



FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHING



“Embodying God’s love in the concrete events of life.” MH 47

THE FOUNDATIONS

Person = image of God



“Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation.” MH 50

Human Dignity

- It is **innate** (not earned)
- It is **infinite**
- It applies to **everyone**

The value of human rights

- **Universal**
- **Inviolable**
- Grounded in **dignity**



THE PRINCIPLES

to guide today’s world in the face of its challenges

The common good

The good of all is greater than the sum of the good of each individual

The universal destination of goods

So that they may sustain the lives of everyone

Subsidiarity

Helping without taking over

Solidarity

None is saved alone





Social justice

Providing dignified conditions for all

INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

the concrete way in which these principles are put into practice in history

THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSON

- 1  economic | 2  social | 3  spiritual | 4  environmental

Development is genuine only if it concerns the whole person and all people



“Do technological innovations truly help individuals and populations to become more humane and fraternal, while respecting our common home and future generations?” MH 85

Social doctrine is not theory; it is concrete action.
Building a more just and fraternal society is possible!

