



St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is all about understanding that God has a special plan for each and every one of us, and this plan is not just about spiritual things or religious activities. It is about how we live our lives every day and how we treat others. We believe that we are all part of a big family and that we should care for each other like brothers and sisters. This idea is something we all have in common.

In our school, we teach children about seven important principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We talk about these principles in our lessons, during special events, and in our everyday actions at school.

At St. Anne Line Catholic Junior School, we make sure that Catholic Social Teaching is part of what we learn every day. We ask children to think about how they can show their faith through their actions, and we talk about these teachings during our times of worship. This helps us see how these teachings are important in our lives today.

Catholic Social Teaching is like the foundation of our school life. As members of the Catholic Church, we are all asked to respect every person, take care of our world, and help those who need it. Pope Francis tells us that it's important to work together to make the world fairer and more peaceful, to show love through what we do. It's really important for our children to understand how Jesus' teachings connect with doing good things for others.

Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

❖ Human Dignity

We need to understand that we're all like a big family, and that means we should treat each other with kindness and respect. Every person, including ourselves, is special because we are made in the image and likeness of God. This means we all have value and deserve to be treated well.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
Jeremiah 1:5

❖ Community and Participation

Humans are not meant to be by themselves; being together in a community has always been important throughout history. One way Catholics show togetherness is by working together for the good of everyone in the community. Each person in the community should help make things better for everyone, and everyone should get to enjoy the good things that come from this teamwork.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil."
Ecclesiastes 4:9

❖ Dignity in Work

This theme talks about the importance of work, how special it is, and why it is good to have a balance between our home life and our work life. In Catholic Social Teaching, we believe that work should not just be something we have to do; it should be something that lets us be creative and feel good about what we are doing. Work is not just about making ourselves powerful or important; it's about helping to make the world a better place, just like how God made the world.

"Human persons are willed by God; they are imprinted with God's image. Their dignity does not come from the work they do, but from the persons they are."

Pope John Paul II

❖ Peace and Reconciliation

The Church tells us that peace is really important in the teachings of Jesus, and it's something we should all work for. Pope Benedict XVI said that Christians should try to make peace by forgiving others and finding peaceful ways to solve problems instead of using violence.

"Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

❖ Solidarity

Solidarity is an important concept for Christians, and it is one of the most special and human ideas in the Church's teachings. It means that when we work together, we can make a difference and together we are much stronger. When we care about other people, we treat each person as special, and we help each other do what is right.

"For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others"

Romans 12:4-5