

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE WORKPLACE

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Human Dignity

1. In your workplace, how is the dignity of each person enhanced? What practical ways are fostered to affirm people's self-worth?
2. Are there any situations in which persons might feel devalued in your work setting? Explain.
3. What might you and others or the entire organization do to further a sense of dignity and respect among workers? Are there any obstacles to this? Can they be overcome?

Work

1. Do people in your work environment experience their work as meaningful? Do you? Why or why not?
2. What can enhance among people a sense of meaning and purpose to what they do? In what ways can you assist in this?
3. Are there any issues of justice or fairness that workers now express which may need to be addressed? How might you respond to these?

The Common Good

1. We as individual Americans are often portrayed as not as concerned about the common good of our workplace, our community and our world as we should be. Are there any present work-related issues which demonstrate or contradict this?
2. What might be done in your work setting to strengthen the focus and response to the common good? Reflect upon any practical examples.

Justice

1. Are there any issues (discrimination, incompetence, greed, disregard for the environment, lack of compassion, dishonesty, etc.) at your work or in the community that your work organization needs to address? What are they?
2. What struggles do you experience in recognizing injustice at your work or in providing an ideal, just response?
3. What might you or others in the organization do to grow in awareness of injustice? What practical steps might you or the organization take to foster a more just organization in an ongoing way? What might you do to foster a more just society in your sphere of influence?