

Hope in the Future: Sharing the Hope

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“You give them something to eat” (Mark 6:37)



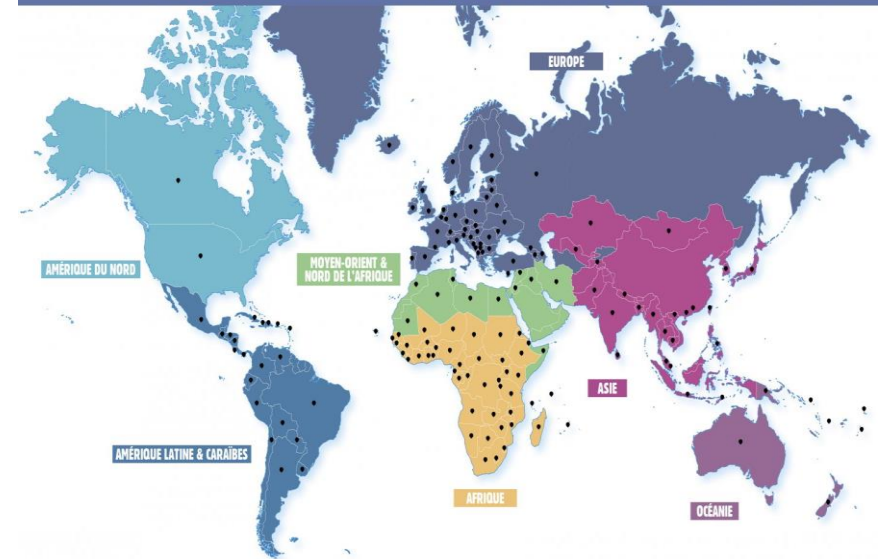
Matthew 25: 35

“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”

CARITAS: A SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE



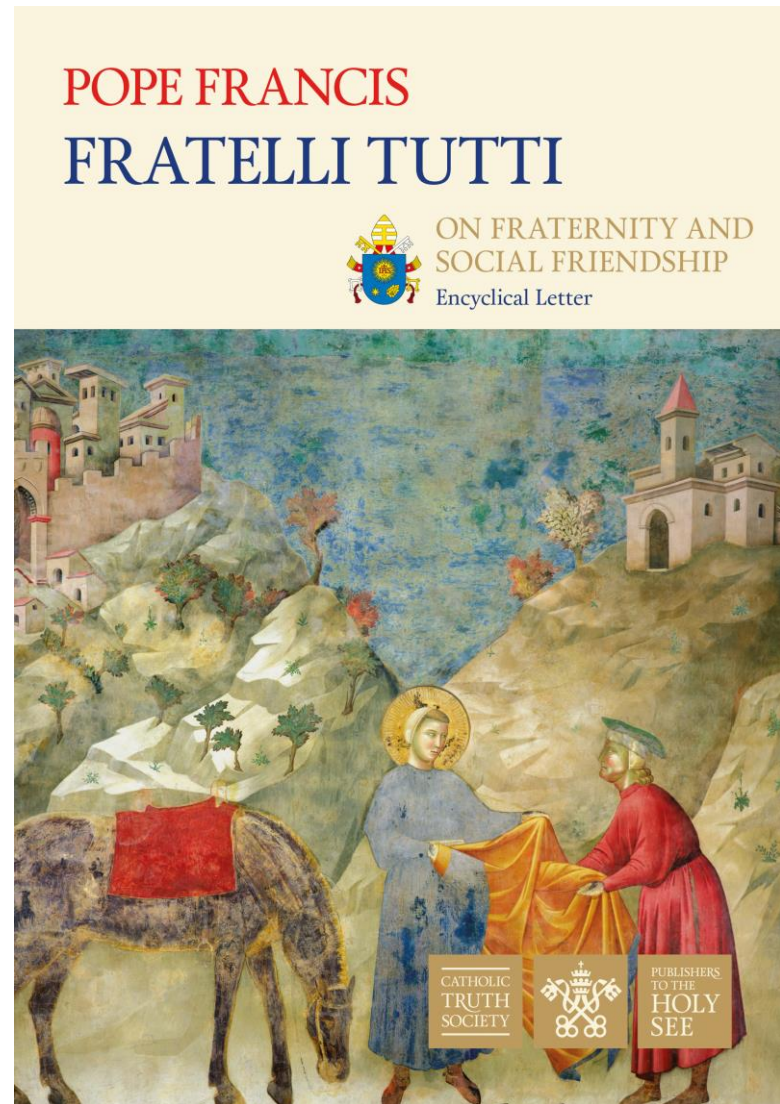
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Builders of a new social bond

- “Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus’ parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good.”
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The robbers...

“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.”

Luke 10: 29





“He was
moved
with
pity...”

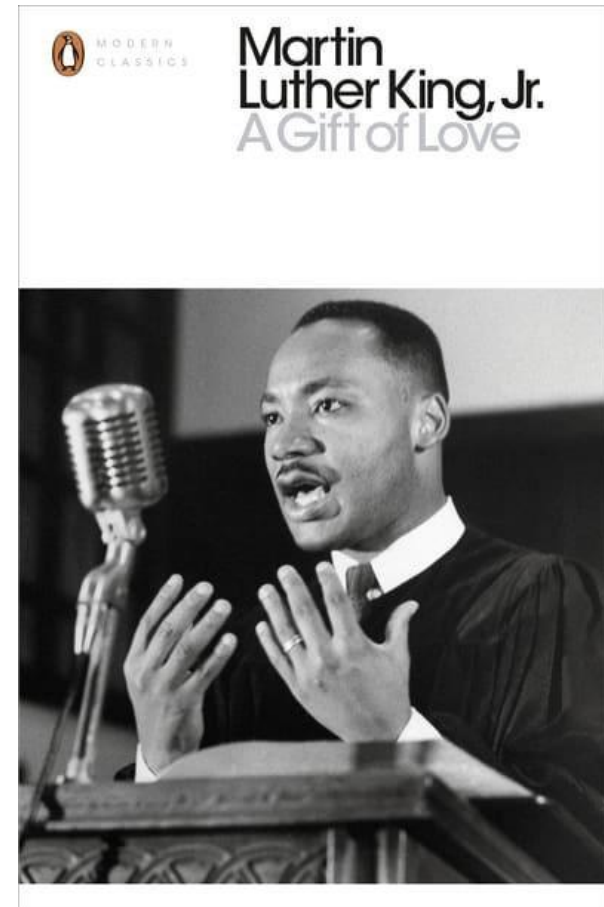
(10:33)

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A dangerous altruism

•“I imagine that the first question which the priest and the Levite asked was, ‘If I stop to help this man what will happen to me?’ But by the very nature of his concern, the good Samaritan reversed the question: ‘If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?’ The good Samaritan engaged in a dangerous altruism.”



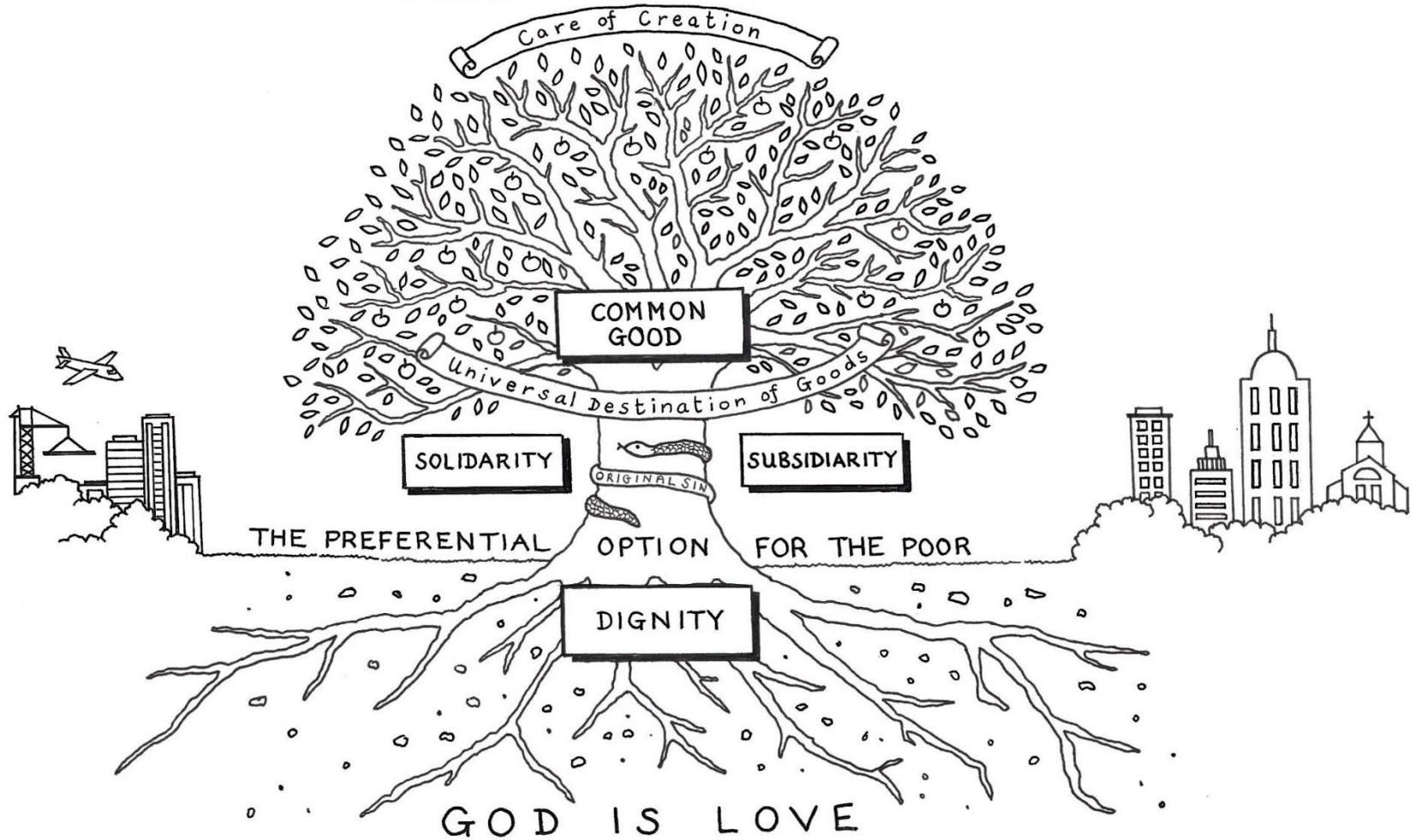


Rerum Novarum (1891)

“Some remedy must be found, and quickly found, for the misery and wretchedness which presses so heavily at this moment on the large majority of the very poor.”

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

THE PERMANENT PRINCIPLES



Solidarity: a new mind-set

“The Church, guided by the Gospel of mercy and by love for mankind, hears the cry for justice and intends to respond to it with all her might. In this context we can understand Jesus’ command to his disciples: “You yourselves give them something to eat!” (Mk 6:37): it means working to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor, as well as small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs which we encounter. The word “solidarity” is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few.”

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 188

“Hoping
for mild at
least...”

“I’m sitting here in a t-shirt, hoody and two dressing gowns writing this. The alarm on my phone just went off to remind me it was time to switch off the heating from its second half-hour run of the day. In the past I used to dread the alarm going off for work, now my heart drops as I realise I’ve got about 15 mins of warmth left before I start to feel the chill again. It’s not like I’m extravagant with my heating. I set it at 16C or 18C when it’s really cold out, and I’m happy, but even that’s not affordable. I find myself following the weather forecast hoping for mild at least.”

Colin Ridgway, Joseph Rowntree Foundation expert
by lived experience

St Francis of Assisi: Integral Ecology

“I believe that St Francis is the example *par excellence* of care for the vulnerable and of integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically....He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.”

Laudato Si, 10

