A GUIDE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS



A NOTE TO TEACHERS

This resource is intended as a source of information and lesson guide for teaching students about Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*.

It is our hope that you will find all or some of this resource useful and use it in a way that best suits your purposes.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Fratelli Tutti is an encyclical, or open letter, written by Pope Francis. It was published on October 4 2020. In the encyclical Pope Francis asks us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, whoever they are, wherever they may come from. We are challenged to turn outwards and think of ourselves as one global family, becoming neighbours to all. *Fratelli Tutti* is a new dream for a world after coronavirus. It turns the world upside down and places human dignity at the centre.

THE ANIMATION



Click on the image to play the animation in full, then ask the children key questions:

- What is the Pope asking us to do in his letter?
- What does the Pope say at the start of the letter about what is starting to happen to our world?
- What has happened to our relationships with each other because of this?
- What does a 'culture of encounter' mean?

Play the animation for a second time, stopping to ask critical questions:

- Why do you think Pope Francis wrote this letter?
- What do you think a 'new dream' for the world could look like?
- How do you think we can we 'bend down to heal the wounds of others'?
- What do you think Pope Francis means when he writes we need to 'change the conditions that cause so much suffering'?
- Pope Francis asks us to think of ourselves as 'a single family living in a common home.' What do you think 'common home' means?



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Pope Francis asks that we work for the good of everyone and respect the human dignity of every person.

View the <u>Catholic Social Teaching Principals PPT</u> to unpack Human Dignity and the Common Good with your students. You may want to go through all of the Catholic Social Teachings and see if they can identify those that link to Fratelli Tutti.

FRATELLI TUTTI AND THE WORK OF CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Play the following <u>primary school film</u> to your students and have them answer the following question. It may be a written response or via discussion.

- Pope Francis wants us to stand together with our brothers and sisters around the world because we are all part of one 'larger human family'. After watching the video, describe the ways Caritas Australia acts out the key messages of Fratelli Tutti by helping individuals and communities in our world?
- By supporting Caritas Australia, such as during Project Compassion time, how are you acting out the key messages of Fratelli Tutti?

TAKE ACTION

- Complete the *Fratelli Tutti pledge action worksheet* located on page 6.
- Pope Francis asks us all to be global neighbours. How will you be a global neighbour?
 - Create a list of actions you could do at school
 - Create a list of actions you could do at home
- Create a display using the *Fratelli Tutti images* from the animation and photos of children taking action (from page 7)



PRAY

A prayer to the Creator

(Pope Francis, Fratelli tutti, 287)

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.



Shirley (centre) poses for a photograph with Manide community members following a meeting next to the Tribal Hall in their community in Camarines Norte, Philippines. Photo credit: Richard Wainwright



FRATELLI TUTTI PLEDGE



Resource adapted from



How can you listen, be kind and be a good global neighbour this week?





























































Time to dream a new dream





























































































































