

Principles of Catholic Social Justice Part 1

RCIA

January 31, 2012



Reflection Questions

- 1. What are your core values?**
- 2. What are the Church's core values?**
- 3. What are our Baptismal responsibilities?**

What Does “Social” Mean?



Community

What Does “Justice” Mean?

Twin Towers



Abu Ghraib video





**“Injustice anywhere is a threat to
justice everywhere.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

JUSTICE:

DOING WHAT'S RIGHT,

**STANDING UP FOR WHAT'S
RIGHT...**

NO MATTER THE COST.

Social Justice Figures of Hebrew Scripture

✓ Moses



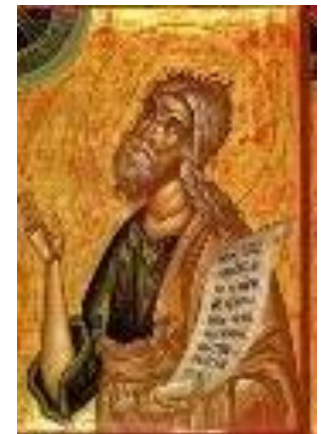
✓ Noah



✓ Isaiah



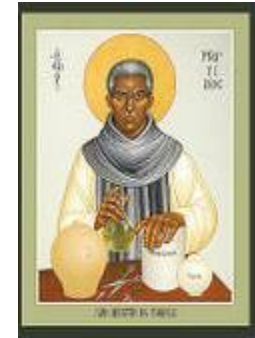
✓ Jeremiah



Social Justice Figures in the Christian Era

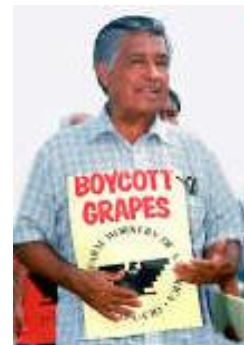
Pre-Modern Times

- ✓ St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226
- ✓ St. Martin de Pores, 1579-1639
- ✓ St. Vincent de Paul, 1581-1660



Modern Times

- ✓ Pope Leo XIII
- ✓ Mohandas Gandhi
- ✓ Dorothy Day
- ✓ Cesar Chavez
- ✓ Mother Teresa



Catholic Social Justice Teaching

Church doctrine (teaching) relating to social matters in light of revealed truth

Aspects of Catholic Social Justice Teaching

- ❖ It gives us principles for reflection
- ❖ It provides criteria for judgment
- ❖ It gives guidelines for action

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Comes from: “*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching*”

– 1998 U.S. Catholic Bishops’ Document

- Purpose is to alert Catholics to the fact that the Church’s teaching on social justice is an essential part of our faith

Wheel of Justice

