

THE COMMON GOOD IN SCRIPTURE AND CHURCH TEACHINGS



Learning Intention: To understand the scripture passages and Church teachings that underpin our understanding of the common good.

Explain how the below Bible passages link to the Catholic Social Teaching of The Common Good.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Matthew 25:40

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Romans 12:5

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Mark 12:31

'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

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Although a human being is social, they often act a-socially: driven by selfishness, greed, or egotism, they lead other people astray, exploits and oppresses them, or else leaves them defenceless.

True community, however, is a free association of human beings who want what is good for themselves and for others.

- *DOCAT What to do? (2016) n26 (paraphrased)*

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Create a diptych artwork that expresses the two contrasting messages of this quote.

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In Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, he writes about the idea of [Integral Ecology](#).

He says that working for the common good of our global family, and caring for our environment, goes hand in hand.

Explain how in caring for our environment, we are also working towards the common good of others.

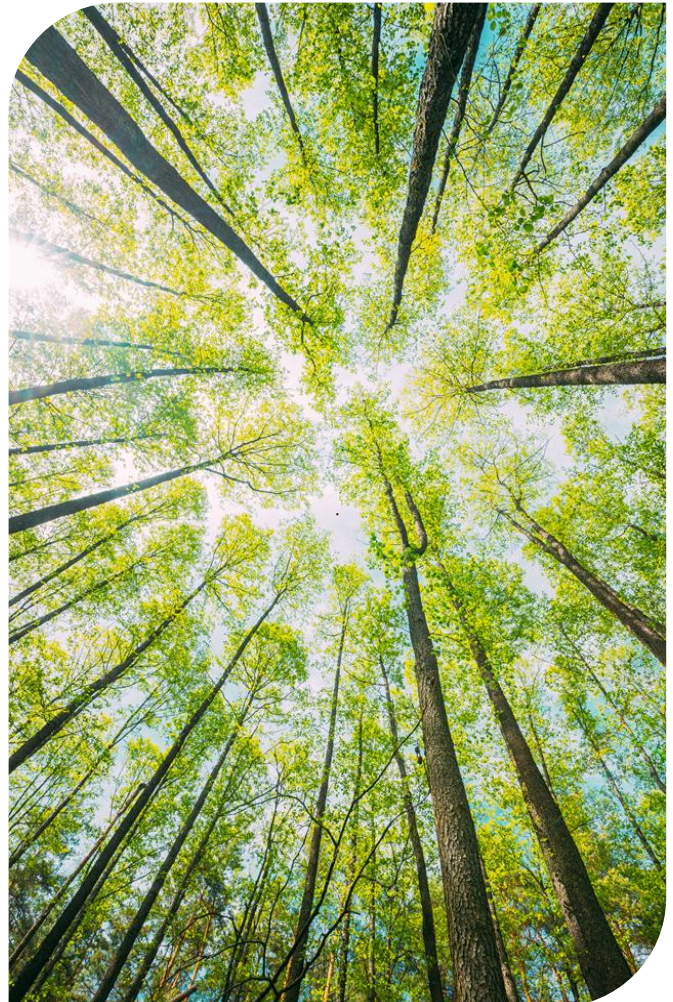


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