‘On a level playing field’

Fair play into practice
Fairness means

Å Treating other people the way you want to be treated.
Å Trying to give everyone rights and chances like those you have.
Fairness doesn’t mean

That everything is equal or the same.

But everything we have is a result of God’s gifts to us.
So how are we doing?

In sports competitions:
Who are the underdogs?
Who is left out?
Who is disadvantaged?
How are we doing outside of sports settings?

Around the world we see things that just seem very unfair.

Why can’t everybody on earth have the basics for life?
Why should everyone in the world not have enough?

Enough food?
Enough water?
Enough love?
Warmth and shelter?
Peace from conflict?

A dad cleaning out the drain beside the family house in Pakistan. The children look on at the mess.
How are we doing with children’s rights?

Classroom in Cambodia

A street in Gaza, Palestine

Homework in Nepal

Getting water in Sudan
How are we doing with fair play at home?

The statistics show that inequality is growing in New Zealand.

The symptoms of poverty and inequality affect all members of society.

A team playing a successful game is more than the sum of individual talents.
There is no ‘I’ in ‘team’.

To achieve a more equal society we need to remember we are all on the same ‘People of God’ team.
Jesus called for people to change their ways

- For rich people to share their wealth with poor people.
- For powerful people to serve those without power.
- For lawyers and teachers to treat people as equals.

The Golden Rule. Do to others as you would like them to do to you.
The **Golden Rule** at home and around the world

Let’s remember the effects of unfair conduct on others.

Let’s strive for fair play in everything so that everyone gets a ‘fair go’!
Ways to make things fairer for everyone

- Find ways to take turns.
- Ask what you can do to help.
- Include others. Don’t leave people out.
- Respect people who are different from you.
What is the common good?

When we think about the common good, we are thinking about ourselves in relation to each other: as members of whānau, families, communities, parishes, iwi and neighbourhoods.

“...to desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.”

Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (#7), 2009
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Working to make a real difference in the lives of people living with poverty or injustice.

My strength is not mine alone,
But that of the many.

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