

STEWARDSHIP

We do not own the land, sea and sky.

We must care for them so that all people who come after us can live well too.

We need to share the water and food from this earth with the whole human family.



PROTECTION OF THE POOR AND VULNERABLE

The needs of the poor and vulnerable must be put first.

We need to find ways to help those who are experiencing poverty, danger or illness. We must protect them as part of our human family.



COMMON GOOD

This principle is followed when decisions are made which are the best for everyone in the community or the country.

These decisions do not put the rights of a few individuals above the needs of the whole group.



HUMAN DIGNITY

Every person is valuable to God whether they are old or young, men or women, any race or religion, healthy or sick or differently abled.

Every person is worthy of our respect.



PARTICIPATION

Everybody is called to take part in their community and work together so that everyone can be happy.

In particular everybody has the right to be involved in things like schooling, work and politics.



SUBSIDIARITY

People should have a say in decisions that affect them.

As much as possible, communities should make decisions for themselves, rather than large organisations or governments making decisions for them.



SOLIDARITY

We are all part of one big human family.

We need to support each other and stand alongside each other, especially when people are in difficulty, wherever in the world they may be.

