

Study Guide: Catholic Social Teaching

Vocabulary

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| • human dignity | • human dignity |
| • solidarity | • common good |
| • society | • human rights |
| • social sin | • original sin |
| • social encyclical | • social justice |

Lists

- corporal works of mercy
- spiritual works of mercy
- 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching (just like the quiz!)

Skills

- tell the difference between a work of mercy/service and a work of justice
- choose whether a work of mercy is a corporal or a spiritual work of mercy

Short Answer Questions

- The basis of human dignity is that :
- What does it mean to say that the Catholic Church (and therefore each of us as members of the Church) operates under the concept of a “preferential option for the poor”?
- Describe what we mean by “stewardship” of the earth.
- “*Rerum Novarum*” was written in 1891 by Pope Leo XIII and addressed “The Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor.” Why was it necessary for the Pope to address this issue? What was happening in the world as a result of the Industrial Revolution?
- Discuss, using at least 2 examples taken from the student presentations, why it is important for groups to participate in BOTH works of mercy/service AND in works of justice.
- How has your perspective on people who are poor, in the US and outside the US, changed over the course of this unit? What have you learned that is new?
- What is one concrete action or change in your life that you will commit to that will help you live more fully according to the ideas of Catholic Social Teaching? How will you do it? Be as specific as possible. (Non-acceptable answers: donate food to a food pantry, give money to charity)