



PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE
Papal & U.S. Bishop Statements

Opposition to abortion and euthanasia does not excuse indifference to those who suffer from poverty, violence and injustice. Any politics of human life must work to resist the violence of war and the scandal of capital punishment. Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issue of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing and health care. Therefore, Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all areas.

U.S. Bishops –Living the Gospel of Life, 15.

It will be necessary above all to abandon a mentality in which the poor – as individuals and as peoples – are considered a burden, as irksome intruders trying to consume what others have produced... The poor ask for the right to share in enjoying material goods and to make good use of their capacity for work, thus creating a world that is more just and prosperous for all.

The Vatican—The Hundredth Year, #28 (p. 55).

This social mission of the Church belongs to all of us. It is an essential part of what is to be a believer—to call oneself Catholic.

Social justice and the common good are built up or torn down day by day in the countless decisions and choices we make. This vocation to pursue justice is not simply an individual task; it is a call to work with others to humanize and shape the institutions that touch so many people.

U.S. Bishops – Everyday Christianity: 1, 4.

Next Meeting: This Thursday! 4/27/06; 7:30-9:30, Room 227
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