**All about
Solidarity (Showing we care).**

Being in solidarity is recognising others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.

We are connected to people and places all over the world.

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God created us
as one global
family called to
support our
brothers and
sisters.

**Showing we care -
Solidarity**

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Overseas Development

Love one another
as I have loved you

Loving God,

We believe that we are one big
human family.

Help us to reach out to people who
are suffering or sad, showing them
the love you have shown
to us.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Showing we care

- Solidarity

"... all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

*"We are called to confront the poverty of our
brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own
and to take practical steps to alleviate it."*

Pope Francis

*"The word 'solidarity'... refers to something more
than a few acts of generosity... (it is about)
community and the priority of all..."*


Pope Francis

**All about
Common Good (Thinking of everyone).**

Our actions and words have an impact on everyone. When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.

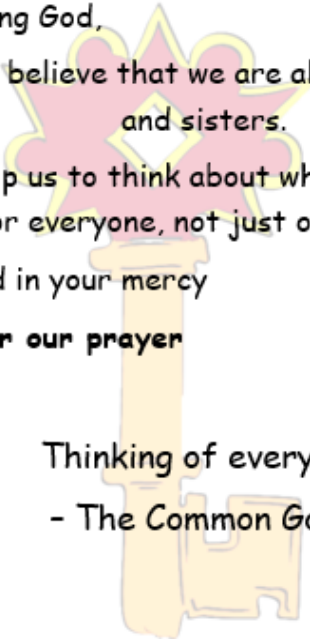


The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind.

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We are called to work for the good of each and of all.

Thinking of everyone -
The Common Good



Loving God,
We believe that we are all brothers and sisters.
Help us to think about what is good for everyone, not just ourselves.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Thinking of everyone
- The Common Good

*"The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of parts."
Pope Francis*

*"All who believed were together and had all things in common: they would ...distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."
Acts 2:44-45*

*"Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good of 'all of us'...To desire the common good and strive towards it."
Pope Benedict XVI*



All about

Subsidiarity (Everyone should have a say).

Subsidiarity involves making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice.

Everyone should both have a say and listen to others. Working together we can all have a say and the chance to put in place positive change.

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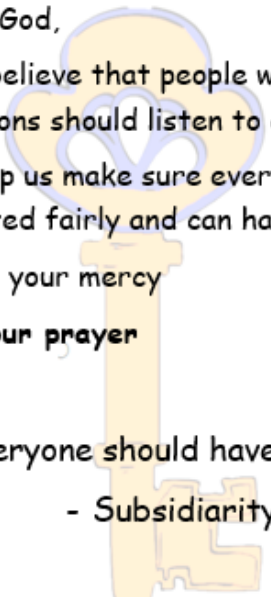



We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say.

Everyone should have a say

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say – Subsidiarity



Loving God,
We believe that people who make decisions should listen to everyone.
Help us make sure everyone is treated fairly and can have a say.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Everyone should have a say
- Subsidiarity

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'Jethro said to Moses: Let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves.'
Exodus 18:22

"...together we want to give voice to all those who have no voice and are not heard."
Pope Francis

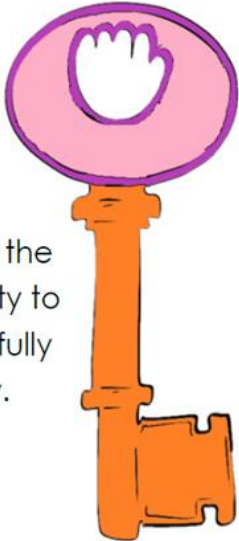

"Development programmes, if they are to be adapted to support people; then the people who are going to benefit should be involved in their planning."
Pope Benedict

**All about
Participation (Taking part).**

We live in a community with others, growing together. We are called to be active participants in all we do.



We have a responsibility to be inclusive so that we allow all people to participate.

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We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.

Taking part –
Participation



Loving God,
We believe that everyone has special gifts and talents.
Thank you for the gifts you have given us.
Help us to make sure everyone can use the talents you gave them.
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Taking part
- Participation

*"When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love."
Ephesians 4:16*

*"It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good."
The Catechism of the Catholic Church*



*"Each of us has a part to play, a gift to share, a service to offer, for building up the Body of Christ in love."
Pope Francis*

**All about
Human Dignity (Everyone is special).**

Each of us is made in God's image. We follow our mission statement, 'Love one another, as I have loved you.'



Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every human being. We do this by showing love, understanding and respect for all.

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We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.

Everyone is special -
Human Dignity



Loving God,

We believe that each person is special because God made us all.

Help us try to make sure all people are treated with respect and have what they need because God made them too.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Everyone is special
- Human Dignity

"There will be no peace or justice in the world until we return to a sense of our dignity as creatures and children of God."

Pope St John XXII

"Let us make human-kind in our image, according to our likeness."

Genesis 1:26

"Every person is worthy of our giving...they are God's handiwork, his creation."

Pope Francis

