

DIOCESE OF LANSING COMMISSION ON



Lay Catholics are called to seek the kingdom of God by engaging in the world, and to illuminate it with the truth about human dignity, justice, and the common good. cf, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 898

COMMISSION

The Commission assists and advises the Bishop of Lansing in his ministry to catechize all the faithful in the diocese on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, advance human dignity and promote the common good of society. Members serve for three-year terms and come from all around the diocese.

COLLECTION

The Catholic Social Teaching Diocesan Collection (scheduled annually on the Solemnity of Christ the King) supports small grants to applying parishes, schools, and Catholic entities within the Diocese of Lansing. These grants promote catechetical projects which inform and inspire Catholics to put the Church's social teaching more fully into practice in the world.

GIVE A GIFT TO INFORM AND INSPIRE

Deepen your understanding of Catholic Social Teaching, or share your support with a gift. Scan the QR code or visit the link below!

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MINI GRANT

The Mini Grant program seeks to fund endeavors and programs that instruct and equip the faithful in the Diocese of Lansing to understand and to put Catholic Social Teaching more fully into practice.

Parishioners and parish staff (as well as other Catholic apostolates) are especially encouraged to apply with the support of their pastor. For a list of requirements, suggestions and application, **visit us online.**



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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The Church's social teaching comprises a body of doctrine, which is articulated as the Church interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in the light of the whole of what has been revealed by Jesus Christ. *cf, Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2422*



Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person – The recognition that every human life is sacred, from conception to natural death, because the human person has been created in the image and likeness of God and has been given a unique purpose by Him.

Common Good – The set of social conditions that enable persons and communities to flourish according to God's plan. It includes three essential elements: respect for the human person, the promotion of the community's well-being and full development, and a just social order sustained by stability and security.

Subsidiarity – The organization of society to ensure that decisions and responsibilities are managed by the most local authority capable of addressing them effectively.

Solidarity – The recognition that everyone's well-being is interconnected and that this includes the sharing of spiritual and material gifts.