

Year 5 Catholic Social Teaching

Principle

DIGNITY





There are six Catholic Social Teaching principles.
Our principle this half term is dignity.

When we look at the world around us, it's clear that there's a great need for God's mercy and love. We can feel overwhelmed by news of terrible violence, unfairness and suffering.



The Church encourages us not to turn away in despair, but to look at how things could be.

Pope Francis has spoken to young people directly about how, through their desire to make the world a better place, they have the potential to be great missionaries of God's love.

‘Take the path of our
God, who teaches us to
meet him in the
hungry, the thirsty, the
naked, the sick, the
friend in trouble.’

Pope Francis



The Gospel of Matthew:

The King will say to the people on his right, 'Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you.

For I was hungry and you fed me,
thirsty and you gave me a drink;

I was a stranger and welcomed me,
naked and you clothed me;

I was sick and you took care of me,
in prison and you visited me...

Whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Gospel of Matthew 25: 31-46

**In the passage Jesus indicates that we are to look for
God in all those we meet, especially in the poor, the
suffering, the oppressed.**

Dignity means being worthy of honour and respect.

As Catholics, we see in men and women, in every person, the image of God.

The scriptures teach us that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God. As such, all people regardless of race, gender, ability, belief, orientation or culture, have a God-given worth and dignity that is beyond measure.

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