

Catholic Social Teaching and Water

Divide into small groups (no more than 6). Each group is given a short passage from the Bible or Catholic Social Teaching. Groups are to reflect on the meaning of their passage. They can prepare a mime or a role play to convey the message.

The Church has a responsibility towards creation... she must defend not only earth, water and air as gifts of creation that belong to everyone. She must above all protect mankind from self-destruction.

Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth) #51

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.

Matthew 10:42

The right to food, like the right to water, has an important place within the pursuit of other rights, beginning with the fundamental right to life. It is therefore necessary to cultivate a public conscience that considers food and access to water as universal rights of all human beings, without distinction or discrimination.

Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth) #27

Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity.

Laudato Si' #30

One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases.

Laudato Si' #29

Some studies warn that an acute water shortage may occur within a few decades unless urgent action is taken. The environmental repercussions could affect billions of people; it is also conceivable that the control of water by large multinational businesses may become a major source of conflict in this century.

Laudato Si' #31

**1 DAY OF
DIFFERENCE
FOR A LIFETIME
OF CHANGE**

