

Catholic Global Curriculum

The Common Good and New Politics

Catholic distinctiveness

- ✓ Catholic Social Teaching
- ✓ The 'good life' and the 'common good'.
- ✓ Learning to Serve and community
- ✓ Parental engagement – parish/family/school.
- ✓ 'Flourishing' – see our pupil profile

Global Goals that are Catholic

- ✓ Sustainable Development
- ✓ Identity and Diversity
- ✓ Globalisation and Interdependence
- ✓ Social Justice
- ✓ Human Rights
- ✓ Power and Governance
- ✓ Peace and Justice

Sustainable Development

- Pope's Encyclical - Laudato Si
 - 'Care for Our Common Home'
 - St Francis of Assisi – love of nature, all God's creatures.
 - 'intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet'
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- CST: The common destination of goods.

Identity and Diversity

- ‘The value proper to each creature’
- *“Just as there can be no dialogue with ‘others’ without a sense of our own identity, so there can be no openness between peoples except on the basis of love for one’s own land, one’s own people, one’s own cultural roots.”*
- A relationship of fraternity.
- CST: The common good.

Globalisation and Interdependence

- We want, **with God and in God**, an open world, a world without walls, without borders, without people rejected, without strangers
- We are part of a global fraternity
- We share the world – our common home
- Catholic means ‘all-embracing’
- Focus on the poor. The ‘trickle down’ effect has not worked.

- CST – Universal Destination of Goods/Common Good.

Social Justice

- A preferential option for the poor.
 - We are called to imitate Christ's love for the poor
 - Create a society where the needs of the poor are always considered first .
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- CST: Preferential Option for the Poor

Human Rights

- Right to food and water.
- Right to own property.
- Right to receive the proclamation of the gospel.
- Right to be happy.
- Right to life.
- Right to have parents/family.
- CST: Dignity of each person, created in image and likeness of God.

Power and Governance

- The state is an instrument to promote human dignity, protect human rights, and develop the common good.
- *Subsidiarity* holds that such functions of government should be performed at the lowest level possible, as long as they can be performed adequately. When they cannot, higher levels of government must intervene.
- This principle goes hand-in-hand with *Participation*, the principle that all peoples have a right to participate in the economic, political and cultural life of society, and in the decisions that affect their community.
- CST: Solidarity and Subsidiarity

Peace and Conflict

- Pope's Encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti'.
 - Dialogue and encounter
 - Way of opening the world and building social friendship
 - Forgiveness and tolerance
 - Redemption
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- CST: Each person is unique but built in image of God.

Application

- This Catholic ethos should permeate everything we do. It underpins our decision-making, our relationships, and our teaching.
- *‘Preach, but if possible keep the words out of it.’*

A few other things to think about before we go more subject-specific...