

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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"...there is no inequality of significance amongst us except holiness..."
 "No hay desigualdad de importancia entre nosotros excepto la santidad..."

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

STAFF

Rev. Fred Valone.....Pastor
 Felix Ramos.....Permanent Deacon
 Kathy Boscarino.....DRE / Y M
 Maria Delgado..... Elem. CCE
 Marisol Urbina.....Administrative Asst.
 Rick Reed.....Music Coordinator
 Jill Baker.....Nursery Coordinator
 Pat Norfleet.....Bookkeeper
 Sylvia Vitela.....Secretary
 Laura Puente.....Custodian

Mass Schedules

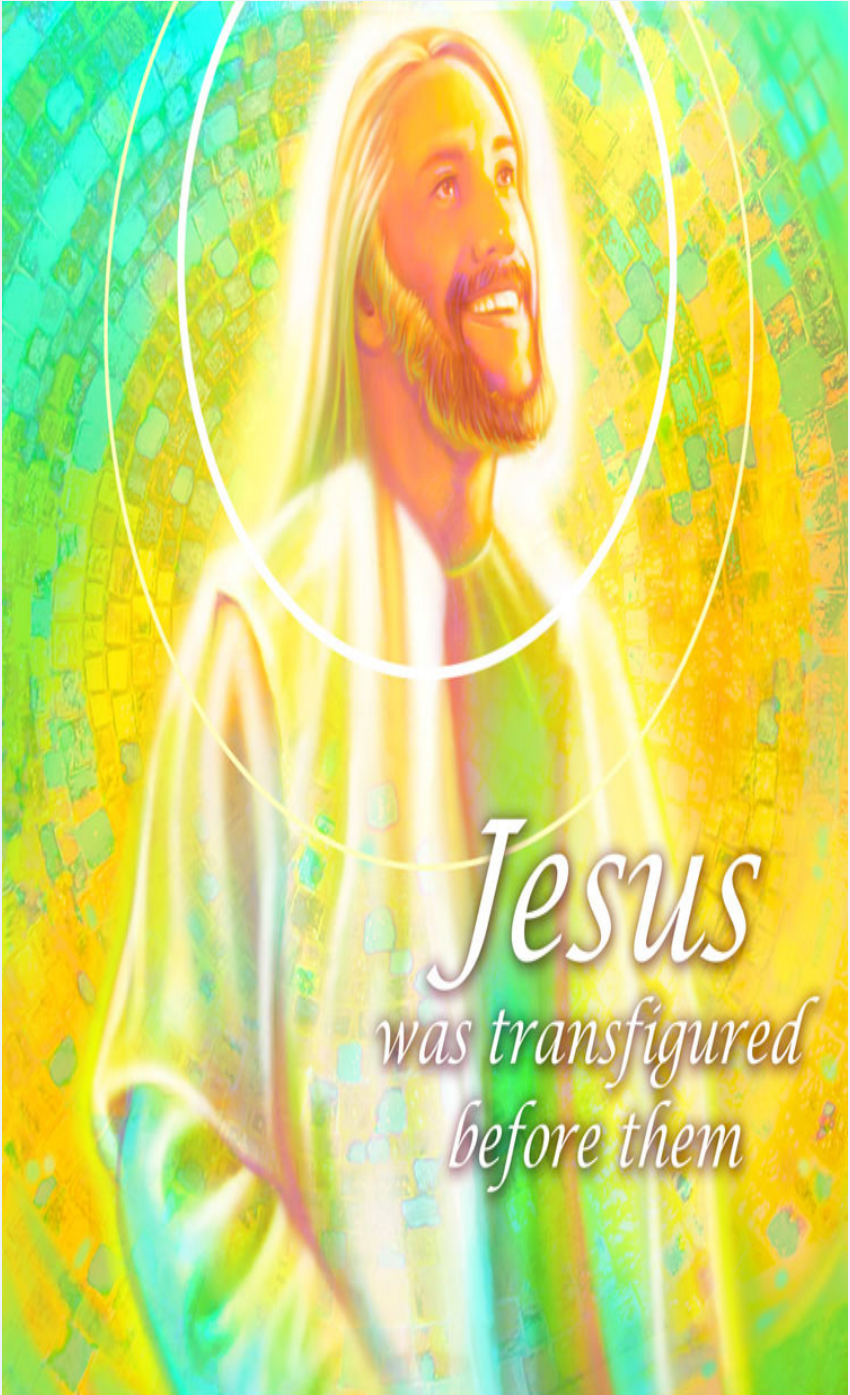
Saturday/ Sabado	5:30 pm English
Sunday/ Domingo	7:45 am English 10:45 am English 12:30 pm Spanish 5:30 pm English
Monday/ Lunes	No Mass
Tuesday-Friday / Martes-Viernes	7:15 am

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

Tues/Martes	4:30-5:30 pm
Sat/Sabado	4:00-5:00 pm

Adoration/Adoración

Tuesday / Martes	After 7:15 am Mass until 5:30pm
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Mass Intentions Of The Week



Diocesan Social Ministries (Ash Wed.): \$2,195.34
Regular Sunday Donations: \$7,006.80
Black & Indian Missions: \$1,785.73

Thank you for your continued parish support!

Instruments of God's Mercy 2018 Diocesan Services Fund

Parish Goal	\$37,000.00
Total Amount Paid	\$13,220.00
Total Amount Pledged	\$19,935.00
Number of Participants	47
Under Goal	\$23,780.00

Sat.	02/24	5:30 pm	Rose Youngblood	
Sun.	02/25	7:45 am	Don & Emily Gallegos	
		10:45 am	Parishioners	
		12:30 pm	Roberto Dueñas	
		5:30 pm	CSC Intentions	
Mon.	02/26		NO MASS	
Tues.	02/27	7:15 am	Sabas & Amada Cruz	
Wed.	02/28	7:15 am	Living and Deceased members of Steely– Milam families	
Thurs.	03/01	7:15 am	Adley Mae Byers	
Fri.	03/02	7:15 am	Natalia Mia Amaya (B-day)	
Sat.	03/03	5:30 pm	Parishioners	
Sun	03/04	7:45 am	Ralph Losack, Sr.	
		10:45 am	Marjie M Eglsaer	
		12:30 pm	Ofelia Berber	
		5:30 PM	CSC Intentions	



Judy Adib, Veronica Antwi, James Aubey, Irma Avalos, Brad & Carmen Bachman, Gene Barrett, Jordan Bergeron, Chelsea Brown, Fidelis Burton, Phillip Caito, Wren Colligan, Mary Ann Cook, Sunni Cook, Sabrina Coronado, Terry Corral, Melanie Davis, Colin Dufour, Victor Espino, Katie Everett, Mary Gedelian, Ingrid Gonzalez, Mike Hillman, Patrick Hogan, Dorothy Jordan, Sandra Kilgore, Isabel Kirwin, Kevin Kretzschmar, Edwin Laake, Corrina Lawrence, Paul Legler, Cecilia Leon, Al Losack, Katy Losack, Edward Lucas, Don Marcotte, Sam and Marie Martinez,, Coby Meinzer, Mable Milliet, Donna Moore, Floyd & MaryAnn Moore, Jerry Moorer, Susan Montoya, Lourdes Mosqueda, Mike Phillips, Brenda Piñeda, Kathy Price, John Raia, Nina Rozell, Ana Marie Santos, John Sarlay, Kenny Sechelski, Kayden Bryn Shipley, Nathan Shroyer, Linda Skains, Cheryl Smith, Kevin Smith, Kathy Stoltz, Jean Stow, Ray Townley, Dorothy Townsend, Matthew Varnum, Maria Elena Valencia, Shirley Villareal, Rusty Wallace, Bill Walton, Alma Williams, Charlotte Rose Winkler, Nancy Winkler

WEEKLY READINGS



Mon	02/26	DN 9:4B-10 LK 6:36-38
Tues	02/27	IS 1:10, 16-20 MT 23:1-12
Wed	02/28	JER 18:18-20 MT 20:17-28
Thurs	03/01	JER 17:5-10 LK 16:19-31
Fri	03/02	GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A MT 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	03/03	MI 7:14-15, 18-20 LK 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	03/04	EX 20:1-17 or EX 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 1 COR 1:22-25 JN 2:13-25



The St. Thomas Ladies organization is now accepting scholarship applications for the 18th Annual Frances Munn Scholarship. All graduating high school seniors from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the church office or from Kathy Boscarino. Please have your application completed and turned in no later than Friday, May 4, 2018.

From Fr. Fred's Desk . . .

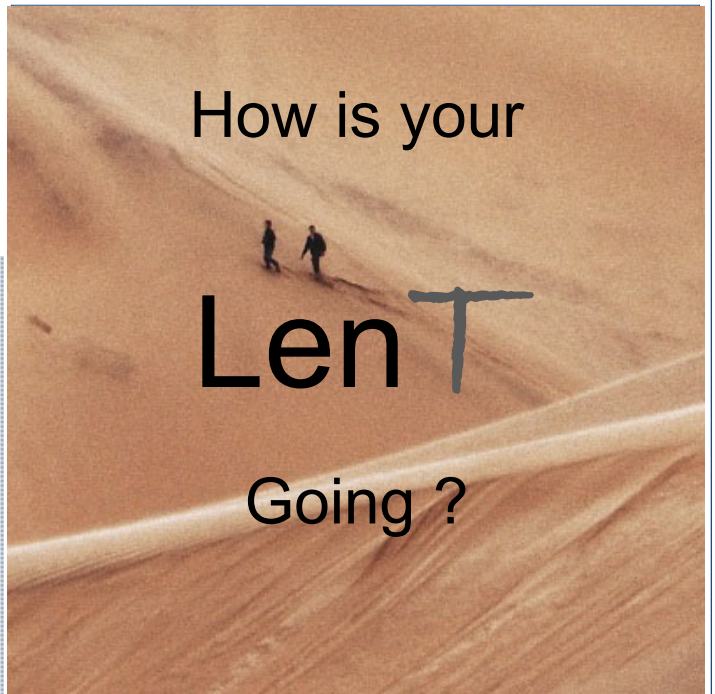
What do the Jimenes, Mojica, Cruz, Guterrez, Vilchez-Hernandez, Vilchez-Delgadillo, and Berrios families have in common? They all live in El Campamento, San Rafael del Sur, Nicaragua. More importantly, they all are living in new homes thanks to your generous support of last year's Lenten project. The monies that we donated were doubled by Food for the Poor so that 7 families now have adequate shelter for their families. We have a small booklet with the pictures of these families which I will make available for you to see. Our generosity does have an effect in the lives of others. As the Food for the Poor booklet states, "*St. Thomas the Apostle Church, we are so grateful to you for your compassion and support of this project. Your generous contribution is enabling seven families in this community to enjoy a wholesome new life. For the first time they are experiencing living in a sturdy concrete double-unit house that includes water and sanitation facilities ... as well as stoves that are economical and environmentally friendly, requiring 50% less firewood than traditional stoves.*" This year our Lenten project will be to work with Catholic Relief Services to build fish ponds in underdeveloped parts of the world. A very memorable experience for me occurred when visiting a remote Guatemalan village where my previous parish, working with Food for the Poor, had constructed 5 tilapia ponds. I thought that we would simply bless the ponds and leave. Wrong!! The whole village gathered that day with local and regional officials. The tilapia ponds, with the food and income that they would be providing, would transform the economy of the village. At the end of the ceremony which lasted much of the day, I gave a statue of St. Anne to the leader of the village. I told him that with the statue I was giving to the village community the hearts of my parishioners who helped build the ponds. And I would take back with me their hearts and share them with my parish family. The gentleman was so moved by words that all that he could utter was Mil Gracias, Mil Gracias, Mil Gracias. I believe that this year's Lenten project will have the same impact on the villages and its citizens where the fish ponds will be constructed. Each of the fish ponds cost \$2500. I am hoping that with your generosity we can construct several of these life-changing ponds.

**St. Thomas the Apostle
2018 Penance Service /
2018 Servicio de Penitencia
Tuesday / Martes
March 6 / Marzo 6 . . . 6:30 p.m.**

Del escritorio de Fr. Fred . . .

¿Qué tienen en común las familias Jimenes, Mojica, Cruz, Guterrez, Vilchez-Hernández, Vilchez-Delgadillo y Berrios? Todos ellos viven en El Campamento, San Rafael del Sur, Nicaragua. Más importante aún, todos viven en casas nuevas gracias a su generoso apoyo al proyecto Cuaresmal del año pasado. Los dineros que donamos fueron doblados por Food for the Poor para que 7 familias ahora tengan un refugio adecuado para sus familias. Tenemos un pequeño folleto con las fotos de estas familias que pondré a su disposición para que usted vea. Nuestra generosidad tiene un efecto en la vida de otros. Como dice el folleto Food for the Poor, *St. Thomas the Apostle Church, le estamos muy agradecidos por su compasión y apoyo a este proyecto. Su generosa contribución está permitiendo que siete familias en esta comunidad disfruten de una nueva vida saludable. Por primera vez, viven en una sólida casa de doble unidad que incluye instalaciones de agua y saneamiento ... además de estufas económicas y ecológicas, que requieren un 50% menos de leña que las estufas tradicionales.* Este año nuestro Proyecto de Cuaresma será trabajar con Catholic Relief Services para construir estanques de peces en regiones subdesarrolladas del mundo. Una experiencia memorable para mí ocurrió cuando visité un pueblo remoto de Guatemala donde mi parroquia anterior, trabajando con Food for the Poor, había construido 5 estanques de tilapia. Pensé que simplemente bendeciríamos los estanques y nos iríamos. ¡¡Incorrecto!! Toda la aldea se reunió ese día con funcionarios locales y regionales. Los estanques de tilapia, con los alimentos y los ingresos que proporcionarían, transformarían la economía de la aldea. Al final de la ceremonia que duró la mayor parte del día, le di una estatua de Santa Ana al líder de la aldea. Le dije que con la estatua estaba dando a la comunidad del pueblo los corazones de mis feligreses que ayudaron a construir los estanques. Y me llevaría sus corazones y los compartiría con mi familia parroquial. El caballero estaba tan conmovido por las palabras que todo lo que pudo pronunciar fue Mil Gracias, Mil Gracias, Mil Gracias. Creo que el proyecto Cuaresma de este año tendrá el mismo impacto en los pueblos y sus ciudadanos donde se construirán los estanques de peces. Cada uno de los estanques de peces cuesta \$ 2500. Espero que con su generosidad podamos construir varios de estos estanques que cambian la vida.

**ATTENTION ALL SAINT THOMAS LADIES . . .
St. Thomas Ladies March meeting and pot luck
supper will be on Thursday, March 1st, at 5PM at
the church hall.
All ladies of the parish are invited.**



What's Up in Edge—February 2018

- 4th(Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 8th (Thursday) **Edge Night 6:00-7:30 Youth Bldg**
- 11th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 14th (Wed) Ash Wednesday
- 16th (Tuesday) Sacrament Prep. 6:30-8 Youth Ctr.
- 18th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall
- 19th (Monday) Altar Server Training 6:00-8:00
- 24th (Saturday) Archdiocesan Youth Rally
- 25th (Sunday) Edge 9:05-10:20 Parish Hall



S.T.A.Y. Ministry
Youth 7th -12th Grade

Contact/Contacto:
Kathy Boscarino, DRE/Youth Minister
kboscarino@saintthomashuntsville.org
(936) 295-8159 (936) 520-6524

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. Psalm 139:14

Hey Parents,

hungry for a online Catholic magazine?

Check out

Parent Life by Life Teen

@ ltparentlife.com

Find articles on marriage, parenting, family, faith and videos too.

All from Life Teen, All for you, All Free!



What's Up in Life Teen—February 2018

- 4th(Sunday) **STAY Confirmation 9:05-10:20**
- 7th (Wednesday) Lifeteen 6:30-8:30
- 10th (Saturday) Valentines Day Fundraiser
- 11th (Sunday) STAY homeschool 9:05-10:20
- 14th (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday—**No Lifeteen**
- 21st (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall
- 28th (Wednesday) Life Teen 6:30-8:30 Parish Hall

AYC (Archdiocesan Youth Conference)

July 20-22, 2018

Sign Up Now! Don't Miss It!

¿Are you a high school youth?
Eres un joven de secundaria?
Come Join Us!
¡Vengan a participar!



St. Thomas Lenten Project
Community Fish Pond
Cost: \$2,500

When did we see you hungry and feed you?"

"A fish pond provides a steady source of protein, improving nutrition and health for a community. It also irrigates crops to give farms a boost, especially in times of drought. " CRS

"What you did to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me" Matthew 25'

Please help. Pick up a brown envelope at the back of the church. Place the amount of money it indicates inside the envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the church office.
 Watch the bulletin to keep track of the money raised to feed the poor.



Check out how much we raise for the fish pond here! **\$195.00**



Proyecto de Cuaresma de Santo Tomás
Estanque de peces de comunidad
Costo: \$2,500

"Cuándo te vimos hambriento y te alimentamos?"

"Un estanque de peces proporciona: Fuente constant de proteínas, mejorando la nutrición y la salud de la comunidad. También irriga los cultivos para impulsar los granjas, especialmente en tiempos de sequía. " CRS

"Lo que le hiciste al menos de mis hermanos y hermanas me lo hiciste a mí" Mateo 25'

Por favor ayude. Recoga un sobre marron en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Coloque la cantidad de dinero que indica dentro del sobre. Coloque el sobre en la colección del domingo o tráigalo a la oficina de la iglesia.
 Mire el boletín para mantener un registro del dinero recaudado para alimentar a los pobres.



Echa un vistazo a la cantidad realmente recaudada para el estanque de peces aquí. **\$195.00**

**2018 LENTEN
 PENANCE SERVICES**

Thursday, March 1st, 7:00 p.m.
 St. Stanislaus & Christ Our Light Church
 in Anderson Bilingual

Tuesday, March 6th, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Thomas the Apostle in Huntsville Bilingual

Wednesday, March 7th, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Matthias in Magnolia Bilingual

Thursday, March 8th, 6:30 –8:30 p.m
 St. Joseph in New Waverly Bilingual



Meeting
 Reminder

**SACRAMENTAL
 PREPARATION PARENT
 MEETING TODAY SUNDAY,
 FEBRUARY 25, 9:15AM**



**PREPARACION
 SACRAMENTAL REUNION
 DE PADRES HOY
 DOMINGO, FEBRERO 25,
 11:10AM**

Signs of the Season

The Color Purple The deep purple color that fills the Church during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death but, because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.

***“Thought-provoking statements
about our faith.”***

“Jack Nelson once said that while he was encountering the suffering of the poor while walking the streets of Calcutta, he started to scream at God. Then, during his lament, with his eyes prayerfully opened, all of a sudden he realized that in the suffering of the poor, God was screaming at him.”

R. J. Wicks, *Prayerfulness*

Stewardship Reflections . . .

That we may answer, *“Here I am, Lord,”* whenever, wherever and however God calls us to serve Him.

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.” Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, *“Here I am, Lord,”* when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say *“Here I am, Lord,”* when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Reflexiones de Mayordomía . . .

Para que podamos responder: *“Aquí estoy, Señor,”* cuando sea, donde sea y como sea que Dios nos llame a servirle. *“¿Aquí estoy!>>, Respondió. Genesis 22:11* Es fácil decir: *“Aquí estoy, Señor,”* cuando estamos arrodillados en la iglesia. Pero ¿qué tan fácil es decir *“Aquí estoy, Señor,”* cuando un vecino necesita nuestra ayuda, cuando nos invitan a unirnos a un ministerio parroquial, o cuando se nos pide que brindemos apoyo financiero? Muchas veces nos llaman cuando no nos conviene. El discipulado no siempre es fácil, la mayoría de las veces nos hará sentir incómodos y vulnerables.

**Splash Canyon VBS 2018
JUNE 11-15
AGE 3-5YRS OLD &
1ST-5TH GRADE**

**-Don’t be quick to judge, but be quick to excuse
and forgive. – Friar Jeremy Harrington**

***“Instruments of God’s Mercy”
2018 Diocesan Services Fund***

If you have not already offered your pledge in this year’s Diocesan Services Fund (DSF), please do so today. DSF 2018 is focused on us, the Church, as we use our gifts to be Instruments of God’s Mercy, which will benefit ministries that serve thousands and thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Galveston Houston. Through your generous support of DSF, we bring Christ’s comfort and care to the many pressing needs that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Our parish goal for 2018 is \$37,000. With every parish family’s full participation, we will surely exceed this amount and do our share to help so many in need, advancing the work of the Church in our community. To give online, please visit www.archgh.org/dsf. For those of you who have already responded with a gift, please accept our sincere gratitude.

***“INSTRUMENTOS DE LA MISERICORDIA DE DIOS”
FONDO DE SERVICIOS DIOCESANOS 2018***

Si aún usted no ha ofrecido su promesa para el Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos (DSF) de este año, por favor hágalo hoy. El DSF 2018 se enfoca en nosotros, la Iglesia, mientras usamos nuestros dones para ser Instrumentos de la Misericordia de Dios, lo cual beneficiará a los ministerios que sirven a miles y miles de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston. A través de su apoyo generoso del DSF traemos el consuelo y el cuidado de Cristo a las muchas necesidades apremiantes que no pueden ser abordadas individualmente o por una sola parroquia. Nuestra meta parroquial para el 2018 es de \$37,000. Con la participación de toda la familia parroquial, seguramente excederemos esta cantidad y haremos nuestra parte para ayudar a tantos necesitados, promoviendo el trabajo de la Iglesia en nuestra comunidad. Para hacer la donación en línea, visite www.archgh.org/dsf. Para aquellos de ustedes que ya han respondido con una donación, por favor acepten nuestra sincera gratitud.



If any parishioner interested in singing in the Triduum Choir, please contact Rick Reed in the office. This is open to any parishioner, even those not currently active in the music ministry. This will be a 6-7 week commitment, culminating with Holy Week.

Si hay algún feligrés interesado en cantar en el Coro Triduo, por favor contacte a Rick Reed en la oficina. Esto está abierto para todos, incluso aquellos que ya participan en el ministerio de música. Esto será un compromiso de 6-7 semanas terminando en Semana Santa.

The Fire of Your Love

by Will Oliver

In last week's column, I wrote about **Justice**, but left off a phrase that has become very popular these days, namely **Social Justice**. One problem with this phrase, however, is that most Catholics think of the secular definition and not as it is defined by the Church. Indeed, it was the Catholic Church that originated the term, but the secular world has since captured it for its own purpose.

In the secular world, the modern understanding of social justice comes from John Rawls's book, *A Theory of Justice* (1971), in which he argues justice is equivalent to equality and that it is government's job to ensure we are all equal (the book is really nothing more than a rewrite of Rousseau's totalitarianism).

To us Catholics, "society ensures social justice when it **respects the dignity and the rights of the person as the proper end of society itself**" and it does so "**when it provides the conditions that allow associations and individuals to obtain what is their due**" (Compendium CCC 411). Those conditions are allowing people to **freely form and join social groups** to work toward meeting the just needs of people locally, regionally, nationally, and even globally.

The freedom of people to form and join groups is a very different concept from the idea that we all need to be equal. So, why is this the case? The concepts of social justice grew out of the Papal Encyclical *Nostis Et Nobiscum*, which was written in 1849, one year after Marx & Engel's *Communist Manifesto* (1848). The Church recognized that in order for socialism and communism to work, the state must absorb and run all social groups, otherwise, some groups would have more than others. This is what led Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) to state, "no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

Since 1849, the Church has expanded and reaffirmed this teaching in Papal Encyclicals from Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (1891) to Saint Pope John Paul II's *Centesimus Annus* (1991). **Catholic Social Justice** is about our freedom to come together in social groups to perform charitable acts for the betterment of our community and society in order to uphold the dignity of every human being. Government must never prevent this.