

Sisters and Associates,

Please offer these bulletin blurbs to your pastor and if possible, talk up our Congregational effort to share Catholic Social Teaching: the “best kept secret of our Church”. Feel free to adapt these blurbs but we’d appreciate it if you kept the acknowledgement from our Congregation.

The General Council
The Commission for Justice

Catholic Social Teaching: January 1, 2012

“Excessive economic development and social inequities within the one human family, between individuals or between peoples, give rise to scandal, and are contrary to social justice, to equity, and to the dignity of the human person, as well as to peace within society and to the international order.” *Gaudium et Spes*. 29 (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssiphila.org)

Catholic Social Teaching: January 8, 2012

“The dignity of the individual and the demands of justice require, particularly today, that economic choices do not cause disparities in wealth to increase in an excessive and morally unacceptable manner.” *Caritas in Veritas*, Pope Benedict XVI #32 (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssiphila.org)

Catholic Social Teaching: January 15, 2012

“The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich, the rights of workers over profit, the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion, the production to meet social needs over the production of military purposes.” *Economic Justice for All—1968--# 94* (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssiphila.org)

Catholic Social Teaching: January 22, 2012

“We must repeat that the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of the poorer nations...and the prospering peoples will be the first to benefit from this.” *Populorum Progressio—1967-- #49* (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssiphila.org)

Catholic Social Teaching: January 29, 2012

“Every perspective on economic life that is human, moral, and Christian must be shaped by three questions: what does the economy do *for* people; what does it do *to* people; and how do people *participate* in it?” *Economic Justice for All---1968-- # 1* (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssiphila.org)