



FROM THE DESK OF FR. MIKE

Last weekend, I shared excerpts from the USCCB Examination of Conscience in Light of Catholic Social Teaching. The examination is broken down into the following categories: Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care for God’s Creation. Today I am sharing the remaining three categories with the parish. May we reflect on the Holy Spirit guiding us in our respect for all life as followers of Jesus.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE IN LIGHT OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – PART 2

THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

As a worker, do I give my employer a fair day’s work for my wages? As an owner, do I treat workers fairly?

Do I treat all workers with whom I interact with respect, no matter their position or class?

Do I support the rights of all workers to adequate wages, health insurance, vacation, and sick leave? Do I affirm their right to form or join unions or worker associations?

Do my purchasing choices take into account the hands involved in the production of what I buy? When possible, do I buy products produced by workers whose rights and dignity were respected?

SOLIDARITY

Does the way I spend my time reflect a genuine concern for others?

Is solidarity incorporated into my prayer and spirituality? Do I lift up vulnerable people throughout the world in my prayer, or is it reserved for only my personal concerns?

Am I attentive only to my local neighbors or also those across the globe?

Do I see all members of the human family as my brothers and sisters?

CARE FOR GOD’S CREATION

Do I live out my responsibility to care for God’s creation?

Do I see my care for creation as connected to my concern for poor persons, who are most at risk from environmental problems?

Do I litter? Live wastefully? Use energy too freely? Are there ways I could reduce consumption in my life?

Are there ways I could change my daily practices and those of my family, school, workplace, or community to better conserve the earth’s resources for future generations?

Many thanks to all who are participating in the Baby Bottle Project. Additional baby bottles are available at the entrances to the church. You may return them to the Parish Office or church any time during the month of October. On October 29 and 30 parishioners are invited to donate in support of Catholic Charities’ Refugee Ministry. Thanks for your support of this very important need. May God guide and bless us with hearts of charity and concern for our neighbor.

Plans are underway for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 30 and the opportunity will also be offered to help Pack the Pantry with a food drive for our Sharing Parish, Most Blessed Trinity, the same weekend (October 29 and 30). More details will be available on our website and upcoming bulletins.

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