



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, & PARTICIPATION

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Basic:

God made us to be part of communities, families, and countries, so all people can share and help each other.

More - The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society - in economics and politics, in law and policy - directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

CST 101: Call to Family, Community, and Participation

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=giQgWakrgQs&list=PLt5PsPjJAK-0b9BYRHUAXnIKMIv7qyZca&index=4>

EXAMPLES FROM SCRIPTURE Taken from the USCCB website.

Genesis 2:18 - It is not good for man to be alone.

Genesis 4:8-15 - I am my brother's and sister's keeper.

Leviticus 25:23-43 - What you own belongs to the Lord and is given for the good of all.

Jeremiah 7:5-7 - If you act justly with one another, God will dwell in the land.

Micah 6:6-8 - Act justly, love kindness, walk humbly with God.

John 15:12-17 - This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Acts 2:43-47 - Life among the believers.

Romans 12:4-8 - We are one body, individually members one of another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - Rouse one another to love and good works.

James 2:14-17 - Our faith is dead if we ignore others in need.

1 Peter 4:8-11 - Serve one another with the gifts you have received.

1 John 3:16-18 - We ought to lay down our lives for one another.

1 John 4:19-21 - Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters.



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PRAYER SERVICE

SET UP

- Place this weeks picture in your prayer area
- Light a candle
- Have Bible open to Genesis 1:26-27

GATHER

Gather around your prepared prayer space. Take a minute to quite the noise around you and turn your focus towards God.

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Song: Open My Eyes Lord

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

LISTEN

Now take time to listen to God speaking to you through Scripture.

Reader 1: A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone

serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord,

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SHARE

Pick a couple questions to talk about for a few minutes. If you get stuck on a question, just move on to a different one.

- What does it mean to be part of a family? What does it mean to be part of a community?
- How do you participate in your family? How do you participate in your community?
- How do you share the love of God with those in your family or community?
- How can you serve others in your family or community?

LISTEN

In light of the conversation you just had, read through the reading from Genesis again.

Reader 2: A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

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RESPOND

Now that we have listened to God speaking to us, how are we going to respond to His message?

This week lets think about how we participate in our family and community. Each time you show the love of God or serve someone in your family or community, place a heart in your prayer space.

If you see someone else showing the love of God or serving others, give them a heart to place in the prayer space. When you give them the heart, thank them for their participation in your family or community.

SEND

Now that we have spent time in prayer with God, listening to His message and responded, we are sent. Challenged to go out and use what we have learned.

Leader:

Embracing Father,

You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.

Let us learn to love our neighbors more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities.

Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference.

May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.

Amen.

ALL: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

