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It's about living together in a community.





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# SOLIDARITY

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# PARTICIPATION AND SUBSIDIARITY

All people should be able to participate in their community and have a say in decisions that affect them.



# AN EASY GUIDE TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS



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Everyone should be valued and respected.

**Common Good**  
What is best for everyone?



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**Preferential Option For The Poor**  
The needs of the poor should be prioritised over the desires of the rich.

**Care For Our Common Home**  
We should care for and preserve creation.



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**Subsidiarity and Participation**  
All people should have a say and be able to contribute to their communities.

**Solidarity**  
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# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Social Teaching principles (CST) cover all spheres of life - the economic, political, personal and spiritual. The principles are inspired by the writings of the Pope and other Catholic leaders about social issues.

**Caritas Australia's work is shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching.**




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