



St. Peter Chanel Catholic College of Secondary Teacher Education

RE Faculty

EDRE421: Social Teachings of the Church

Assessment Type: Brief Research Assignment

Instructions:

1. This assignment requires total research and reading to clearly articulate the answers.
 2. Please do not copy paste directly from a source. Please paraphrase or understand what you find and write it in your own words.
 3. All written assignments are to do electronically and email it to me through my email jcolman@cccu.ac or thorough direct chat on Teams.
 4. Forward only the answers but do number each of the answers clearly corresponding it correctly with the question number.
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QUESTION 1

Research and express in your own words the fundamental target or focus of the Catholic Social Teachings. (2 mks)

QUESTION 2

Listed below are some examples of key principles of Social Teachings. Define and discuss each of them accordingly. do provide example(s) to substantiate your answer. (2 marks each – 8 marks)

- i. the dignity of the human person
 - ii. the common good
 - iii. subsidiarity
 - iv. solidarity
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QUESTION 3

Research and identify what the **principle of subsidiarity** emphasizes. Provide an example to your answer. (2 marks)

QUESTION 4

Research, identify and discuss how the principle of "Preferential Option for the Poor" is reflected in contemporary social issues which the social teachings address. Provide specific examples. (3 marks)

QUESTION 5

Family is very significant and fundament unit in any society in the world. What is the role of the family according to Catholic social teaching?

Research and establish a thoughtful discuss the importance of the family as the basic unit of society and its role in promoting social values. (3 marks)

QUESTION 6

Identify and discuss how Catholic Social Teaching view the relationship between faith and action in promoting social justice the different societies around the world. (3 marks)

QUESTION 7

The Church takes the lead in emphasizing so much on the significance on the environmental stewardship and the economic development. The Pope's encyclical letters infallibly emphasize how the environment is profoundly beneficial and protecting it should be our primary priority. This is one of the controversial agenda for a country like PNG where environmental stewardship is disregarded when looking at economic context. Research, discuss and establish clearly how Catholic social teaching view the relationship between economic development and environmental stewardship? Discuss the balance between economic growth and the care for creation, referencing Laudato Si'. (4 marks)

QUESTION 8

There is one important area where the Catholic Social Teaching works to address which is the issue of global inequality. Research, discuss and outline the Church's stance on international solidarity and the responsibilities of wealthier nations. (3 marks)

QUESTION 9

What role does education play in promoting the values of Catholic Social Teaching in many societies around the world today?

QUESTION 10

The application of social teaching is very important to every individual people in the world today. How can we as individuals and communities apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in their daily lives? Outline as many possibilities and ideas as you can. (5 marks)

QUESTION 11

Migration and refugee issue is one of the major problems around the world especially areas where there is continuous violence and war. Innocent lives are forced out from their comfortable homes searching for refuge, peace, and tranquility elsewhere. Discuss and outline the significance and relevance of Catholic Social Teaching in addressing issues of migration and refugees in today's world. (3 marks)

QUESTION 12

Presenting and addressing critiques to existing policies that are established by the government and civil authorities is quite crucial. One of the controversial issues that the Church encounters is how it can work around the existing policies to address issues that are directly affecting the people. Critically assess the influence of Catholic Social Teaching on public policy. What challenges does the Church face in advocating for Catholic Social Teaching principles in a pluralistic society? (4 marks)

QUESTION 13

Natural law is the concept that God created the universe with a certain purpose in mind.

- i. How does the concept of natural law underpin Catholic social teaching? (3 marks)
 - ii. Research and discuss the origins of natural law in Catholic thought, its key principles, and how it informs the Church's teachings on morality and social justice. (3 marks)
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Due Date: No later than 4.06 pm, Friday 5th October 2024.

... All assignments to be emailed or through private chat on Teams!

Good Luck! – Mr. Colman, Unit Coordinator.