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Family, Community & Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society – in economics, politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and the capacity for the individual to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened. The Church teaches that people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Church Teaching Quotes

“Another task for the family is to form persons in love and also to practice love in all its relationships, so that it does not live closed in on itself, but remains open to community, moved by a sense of justice and concern for others, as well as by a consciousness of responsibility towards the whole of society” -Pope St. John Paul II, *The Family in the Modern World*, 64.

“Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land...Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds.” -Pope Francis, *On Care for Our Common Home* (Laudato Si), 179, 219.

Scriptural Foundations

Genesis 17: 7-8

God covenants with God’s people

Mark 1: 14-15

The reign of God, a social image

Luke 22:14-20 and

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Christ’s new covenant