



# Catholic Social Teaching

## What is Catholic Social Teaching ?

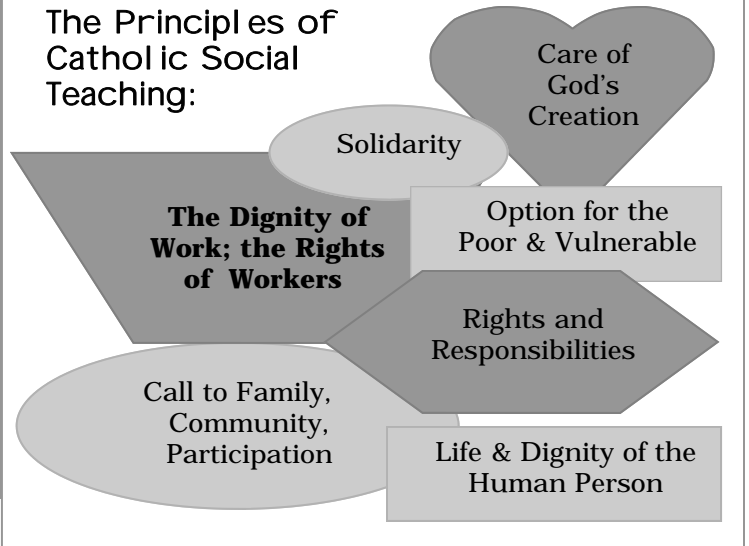
- a. Papal encyclicals
- b. Gospel message
- c. Letters from the US Bishops
- d. Catechism of the Catholic Church
- e. All of the above

ANSWER: "e". All of the Above

## Catholic Social Teaching is also:

- Our attempt to make the reign of God a reality
- Principles, guidelines, and criteria for action
- Our response to the signs of the times we live in
- Our assessment...analysis of our contemporary situation

## The Principles of Catholic Social Teaching:



## THIS WEEKS FOCUS:

### The Dignity of Work; the Rights of Workers

*The economy must serve people; not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, than the basic rights of workers must be respected - the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organization and joining of unions, to private property and economic initiative.*

## What does this mean?

- people have a right to –
- decent and productive work
  - just wages
  - right to organize
  - safe working environment
  - “no” to sweatshops
  - economy exists to serve people
  - Employee Free Choice Act

*“We are our brothers and sisters keepers.”*  
Pope John Paul II

*Look forward to our next Principal –*  
**CARE OF GOD'S CREATION**