



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING SERIES

**Social Justice Ministry
Good Shepherd Catholic Community**

Welcome – Starting at 7pm Central

**CST of Love God and Neighbor
(Solidarity and Common Good)**

www.gsccl.net/socialjustice



Welcome!!!

- **Thanks**
- **Recording – please mute computers/phones**
- **Please stay on mute -- microphones will open after presentation**
- **Send questions via chat**



Prayer

- **“where 2 or more are gathered ... ”**
- **“... that they may all be one ...” John 17:20-22**
 - **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan 18-25, 2025**
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/international-week-prayer-christian-unity>
- **Help us be good neighbors to all**
 - **“... promoting peace and reconciliation among peoples”**
 - **one people with friendship, mercy, and work for the good of all**



Catholic Social Doctrine gives a Framework for Making Many Decisions

- 1. Introduce basics of Catholic Social Doctrine**
- 2. Provide a framework to inform/form conscience and personal transformation based on the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church**
- 3. Provide guidance to apply Social Doctrine to daily and new moral and social issues that we face**



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-- Stewardship



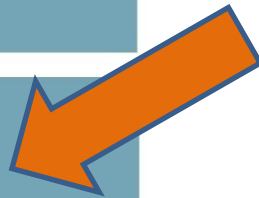
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The Command to Love God and Neighbor



Guest Speaker: Jeff Hedglen

February 24, 2025

7 – 830 pm

Join us in Parish Hall Center, Room 2

<https://northtexascatholic.org/contributors/jeff-hedglen>

Abstract: The presentation will explore the mandate from Jesus to love God with our whole being and our neighbor as our self. Plus, we will explore how this command is fleshed out in Catholic Social Teaching, in Scripture, The Catechism, Compendium, Encyclicals, etc. Topics will include:

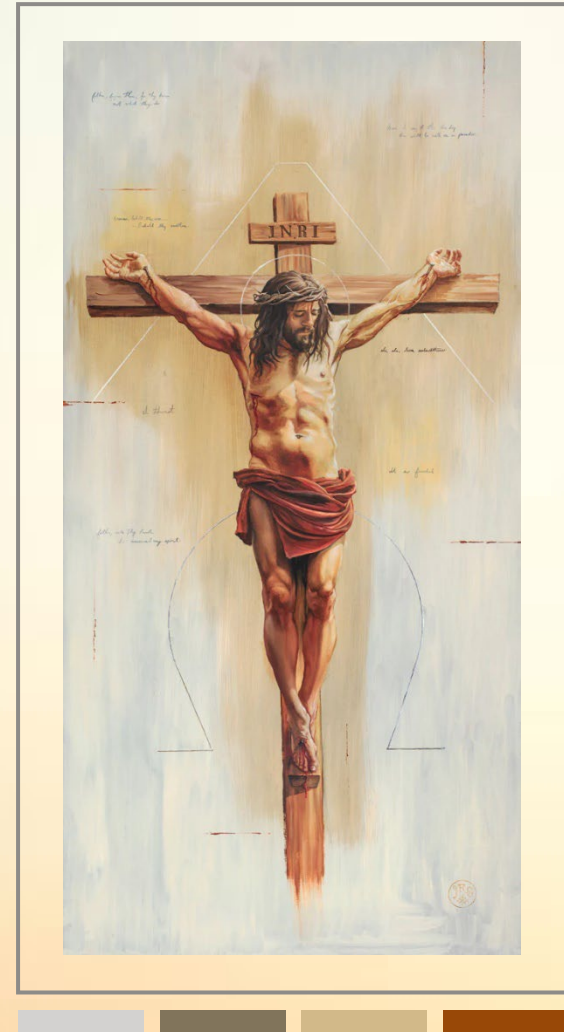
- **How do we love God above all things?**
- **What does Jesus mean by neighbor?**
- **What implications does this requirement to love have on my life as a Catholic?**



Jeff Hedglen

- **Jeff holds an MTS in Theology and a BA in Sociology**
- **Experienced in Lay Ministry since 1986**
 - **25 years at the parish level as a Youth and Young Adult Minister**
 - **Over 11 years experience in the Diocese doing Campus and Young Adult Ministry**
- **Founded and ran a youth service camp for 20 years.**
- **Writer of a spiritual column for the North Texas Catholic since 2002**
- **Married for 29 years to a woman he met on vacation in Germany**

LOVE GOD
LOVE NEIGHBOR





SING TOGETHER

HOLY SPIRIT, HOLY SPIRIT
HOLY SPIRIT, COME



In Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:5

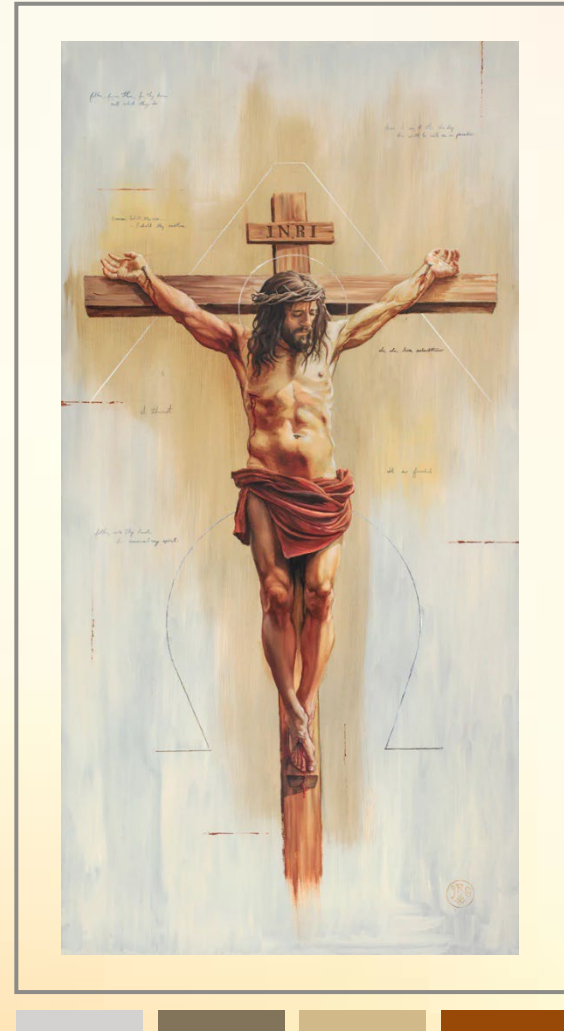
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:19:18

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 22 36-40

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'



How to Love God

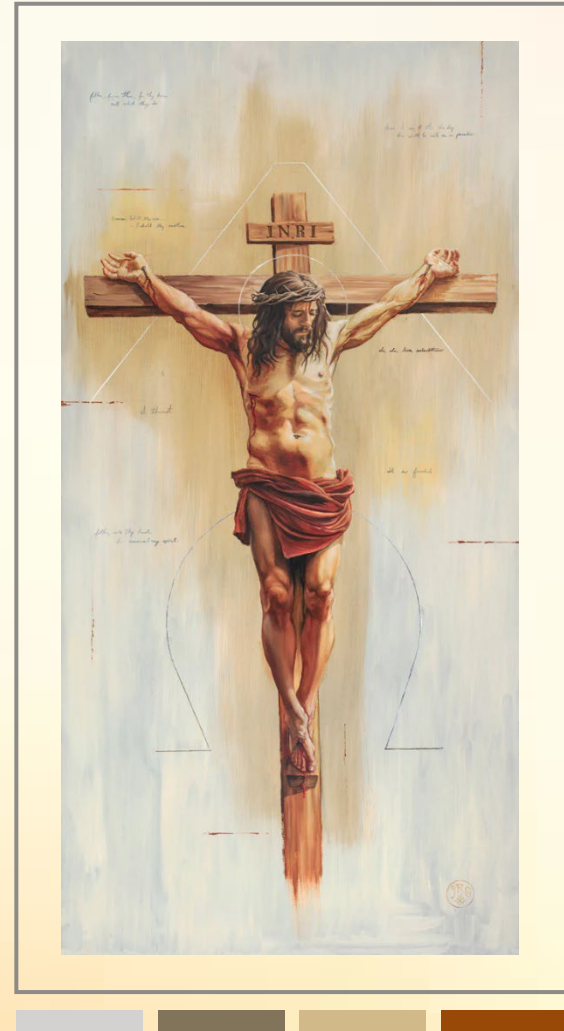
What is meant by Love God

We must Know God

Takes Effort

Pusillanimous

Magnanimous





SING TOGETHER

I LOVE YOU LORD
I LOVE YOU LORD
I LOVE YOU LORD,
YOU ARE MY STENGTH



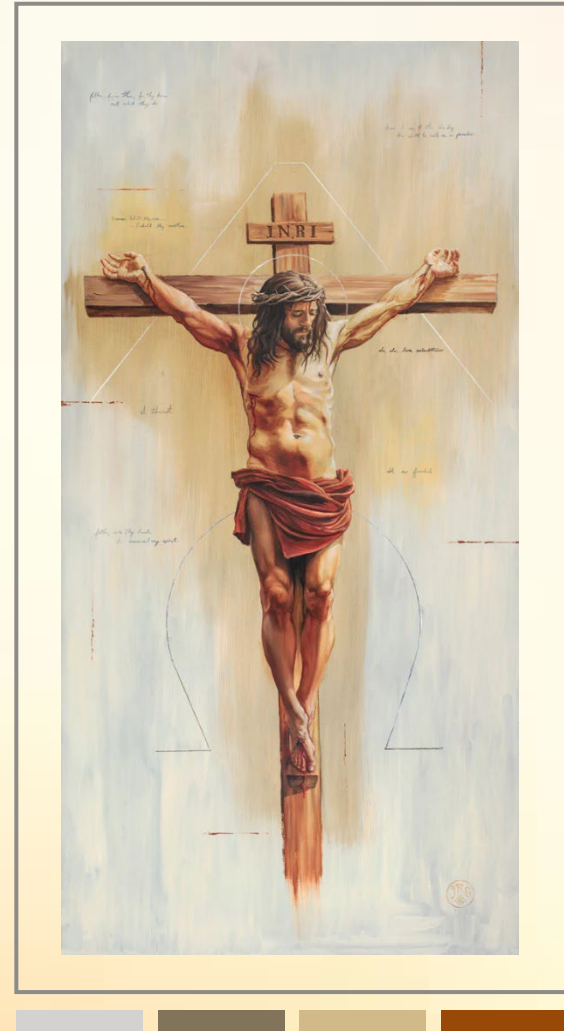
How to Love Neighbor

What is meant by Love Neighbor

Who is Neighbor

Will the Good

I John 4:16, 19-21





SING TOGETHER

We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love



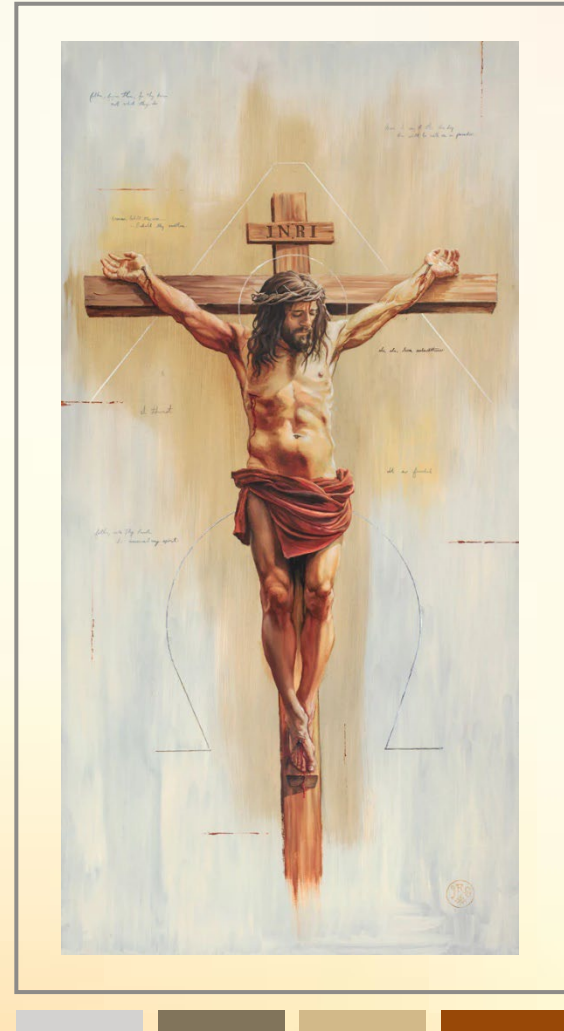
Common Good

Set the Stage

What is meant by Common Good

Essential Elements

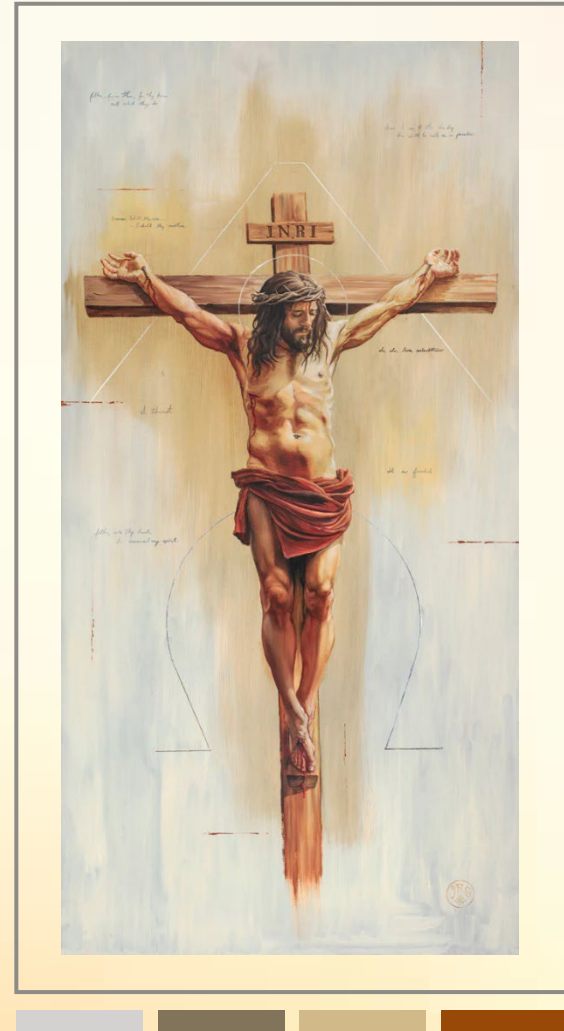
- Respect for Person
- Development
- Peace



Common Good

Quick Hits

- Reason for Government
- Future Generations
- Not an End in itself
- It is Spiritual



SING TOGETHER



We are one body, one body in Christ,
And we do not stand alone.

We are one body, One body in Christ,
And he came that we might have life.



Solidarity

Set the stage

It is radical

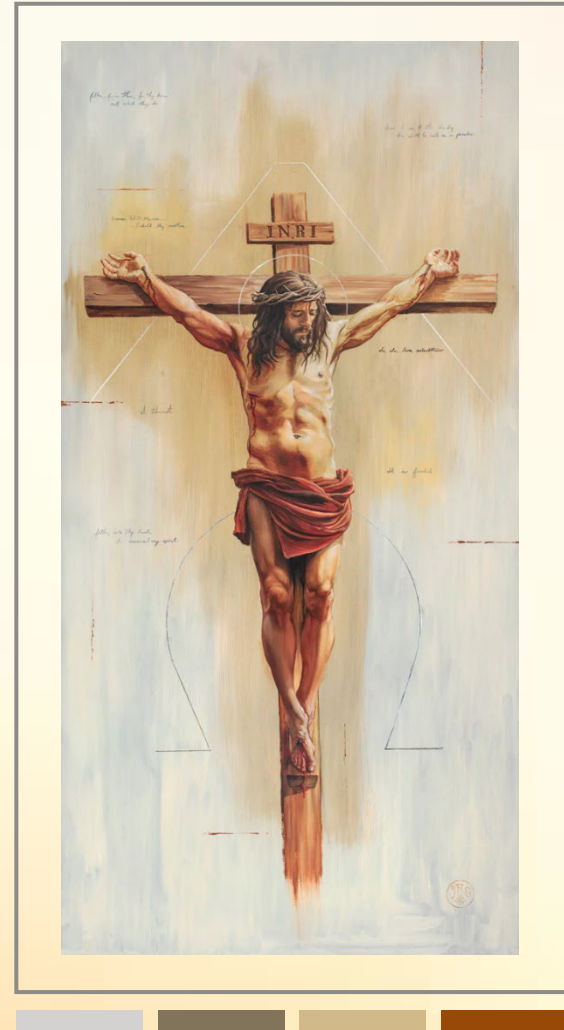
Flows from Faith

Common Father

What must we do

Transcendence

Component of our faith



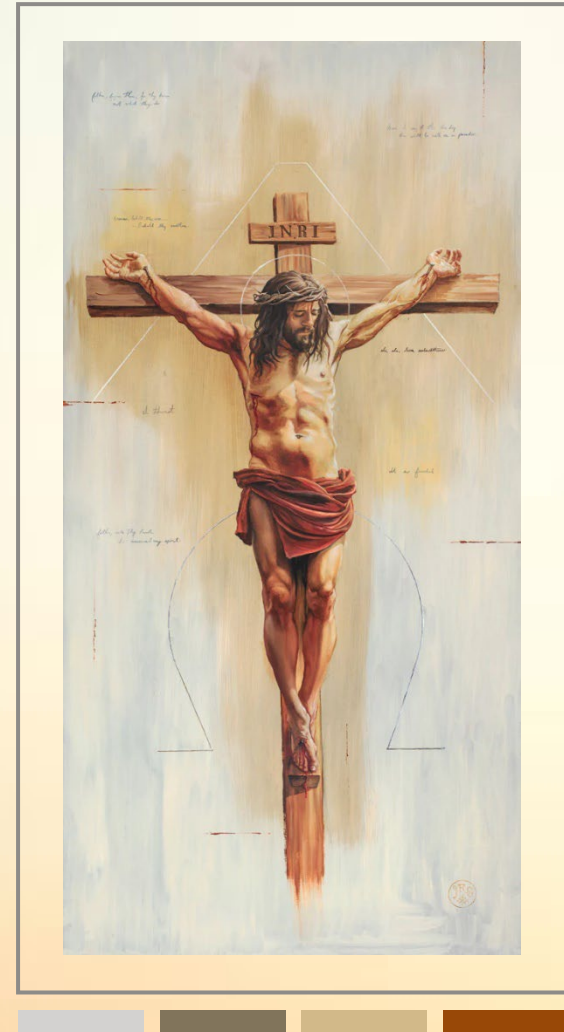


SING TOGETHER

I SURRENDER...
TO YOUR WILL



LOVE GOD
LOVE NEIGHBOR





Questions for Jeff?



Homework

1. Act

- Between now and Lent, what 1-2 specific things will you do to better show Solidarity (friendship) toward others?
- Between now and Easter, what 1-2 additional things will you do to better show Solidarity (friendship) and working for the Common Good of all?

2. Read more about Solidarity and Common Good

- JeffH -- Further reading on Solidarity and Common Good
- Catechism (1939-1942, 2437; 1880, 1883, 1905-1912) and Compendium (192-196; 164-170)
- USCCB information on Catholic Social Teachings of Solidarity and Common Good

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity>

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/catholics-promote-common-good>



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Catholic Social Doctrine Related Topics ...

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Love and Mercy

(Agape, Phileo, Mercy, Action, Two Feet of Love)



**Biblical Justice and
Catholic Social Encyclicals**



Immigrants, Migrants, Refugees



**Nonviolence, Peace, War
Kingdom of God on Earth**

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Racism

Gender and Sexuality

Other Topics



Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration



**Guest Speakers: Xergio Chacin, CCFW
Terre Martin, GSCC**

**May 5, 2025 -- 10-1130am
Parish Hall or via Zoom**



Abstract: The presentation explores the Catholic Social Teaching about Immigration through the lens of the “least brothers of mine” and Scripture, Catechism, Compendium of Catholic Social Doctrine, Encyclicals, etc.

- Who is the “Stranger” today?
- What are some root causes of today’s immigration?
- What are the rights of Stranger and Us?
- What are our responsibilities?



Closing Prayer

Calling on God as our Liberator

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Prayer for Pope Francis



USCCB Video – CST 101

Solidarity - A feature of Catholic Discipleship



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2DjhDMyoLg&list=PLpTzvCOJa7DD2S8DA5oXwyGCz6QS-BgMk&index=4>

Discussion Guide

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/upload/cst-101-solidarity-discussion-guide-final.pdf>



References for Solidarity*	Web Address
Catechism of the Catholic Church	https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church
Caritas in Veritate	https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate.html
Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church	https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_pc_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html
Economic Justice for All (USCCB)	https://www.usccb.org/upload/economic_justice_for_all.pdf
Evangelium Vitae	https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_25031995_evangelium-vitae.html
Fratelli Tutti	https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html
Laudato Si	https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html
Mater et Magistra	https://www.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_15051961_mater.html
New American Bible Revised Edition (Bible Gateway Version)	https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/New-American-Bible-Revised-Edition-NABRE-Bible/
Pacem in Terris	https://www.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_11041963_pacem.html
Popularum Progressio	https://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_26031967_populorum.html
Sollicitudo Rei Socialis	https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_30121987_sollicitudo-rei-socialis.html
USCCB Seven Themes of CST	https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching

* Vatican documents can be downloaded as a PDF for easy searches, highlights, and comments)



Definition of Catholic Social Doctrine

1. **Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is the Social Doctrine (or Social Magisterium) that forms a body of knowledge enabling the Church (in concert with the Holy Spirit)**
 - “to analyze social realities,
 - to make judgments about them, and
 - to indicate directions to be taken for the just resolution of the problems involved.”

(Centesimus Annus 2, 5)

2. **The scope of Catholic Social Doctrine (CSD) includes**
 - The role of human beings within God’s Creation
 - The life, dignity, rights, and duties of each human being (including one’s self)
 - Preferential and prioritized love (agapao) for the poor and vulnerable
 - Fellowship (solidarity) and participation with others as individuals, family, community, work, government, society, and other nations/peoples in the world
 - Requirements of the Common Good, Justice, and Peace

3. **Catholic Social Doctrine provides a framework for us to inform and form conscience. CSD helps guide behavior as we deal with current, new, and complex, moral issues faced each day about Creation, society, economics, etc.**