

# Catholic Social Teaching



*"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."*

*"There will arise a generation of new men, the molders of a new humanity" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 30).*

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## SLIDE I ROADMAP

Politics Architectonic—about Human Development & Pursuit of Human Happiness as stated in Dec of Ind

The order in which Seminarians and students at a good Catholic College approach the subject:

**Psychology** (What is a human being? Empirical, Philosophical, Theological).

**Ethics** (Study of the actualization of human potential of the individual).

**Politics** (Study of actualization of human potential in context of broader society).

Declaration of Independence: WE hold these truths to be self evident...

**Social Teaching** preceded by Jewish Law and Christendom

Jewish Law? (Only time in history revealed by God).  
Christendom? Only time what God revealed to Israel improved upon (*Agape*).

## Encyclicals

Why that Order?

Order we are going to follow tonight—basically



*"Upon this point all speculative politicians will agree, that the **happiness of society** is the end of government, as all divines and moral philosophers will agree that the **happiness of the individual is the end of man**. From this principle it will follow, that the form of government which communicates ease, comfort, security, or, in one word, happiness, to the greatest number of persons, and in the greatest degree, is the best".*

**John Adams**

*"Both the general run of men and people of superior refinement say that the good that political science aims at and what is the highest of all goods achievable by action is **happiness**, and identify living **well and doing well with being happy**."*

**Aristotle**

"The laity (1) **MUST** take up the renewal of the temporal order as their own special obligation....The temporal order (2) must be renewed in such a way that...it may be brought into conformity with the higher principles of the Christian life." They should be (3) "instructed in the true meaning and value of temporal things, both in themselves and in relation to all the aims of the human person...attentive (4) always to the common good in line with the principles of the moral and social teaching of the Church. Laymen should (5) above all learn the principles and conclusions of the social doctrine ...and of (6) rightly applying these same principles and conclusions to individual cases" (DECREE ON THE APOSTOLATE OF THE LAITY).

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## PSYCHOLOGY: WHAT IS A HUMAN BEING?

*By human virtue we mean not that of the body but that of the soul; and happiness also we call an activity of soul. But if this is so, clearly the student of politics must know somehow the facts about soul, as the man who is to heal the eyes or the body as a whole must know about the eyes or the body*

Without knowing what a human being is can't achieve human happiness. Politics as a human science impossible. If human beings *not* different in kind than other animals enemies of the Church are correct Psychology and Politics about Laws of Nature, *not* Natural Law.

Anyone know the difference?

If no Difference of Kind = Survival of the Fittest in a ruthless game of competition. In the last analysis, might makes right!

However, if there is a difference of kind a uniquely human politics and social teaching as *human* sciences are possible.

Philosophers say difference is in the soul. Differences in body all Differences of Degree need a Difference of Kind.

Not looking for that which is common but for that which is different that which makes human beings unique. That which makes them human.

**Aristotle** *"We are seeking what is peculiar to man...Let us exclude, therefore, the life of nutrition and growth. Next there would be a life of perception, but it also seems to be **common** even to the horse, the ox, and every animal.*

*"There remains, then, an active life of the element that has a rational principle...the function of man is an activity of soul which follows or implies a rational principle "* (**Nicomachean Ethics**, Book I). Difference is in Soul.

## DIFFERENCE OF KIND IN SOUL THEOLOGIANS AGREE



God made man in His image. Image Aquinas, Bonaventure *et al* say is in the spiritual soul or human intellect.

Saint Augustine wrote, (Gen. ad lit. vi, 12):

*"Man's excellence consists in the fact that God made him to His own image by giving him an intellectual soul, which raises him above the beasts of the field".*

Saint Thomas Aquinas

*"Things without intellect are **not** made to God's image" (Q 93, A 2).*

In Article 4, St. Thomas concludes:

*"Since man is said to be in the image of God by reason of his intellectual nature, he is the most perfectly like God according to that in which he can best imitate God in his intellectual nature".*

**Thus human beings known as "Homo Sapiens"**

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**Trinitarian Psychology** – Man made in God's Image

## So Who is the Trinity and What is the Trinitarian Image?

No one could have known that God is a Trinity of Persons, yet One in essence. The idea has been under attack for centuries by Arians, Deists, Unitarians, Theosophists, Mormons, and others including American Framers John Adams and Thomas Jefferson:

*"The hocus-pocus phantasm of a god like another Cerberus (mythic three-headed monster that guards the gates of Hades) with one body and three heads had its birth and growth in the blood of thousands and thousands of martyrs" (Jefferson Letter to James Smith, 1822 ).*

*"Dear Sir...had you and I, been forty days with Moses on Mount Sinai and admitted to behold, the divine Shekinah, and there told that one was three and three, one: We might not have had courage to deny it; but We could not have believed it. The thunders and Lightenings [sic] and Earthquakes and the transcendant Splendors and Glories, might have overwhelmed Us with terror and Amazement: but We could not have believed the doctrine ... "Nothing" [he said] "may produce Our eternal damnation in the flames of Hell fire and Brimstone... as well as this tremendous Exhibition of Terror and Falsehood" (John Adams Letter to Thomas Jefferson, Sept 14, 1813).*

**Mystery of the Trinity** unknowable by human reason, but we have been helped by revelation, which we can reason about. First great revelation of the Trinity was given in Genesis 1:27

*"And God created man to his own image: to the image of God he created him: male and female he created them" .*

Second great revelation was given by Apostle John

*"Everyone who loves is begotten of God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).*

## Psychological Theory of Trinity by Analogy from Image

Psychological Theory of the Trinity (St. Augustine) – Since man made in Image of God can know something about God by knowing about man by ANALOGY. What we know by Analogy almost infinitely less than what is True.

Human mind has 3 powers: Consciousness, Rational Thought and Free Will. Will is an Intellectual Appetite (Aquinas Q.83 Art 4)

We know with our minds and love what our minds present to us as good.

When know something generate a word to represent it. Word process from mind. Love processes from will toward that which we love.

Human Mind is Trinitarian: Intellect, Free Will and Consciousness All one mind - the Totality of the Human Mind made in the Image of God. Take away any one and rest is useless, need all three spiritual powers.

## Analogy to Divine Mind—Interior Life of God

God, like man whom He created, knows things. First thing He knows is Himself by an Infinite Divine act of self reflection

If He is omniscient and omnipotent Being without knowing it, He would not be Perfect.

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Two Processions in Divine Mind as in human mind. Procession of **Word** from Father and **Procession of Love** from both.

Since the Divine Mind, unlike the human mind, is omniscient, it is able to conceive all truth, goodness and beauty at once in an eternal instant and as an eternal and infinite unity.

Like us, God gives a name to what He knows. A Word processes in His mind. Unlike us, God is able to represent infinite Being in a single Word, the Word of God under which all things are subsumed as the perfect Image of Being.

Remember: This is by way of analogy and what we know of Trinity by analogy is infinitely less than reality.

Even though God's infinite act of divine self-comprehension is incomprehensible to a finite mind such as ours, it is comprehensible to an omniscient mind that has the power to know itself completely. As St. Augustine stated "*Whatsoever comprehends itself is finite to itself*".

Human mind many words in Divine Mind One Word - Knows self all at once.

Father Knows Himself (or could not be perfect) and knows totality of infinite self in one gaze = need only 1 word to express it.

Human mind generates a word when its potential to know is actualized. That word becomes integrated into our being. In God there is no potential, He is pure act. He has known Himself from eternity. From eternity the Word has processed in the Mind of God.

Different words different power SYNTOPICON more powerful, contains more. God needs just One word to represent infinite totality of His self (all there is, no creation outside self until made it) knows Himself perfectly and all at once and like human generates a word for what is known. In God the Eternal Word of God, Jesus.

Image of God when Know God, Love God, United to God.

Saint Augustine

"The image **of God** exists in the mind, **not** because it has a remembrance of itself (conscious apprehension), loves **itself**, and understands itself; **but because it can also remember, understand, and love God** by Whom it was made". *Much less, therefore, is the image of God in the soul, in respect of other objects (that are equivalent to or less than man himself)*". (Book xiv, 12 of *De Trinitate*).

St. Thomas Aquinas accords (Q 93, A 8),

"It is clear that diversity of objects diversifies the species of word and of love (that is, makes many types of words and loves: *storge, eros, agape, felios, etc.*); for in the human mind the species of a stone is specifically different from that of a horse, which also the love regarding each of them is specifically different. **Hence, we refer the Divine image in man to the verbal concept (word) born of the knowledge of God, and to the love derived therefrom**".

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KNOW GOD by LOVE AS REVEALED BY JOHN

*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for **God is love**" (1 John 4:7-8).*

"The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved... The human being bears a profound mark of the Trinity, of God as Love" (Pope Benedict XVI - Angelus Solemnity Holy Trinity).

Thus better name for human species is "**Homo Sapiens Amans**": The being capable of Knowing and Loving.

GOD IS LOVE PERFECT FULLY ACTUALIZED LOVE

Perfect Love requires more than One Person. BUT, if total love is given it requires just one other person. Only one person whom you can give your total love to as in marriage.

Divine Love is Totally Self Giving. God the Father loves the Son with the total gift of Himself:

*"Everything that the Father has is mine" (John 16:15). This is why there is only one Son in the Trinity – no more love to give = All given to Christ*

But to be perfect, this love must be first Given to a Person who will return it. Love can be either

1. **Stolen**
2. **Requitted**
3. **Returned - Received back. Have to Give to Receive**

Moreover, it must be given to by another Being of the Same Species or it will not satisfy:

**Adam and Eve** - No animal satisfied Adam

*"And the Lord God said: **It is not good for man to be alone**....And the Lord God having formed out of the ground all the beasts of the earth, and all the fowls of the air, brought them to Adam to see what he would call them... And Adam called all the beasts by their names, and all the fowls of the air, and all the cattle of the field: but for Adam there was not found a helper like himself" (Genesis 2:18).*

Not Good for man to be alone because not good for God to be alone. **Perfect love requires another of same species capable of loving back as is loved.**



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## PERFECT LOVE IS NOT SOLITARY — GOD IS NOT ALONE

**Father** – Unloved Love Loving - Loves before Loved in Return

**Son** – Loved Love Loving (*Procession of the Word from Mind of the Father*). *The Son is loved before he loves.*

Because something must be known before loved. Procession of Son precedes in Order of Operation Procession of Spirit

Adam first knew Eve before he loved her: *“And Adam knew Eve his wife: who conceived and brought forth Cain”* (Genesis 4:10)

**Spirit is the Perfection of Love, spirated** from Love between Father and Son. **Spirate** means to breathe. The breath of God. The Essence of the Trinity

Jesus breathed on Apostles: **“Receive the Holy Spirit”**

## PROCESSION OF LOVE

Perfect Divine and Living Love is so fruitful it generates another Person = the Holy Spirit or Third Person of the Trinity called the Love of God and the Fruit of God. All Fruits proceed from the Holy Spirit because God is love and the Spirit is the Fruit of that love between Father and Son.

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is, charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, Mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity. Against such there is no law”* (Galatians 5:22).

Holy Spirit is the Love of God—the fulness of love. He is both Unloved Love Loving and Loved Love Loving. All Three as One are the perfection of Love. God always is a Trinity because always is perfect. No Son or no Spirit would be imperfect love, love in potential. But God has no potential; He is always perfect love.

Perfect actualized LOVE requires a perpetual unity of 3 Persons.

That is why Marriage perpetual and unbreakable — it is an icon of the Trinity which is both perpetual and exclusive. Children are the fruit of Marital Love. like Holy Spirit fruit of Divine Love. That has characteristics of both parents.

Marital Union is a Sacred Trinitarian act because human beings are sacred Trinitarian beings

Moreover, every human being is an Icon of the Trinity because every cell of human body is Trinitarian

– Gametes, Syngamy 2 become 1 and in nucleus 1 becomes three consisting of both M and F and same in every cell thereafter – Mystery of the Trinity manifest in LOVE.

Conclusion: it is the **Family not the Individual that is the basic unit of Society**. Only Individual there ever was, was Adam and that was a state that was *not* good. Everyone else born into a community. Human beings in their very essence are individuals meant for community.

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## WHAT HAS ALL THIS TO DO WITH ETHICS & POLITICS?

Human Beings are Trinitarian Beings. Thus, Politics, Economics and all that serves human beings must have a fundamental Trinitarian or communal basis.

SOCIETY must be Trinitarian because people whom it serves are all Trinitarian beings. That is, it must be both Individual and Communal simultaneously.

Anything different is *not* from God because it does not serve man in his totality. Thus, Communism and Capitalism both flawed: One stresses individual to detriment of community, the other stresses community to detriment of individual.

*"While... it is true that this social model [Capitalism] shows the failure of Marxism to contribute to a humane and better society...[however] **insofar as it denies an autonomous existence and value to morality, law, culture and religion, it [Capitalism] agrees with Marxism, in the sense that it totally reduces man to the sphere of economics and the satisfaction of material needs**" (Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*).*

St. Padre Pio Capitalism and Communism both in error. In East deny God from head to belly button – Atheistic Materialism.

In West from Belly button to feet = Hedonistic Materialism  
Need to have both Communal and private dimensions. Each have partial truth and partial error, both need to be rectified.

Conflict used by Satan and his disciples to turn people and nations against each other. Giving each partial truths and turning them against each other. Cardinal Glemp & Lech Walesa: Third way when thought only two.

## GOVERNMENT LAW STRUCTURE FORM SOUL & BODY

Best Structure Mixed = Monarchy, Aristocracy, Democracy

Founding Fathers achieved it and it was revealed by God to the Jews. God's plan was to be ruled by Judges (1 Samuel 8, Exodus 18:12-26).



However, Jews wanted a king. God gave it to them as a Punishment (1 Samuel 8).

But then came King David in whom God delighted. Why

Society only as good as its laws. Aristotle said lawgivers are like gods. Why Plato insisted wise men should govern. Those that promote peace and assist true development by drafting laws that facilitate reaching our true human end.

Branches of Government, division of power and offices are structure = Body. But the form is more important = Law

**DON'T STRAIN AT GNAT AND SWALLOW CAMEL: LAW IS FIRST. EVEN IF STRUCTURE WRONG IF FORM IS RIGHT WILL TEND TO THE GOOD.**

Because Jews given law by God private property had social functions

All were allowed on entering friend's vineyard to eat the fruit thereof, but not to take any away. (Dt. 23:24): "Going into thy neighbor's vineyard, thou mayest eat as many grapes as thou pleasest but may carry none out with thee."

With respect to poor = common = forgotten sheaves and bunches of grapes should be left for the poor.

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Foreclosure for debt prohibited. Danger **removed by allowing use of possession only** for a specific time at which it must return to owner. Value determined by annual yield.

Debt forgiven on Sabbath and Jubilee years.

"Interesting to note that Jews did not have a legislative Branch. Why not?

*Charlamagne and Alfred the Great Instituted Revealed Divine law basis of Law based on Judicial precedent: Common Law*

After citing Moses and the New Law of Agape, Alfred closed the Preface with a litany of Christian Common Law that existed in Britain before his own time – Laws which Alfred formalized by including them, when appropriate, in his own Code.

Alfred then lists the laws which he and his Parliament derived from **Exodus, Sermon on the Mount** and the **Acts of the Apostles**. "Alfred copiously cites many of the case laws of Ancient Israel – such as Exodus 21:16 & 22:16; Numbers 25:12-25 & 35:25; and Deuteronomy 1:13 & 19:12 & 22:23

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Medieval Europe created Commons. Little known fact that in Medieval England families had 3-5 acres for exclusive use and land although private could be Passed on to heirs. Plus use of Common Lands fishing wood and grazing.

Ended in 17-19th Century with Protestant Reformation and Industrial Revolution. Land Enclosed and Common law comes under attack. Serfs forced off for lucrative sheep.

This all fell apart in 18th and 19th Centuries known as Enlightenment when Liberalism was born

Bonaparte 1,000 years later imprisons two popes (Popes Pius VI who died in Napoleon's prison in 1799 & Pius VII,) proscribes Common law and guilds and introduces Secular Napoleon Code puts crown on own head.

It is in this context that political encyclicals begin with Gregory XVI *Mirari Vos* on Liberalism.

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## Liberalism

Communism bad we all no that. But what of Liberalism from which it grew as a response?

Earlier said family is basic building block of society not individual but Liberalism makes it the individual.

Liberalism what is it? Society built on Freedom of individual – *Liber* to Free. Liberty Condemned for inviolability of private property, lack of regulation in Divine Law, False idea of freedom Condemned for three freedoms without God:

“The nature and character of that liberty which the followers of liberalism so eagerly advocate and proclaim...opens the way to every perversity of opinion.... which, under the guise of liberty, exonerates man from any obedience to the commands of God [in every realm - political, economic, and cultural], and substitutes a boundless license” (Pope Leo XIII, *Libertas*).

## THREE PILLARS OF LIBERALISM

Political

Cultural

Economic - Financial

Communism grew out of abuses of Capitalism and Industrial Revolution.

Unregulated private property, a liberal spirit of Social Darwinism, and lack of a social safety net significantly contributed to the growing tumult which, from Leo’s perspective, required rectification based on Gospel norms and natural law if peace were to be attained and Communism avoided.

## Private Property

**Church defends** Private Property as part of Natural Law, but not Absolute. Common mistake made by many Catholics as illustrated in a Church Militant Article lambasting Pope Francis for saying private property has limits:

“In *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis proclaimed ‘the Christian tradition has *never* recognized the right to private property as absolute or inviolable’ contradicting Pope Leo XIII, who wrote in *Rerum Novarum*: ‘*The first and most fundamental principle, therefore, if one would undertake to alleviate the condition of the masses, must be the inviolability of private property.*’ (Church Militant.com).

Leo did say the above words and so did Francis. However, the author missed the context in which Francis spoke those words was Communism and thus misrepresented Catholic Social teaching to his Conservative audience.

Pope John Paul II *Laborem Exercens*, echoed Pope Francis:

“**Christian tradition has *never* upheld this right as absolute and untouchable.** On the contrary, it has always understood this right within the broader context of the right common to all to use the goods of the whole of creation: *the right to private property is subordinated to the right to common use*, to the fact that goods are meant for everyone

“First, then, let it be considered as certain and established that neither **Leo** nor those theologians who have taught under the guidance and authority of the Church have ever denied or questioned the *twofold character of (private) ownership*, called usually *individual or social* according as it regards either separate persons or the common good”.

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## A Note on Natural Law & Justice

Eternal Law—Law of God at work in everything bringing it to its end

Human Beings are directed to their end by Reason. Aquinas: "Law is a dictate of reason". Reason is natural to men so it is called Natural Law, which is something different than **Law of Nature** was a mistake made by Social Darwinists at dawn of Enlightenment.

In State of Nature Hobbes said "*Life is nasty, brutish and short*". It is Law of the Jungle wherein only the fittest survive. Law for *animals not* for human beings.

However, to simply say "reason" and leave it is not enough. When Church speaks of reason, we have to remember that there are five intellectual virtues two of which are Prudence & Wisdom.

Pope Benedict XVI Regensburg Address: Wisdom Higher "Speculative" directs lower "Practical". Without it can use reason for all wrong purposes.

**Wisdom** is the Summum Bonum. Prudence is about ends and means. How best to get something done it is calculative. Wisdom knows the nature of things (their essence so can know their end what is good and bad for development). Prudence tells us how to get to the end. Without knowledge of the end will use prudence in all the wrong ways but it will sound reasonable.

For example Ben Franklin

*"I believe I have omitted mentioning that, in my first voyage from Boston, being becalmed off Block Island, our people set about catching cod, and hauled up a great many. Hitherto I had stuck to my resolution of not eating animal food, and on this occasion I considered, with my master Tryon, the taking every fish as a kind of unprovoked murder, since none of them had or ever could do us any injury that might justify the slaughter. All this seemed very reasonable. But I had formerly been a great lover of fish, and when this came hot out of the frying-pan, it smelt admirably well. I balanced some time between principle and inclination, till I recollected that, when the fish were opened, I saw smaller fish taken out of their stomachs. Then thought I, 'If you eat one another, I don't see why we mayn't eat you'. So I dined upon cod very heartily, and continued to eat with other people, returning only now and then occasionally to a vegetable diet. So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do" .*



## JUSTICE

Justice greatest of the social virtues. Involved in all our social relationships, doing good to others and the community. Realization that being just to others assists their pursuit of happiness. Consists in giving each person his due, that which is necessary for development.

JUSTICE: The only virtue relating to our neighbor—it is necessary for a social being such as man. Without justice conflict, division perpetual war. Want peace work for Justice.

## THREE TYPES RELATIONSHIP SO THREE TYPES OF JUSTICE

I-I: Commutative Justice (CIVIL LAW) Regulates action between individuals Example Lex Talionis Eye foe eye puts limits on retribution.

Law suits necessary if do not voluntarily remedy situation, the imbalance you might have caused. Just man will repay when understands it is his fault, unjust man will avoid payment.

S-I: Distributive Justice = Give to equals equally and unequals unequally but fairly. No one gives, no one gets.

Contrary to socialism that would give to unequals equally and to capitalism that gives them unequally but often unjustly.

I-S: Social Justice = JFK: "Ask *not* what your country can do for you but...."

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## PAPAL QUOTES

### First Social Encyclical by Pope Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum* (1891) Known as Magna Carta of Catholic Social Teaching

#### Pope Leo XIII — Just Wage

"Remuneration must be enough to support the wage-earner in reasonable and frugal comfort." (*Rerum Novarum*).

"Public institutions and the laws set aside the ancient religion. Hence, by degrees it has come to pass that working men have been surrendered, isolated and helpless, to the hard-heartedness of employers and the greed of unchecked competition. The mischief has been increased by rapacious usury, which, although more than once condemned by the Church, is nevertheless, under a different guise, but with like injustice, still practiced by covetous and grasping men. To this must be added that the hiring of labor and the conduct of trade are concentrated in the hands of comparatively few; so that a small number of very rich men have been able to lay upon the teeming masses of the laboring poor a yoke little better than that of slavery itself." (*Rerum Novarum*).

Leo is talking about Capitalism not Communism

#### Democracy Popular Sovereignty

"Those who may be placed over the State may in certain cases [democracy] be chosen by the will and decision of the multitude, without opposition to or impugning of the Catholic doctrine. And by this choice, in truth, the ruler is designated, but the rights of ruling are not thereby conferred. Nor is the authority delegated to him, but the person by whom it is to be exercised is determined upon" (*Diuturnum*).

"Every civilized community must have a ruling authority, and this authority, no less than society itself, has its source in nature and has, consequently, God for its author...For God alone is the true and supreme lord of the world..., so that whosoever holds the right to govern holds it from one sole and single source, namely, God, the Sovereign Ruler of all. "There is no power but from God" (Rom. 13:1) (*Immortale Dei*).

#### Pope Pius XI Liberalism & Communism both Wrong

"Accordingly, twin rocks of shipwreck must be carefully avoided. For, as one is wrecked upon, or comes close to, what is known as 'individualism' by denying or minimizing the social and public character of the right of property (Liberalism), or so by rejecting or minimizing the private and individual character of this same right, one inevitably runs into 'collectivism' (*Quadragesimo Anno*).

#### Pope John XXIII — Common Good Regulate Economy

"As for the State, "...its whole *raison d'être* is the realization of the common good in the temporal order. It cannot, therefore, hold aloof from economic matters.... It has also the duty to protect the rights of all its people, and particularly of its weaker members, the workers, women and children. It can never be right for the State to shirk its obligation of working actively for the betterment of the condition of the working-man" (*Mater et Magistra*).

#### Pope Paul VI — Private Property

"Everyone knows [or should know] that the Fathers of the Church laid down the duty of the rich toward the poor in no uncertain terms.... The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich.' These words indicate **that the right to private property is not absolute and unconditional**".

"No one may appropriate surplus goods solely for his own private use when others lack the bare necessities of life. In short, 'as the Fathers of the Church and other eminent theologians tell us, **the right of private property may never be exercised to the detriment of the common good.**' When "private gain and basic community needs conflict with one another," it is for the public authorities to seek a solution to these questions, with the active involvement of individual citizens and social groups" (*Populorum Progressio*).

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## Pope John Paul II - Regarding Moral Licity of Capitalism

"...if by "capitalism" is meant a system in which freedom in the economic sector is **not circumscribed within a strong juridical framework** which places it at the service of human freedom in its totality, and which sees it as a particular aspect of that freedom, **the core of which is ethical** [Natural Law] and **religious** [Divine Law], then the reply is certainly negative "

"The fact is that many people, perhaps the majority today, do not have the means which would enable them to take their place in an effective and humanly dignified way within a productive system in which work is truly central ...These are situations in which the rules of the earliest period of capitalism still flourish in conditions of 'ruthlessness' in no way inferior to the darkest moments of the first phase of industrialization. In other cases the land is still the central element in the economic process, but those who cultivate it are excluded from ownership and are reduced to a state of quasi-servitude... the human inadequacies of capitalism and the resulting domination of things over people are far from disappearing" (*Centesimus Annus*).

## Pope Benedict XVI

"The processes of globalization, suitably understood and directed, open up the unprecedented possibility of large-scale redistribution of wealth on a world-wide scale; if badly directed, however, they can lead to an increase in poverty and inequality, and could even trigger a global crisis. It is necessary to *correct the malfunctions*,...to ensure that the redistribution of wealth does not come about through the redistribution or increase of poverty" (*Caritas in Veritate*).

## Pope Francis - Capitalism Free Market

"...some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expresses a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system..." (*Evangelii Gaudium*).

## Main Principles for Christian Society

1. Charity (*Agape*) - Main Principle
2. Dignity and Development of Human Person
3. Life Liberty Pursuit of Happiness properly defined
4. Development of Society according to true nature of human person
5. Justice: Commutative - Distributive - Social everyone contributes because everyone needs. "Don't work don't eat"
6. Common Good: Communal & Individual Economy-Finance circumscribed by Regulation rooted in D & N Law.
7. Private Property & Universal Destination Created Goods
8. Rule of Law congruent with Divine and Natural Law, *not* Popular Sovereignty
9. Subsidiarity
10. Solidarity: Local - National (Poland) - International (UN)  
*"The principle of subsidiarity must remain closely linked to the principle of solidarity and vice versa, since the former without the latter gives way to social privatism, while the latter without the former gives way to paternalist social assistance that is demeaning to those in need"*  
(Pope Benedict XVI *Caritas in Veritate*).
11. Social Class Hierarchy with Limited span (Mondragon)  
Concentration of wealth curtailed. Usury proscribed
12. Just Wage - Right to Organize
13. Care for Creation (with which we share the breath of Life)
14. Family basic unit of Society – Tax Credits Education

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