

Catholic Social Teaching Blurbs for February 2012 Bulletins

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

February 5

The Eucharist should be the place of solidarity where, through our sharing, the miracle of the loaves and fishes continues in the world today. (Pope John Paul II)

We must repeat that the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of poorer nations...If prosperous nations continue to be jealous of their own advantage alone, they will jeopardize their highest values, sacrificing the pursuit of excellence to the acquisition of possessions.

(Pope Paul VI Populorum Progressio) (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssphil.org)

February 12: The Common Good

Every individual and every community shares in and is responsible for promoting the common good.

(Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in the Global Economy, Oct. 2011) The obligation to evaluate social and economic activity from the viewpoint of the poor and powerless arises from the radical command to love one’s neighbor as one’s self. (Economic Justice for All, USCCB)

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February 19: Dignity of Work

Seeing the destruction caused by elevating the profit motive and the marketplace as the supreme good, the bishops of the United States remind us that the human person must be the priority for those committed to the common good. “The economy exists to serve humans, not vice versa. Workers and their families must be our first priority.” (USCCB Labor Day Statement, 2011)

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February 22

In rebuilding trust in economic life, responding to the suffering of the jobless and the fears of so many in our nation, our Catholic faith offers a clear set of moral directions outlined in a “Catholic Framework for Economic Life.” (Education For Justice: www.educationforjustice.org) (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssphil.org)

February 29

The economy exists for the person, not the person for the economy. It echoes Pope John Paul II the Catholic tradition calls for a ‘society of work, enterprise and participation’ which is not directed against the market, but demand that the market be appropriately controlled by the forces of society and by the state to assure that the basic needs of the whole society are satisfied. (Centesimus Annus, #35)

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