

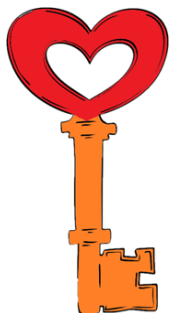
HUMAN DIGNITY

Each of us is made in God's image.

Every person has an innate human dignity that no one can take away.

Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every human being. Everything else flows from this dignity.

Key statement



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



"Every person is worthy of our giving... they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."

*Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), #274*

"Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are."

*Saint Pope John Paul II,
On the Hundredth Year, #11*

"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."

Saint Pope John XXIII

God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.'
Genesis 1:26

CAFOD and Human Dignity

CAFOD works with all people, regardless of gender, disability, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, culture, sexual orientation, political or religious belief. We celebrate diversity, and the strength it gives us, as we come together and seek justice for all.

Since we believe each person is made in the image and likeness of God and has inherent dignity, we work with those living in poverty to have access to food, water, housing and other basic amenities which many of us can often take for granted.

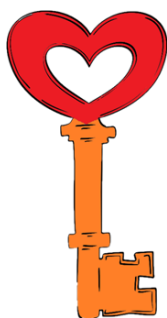
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THE COMMON GOOD

**Our actions 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.**

Key statement



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



“Beside the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of ‘all of us’...”

To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.”

*Pope Benedict XVI,
Caritas in Veritate, #7, 2009*

“The common good... the sum total of social conditions which allow people... to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily.”

*Second Vatican Council,
Gaudium et Spes, #26, 1965*

“The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts.”

*Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), #235, 2013*

“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*

CAFOD and The Common Good

CAFOD follows Jesus' example of ensuring that quieter voices are heard, so that a better world is achieved together, where each and every one of us, including our mother earth, may flourish.

Ultimately, no one can truly flourish if another person is hungry, lost or abandoned, nor can humankind flourish while our common home is degraded and exploited for the good of the few.

To find out more about The Common Good, see our animation for secondary schools: [Catholic Social Teaching in 3 minutes.](#)