

## Food for thought...

- Each day in the developing world, 30,500 children die from preventable diseases such as diarrhea, acute respiratory infections or malaria. Malnutrition is associated with over half of those deaths. *(UNICEF, World Health Organization)*
- In developing countries, one child in 10 dies before his fifth birthday. By comparison, in the United States one child in 165 will die before turning five years old. *(UNICEF)*
- 7 percent of America's children live in extreme poverty (8 percent of U.S. children under age six), in families with incomes 50 percent below the poverty line. (In 1999, the extreme poverty line was an income of \$6,145 for a family of three.) Research indicates that extreme poverty during the first five years of life has especially harmful effects on children's future life chances, even more so than extreme poverty experienced later in childhood. *(National Center for Children in Poverty)*
- 32 percent of the population in the developing world live on earnings of less than \$1 per day (*WDI*). 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation. *(UNICEF)*
- While the child poverty rate in the United States is highest for African American (33 percent) and Latino (30 percent) children, by international standards it is also exceptionally high for white children (9 percent). The young child poverty rate follows a similar pattern: 37 percent for African American children under age six, 31 percent for Latino children under age six, and 10 percent for white children under age six. *(National Center for Children in Poverty)*
- Malnutrition can severely affect a child's intellectual development. Children who have stunted growth due to malnutrition score significantly lower on math and language achievement tests than do healthy children. *(UNICEF)*



## Principles of Catholic Social Teaching call us to:

**Respect the life and dignity of the human person** by recognizing that we are made in the image and likeness of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities.

**Support family, community and participation** by recognizing that we are not only sacred, but social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects the dignity of each and every person.

**Respect the rights and responsibilities** of all people. It is imperative that we take responsibility to protect the rights of all people. These rights include the right to life, food, shelter, education, and employment, along with political and cultural rights.

**Opt for the poor and vulnerable** through all of our actions. As a community of faith, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. Through the Gospel, we are specifically called to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society.

**Respect the dignity of work and the rights of workers** through our economic decisions and actions. The ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people and contributes to participation in God's creation. When we work, we become more aware of our human dignity. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions.

**Recognize solidarity** with all people. We are one human family, regardless of our national, racial, ethnic, gender, economic or ideological boundaries. Answering the call to love our neighbors will further promote a culture of respect and lead to peace in our communities around the world.

**Care for all of God's creation** by being good stewards of what has been entrusted to us. Through protecting the sacred environment in which we live, we respect the goodness of nature, a gift God has given to us.

## Directions:

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in circles and unscramble them for the final message.

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## **Word Scramble Answers**

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HELP  
HUMANITY  
FOOD  
HUNGER  
FAMILY  
HOPE  
POVERTY  
CLEAN WATER  
SOLIDARITY

PRAY FAST LEARN AND GIVE