

JUSTICE

<p>1</p> <p>Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.</p> <p>CCC 1807</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Justice is a certain rectitude of mind whereby a man does what he ought to do in the circumstances confronting him.</i></p> <p><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>Justice is the highest of the three moral virtues: justice, fortitude, and temperance. The good man is above all the just man... Holy Scripture speaks more than eight hundred times of "justice" and "the just man," by which it means no less than "the good man, the holy man."</p> <p><i>Josef Pieper</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?</i></p> <p><i>Micah 6:8</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>BUT IF YOU WOULD OFFER ME HOLOCAUSTS, THEN LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE AN EVER-FLOWING STREAM.</p> <p><i>Amos 5:2</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Do you want peace?</i></p> <p>Do justice, and you will have peace. Justice and peace kiss one another.</p> <p><i>St. Augustine</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IS TO SERVE JUSTICE. TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF PEACE IS TO SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE LOWLY AND DISPOSSESSED.</p> <p><i>Pope Pius XII</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>Justice requires that to lawfully constituted authority there be given that respect and obedience which is its due; that the laws which are made shall be in wise conformity with the common good; and that, as a matter of conscience all men shall render obedience to these laws.</p> <p><i>Pope Pius XI</i></p>
<p>9</p> <p><i>The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity.</i></p> <p><i>Vatican II, AA 8 § 5</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>WHEN WE ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN WANT, WE GIVE THEM WHAT IS THEIRS, NOT OURS. MORE THAN PERFORMING WORKS OF MERCY, WE ARE PAYING A DEBT OF JUSTICE.</p> <p><i>St. Gregory the Great</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>The bread that you store up belongs to the hungry. The cloak that lies in your chest belongs to the naked. And the gold that you have hidden in the ground belongs to the poor.</p> <p><i>St. Basil the Great</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Many sins wrong our neighbor. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much.</p> <p>CCC, 1459</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Students would be lacking in justice towards society and towards their families, at times seriously, if they didn't make good use of the time during which they are supposed to be studying.</i></p> <p><i>Francis Fernandez</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>Rash judgment is an act of injustice against your neighbor for you condemn him without a hearing and without knowing the reasons and motives for his actions.</p> <p><i>Lawrence Lovasik</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Pay all of them their dues; taxes to whom taxes are due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.</i></p> <p><i>Romans 13:7</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Make yourself a seller when you are buying, and a buyer when you are selling, and then you will sell and buy justly.</p> <p><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></p>

<p>17</p> <p>Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of man. The person represents the ultimate end of society, which is ordered to him: "What is at stake is the dignity of the human person, whose defense and promotion have been entrusted to us by the Creator, and to whom the men and women at every moment of history are strictly and responsibly in debt."</p> <p>CCC 1929, quoting John Paul II, SRS 47</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The development of economic activity and growth in production are meant to provide for the needs of human beings. Economic life is not meant solely to multiply goods produced and increase profit or power; it is ordered first of all to the service of persons, of the whole man, and of the entire human community. Economic activity, conducted according to its own proper methods, is to be exercised within the limits of the moral order, in keeping with social justice so as to correspond to God's plan for man.</p> <p>CCC 2426</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The requirements of justice cannot be limited to the economic sphere alone... The demands of Christian ethics and living range wider than that, and include considerations such as the respect for life, fidelity and truth, the cultivation of reliability, competence, industriousness and honesty, the rejection of all forms of cheating, a sense of social responsibility and indeed of generosity, which ought always to inspire Christians in the performance of their work and in the exercise of their professional activities.</p> <p>Spanish Episcopal Conference, Catholics in Public Life</p>	<p>20</p> <p>WE MUST NOT BE SO INSISTENT UPON DEMANDING OUR RIGHTS AS IN DISCHARGING OUR OBLIGATIONS.</p> <p>Pope Benedict XV</p>	<p>21</p> <p>We have to uphold the right of all men to live, to own what is necessary to lead a dignified existence, to work and to rest, to choose a particular state in life, to form a home, to bring children into the world through marriage and to be allowed to educate them, to pass peacefully through times of sickness and old age, to have access to culture, to join with other citizens to achieve legitimate ends, and, above all, to enjoy the right to know and love God in perfect liberty.</p> <p>St. Josemaria</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>It is certainly true that today, when the Church commits herself to works of justice on a human level (and there are few institutions in the world which accomplish what the Catholic Church accomplishes for the poor and disadvantaged), the world praises the Church. But when the Church's work for justice touches on issues and problems which the world no longer sees as bound up with human dignity, like protecting the right to life of every human being from conception to natural death, or when the Church confesses that justice also includes our responsibilities toward God himself, then the world not infrequently reaches for the stones mentioned in our Gospel today (Jn 10:31).</i></p> <p>Cardinal Ratzinger</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Let each one examine himself to see what he has done up to now and what more he ought to accomplish. It is not enough to cite general principles, make resolutions, condemn grave injustices, make denunciations with a certain prophetic daring. None of this will carry any weight unless accompanied in each person by a more lively realization of his own responsibility and by effective action. It is too easy to make other people responsible for today's injustices, if, at the same time, we don't realize that we too are responsible and that a personal conversion is therefore the first necessity.</p> <p>Pope Paul VI</p>	<p>24</p> <p>A man or a society that does not react to suffering and injustice and makes no attempt to alleviate them is still distant from the love of Christ's heart. While Christians enjoy the fullest freedom in finding and applying various solutions to these problems, they should be united in having one and the same desire to serve mankind. Otherwise their Christianity will not be the word and life of Jesus; it will be a fraud, a deception of God and man.</p> <p>St. Josemaria</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made.</p> <p>St. Peter of Alcantara</p>	<p>26</p> <p>To be just means giving each one what is due to him. This concerns temporal goods, of a material nature. . . . But to man is due also his good name, respect, consideration, the reputation he has deserved. The more we know a man, the more his personality, his character, his intellect and his heart are revealed to us. And the more we realize--and we must realize--with what criterion to "measure him" and what it means to be just towards him.</p> <p>Pope John Paul II</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Calumny, backbiting and gossip can be real and flagrant manifestations of injustice, because among temporal goods the integrity of one's reputation appears to be the most important, and through its loss man is deprived of doing much good.</p> <p>Francis Fernandez, quoting St. Thomas</p>	<p>28</p> <p>[E]xpressions like "calumny," "slander," "tale-bearing," are now in their proper meanings scarcely intelligible to most people...What is "tale-bearing"? Our forebears understood by it: privately spreading evil reports about another, and to that other's friend, no less...an especially grievous violation of justice, since no man can live without friends. What term[s] shall we use...to render <i>derisio</i>, the act that violates justice by bringing shame to another through mockery [and] the special form of justice that goes with it and consists in sparing another man shame?</p> <p>Josef Pieper</p>	<p>29</p> <p><i>Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent and dwell on your holy mountain? he who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart, he who does not slander with his tongue; he who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbor, who holds the godless in disdain, but honors those who fear the Lord; he who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribe against the innocent. such a man will stand firm forever.</i></p> <p>Psalms 15</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice.</p> <p>Matthew 5:6</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>It is necessary, therefore, to deepen our knowledge of justice continually. It is not a theoretical science. It is a virtue, a capacity of the human spirit, of the human will and also of the heart. It is also necessary to pray in order to be just and to know how to be just. We cannot forget Our Lord's words: "The measure you give will be the measure you get" (Mt 7:2). A just man is a man of a "just measure". May we all be so! May we all strive constantly to become so!</i></p> <p>Pope John Paul II</p>	<p>holy Mary, Mirror Of Justice, Pray For Us</p>