



***By making a covenant with the poor, we are making God's concern for the poor our own.***

*- Catholic Agency for Overseas Development*

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We continue to prepare for the Church's Lenten mission on extreme poverty. Below, we discuss making a covenant with the poor. Different covenants can be made, depending on situation and need. Over the next two weeks, we will offer ideas on social justice covenants related to wealth sharing and poverty.

**Ideas for a Social Justice  
Covenant on Wealth Sharing**

We promise to:

- use our education and skills to help others improve their lives: assist literacy and language programs, teach job skills, etc.
- be present...to the sick, the housebound, the elderly, asylum seekers and refugees, and others who are marginalized in our communities. We promise to act as their advocates, giving a voice to the voiceless.
- reduce over consumption and be more moderate and less wasteful in our use and consumption of basic utilities and water.
- view Lent as a time to make sacrifices that will somehow benefit those in poverty
- commit to poverty-related work in our parish
- donate saved money to economic development projects, both locally and globally, through groups like Catholic Relief Services.
- contribute to a scholarship fund (or set up such a fund) to provide a child in poverty an education

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*Next Social Justice Mtg.: Thurs.2/22/07; 7:30-9:30, Rm. 227*