



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### Care for creation - Stewardship

The world that God created has been entrusted to everyone and we are responsible and accountable to God as stewards of the earth. The world has been given to us as a gift, to enjoy and care for so that future generations can enjoy it too. It is in caring for creation that we show our love and respect for its Creator.



Sofia  
the Sloth



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we understand that all living things are connected so we must do what we can to take care of our common home so that it meets the needs of everyone, now and in the future.

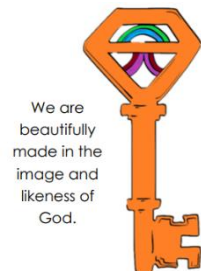
### [Laudato Si' animation for children | CAFOD - Bing video](#)

### Human dignity

Every human person is created in the image and likeness of God. Every person's life and dignity must be respected and supported from conception until the end of their natural life on earth. Therefore, it is essential that every institution's worth is assessed in how it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.



Luc the  
Deer



We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.

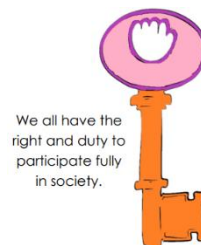
At Our Lady of Lourdes, we understand that everyone is different and deserves to be treated with respect and kindness.

### Community and participation

The human person is not only sacred, but social. How society is organised be it socially, economically, legally or politically has a direct impact on the dignity and growth of every human person and community.



Patariki  
the  
Penguin



We all have the right and duty to participate fully in society.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we know that we are all part of different communities that we live in with others – our school, parish, families, social groups, world. We should be active participants in these communities to make sure that we share our gifts and talents to allow these communities to grow and that they should be inclusive to allow all people to participate.

### Option for the poor

Poverty is when a person is prevented from being able to provide for one's basic needs. We should think first about the needs of these who are most vulnerable and do what we can to help.

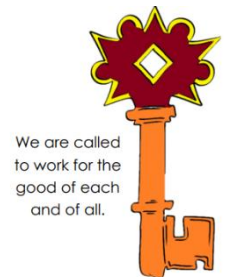
At Our Lady of Lourdes, we show that we care about those who have less than us by sharing what we have. We make donations to charities which support those who need it most.



### Solidarity and peace

We are all responsible for one another because we all belong to one family which was created and loved by God. All our actions have an impact on everyone and when we make decisions, we should consider the good of all. The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, when we make decisions, we try to think of how this impacts on other people, to ensure that everyone benefits from our actions. We work together to help those in need so that our community is good for everyone.



### Dignity of Work

The Dignity of Work is to be found in scripture and in the ministry of Jesus. Jesus himself worked as a carpenter before starting his ministry. Work is something which brings dignity to the human person so that no one struggles to have the basic necessities of life. Everyone has a right to work for a fair wage and in doing so, contribute to the common good.

At Our Lady of Lourdes, we work hard to equip all pupils with the skills for learning and life essential for working life ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to be the best that they can be.

