

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brother' and sister's keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

Church Teaching Quotes

"Interdependence must be transformed into solidarity, based upon the principle that the goods of creation are meant for all. That which human industry produces through the processing of raw materials, with the contribution of work, must serve equally for the good of all... Solidarity helps us to see the 'other' – whether a person, people or nation – not just as some kind of instrument, with a work capacity and physical strength to be exploited at low cost and then discarded when no longer useful, but as our 'neighbor', a 'helper', to be made a sharer, on a par with ourselves, in the banquet of life to which all are equally invited by God." Pope St. John Paul II, *On Social Concerns,* 39.

"Let us remember Paul VI's words: "For the Catholic Church, no one is a stranger, no one is excluded, and no one is far away "(Homily for the closing of the Second Vatican Council, 8 December 1965 Indeed, we are a single human family that is journeying on toward unity, making the most of solidarity and dialogue among peoples in the multiplicity of differences." -Message of Pope Francis for the 48th World Communications Day, June 1, 2014.

Scriptural Foundations

Isaiah 2: 1-4 Romans 10:12 Galatians 3:28 Peace for all nations No national distinctions in God All are one in Christ