



Key CST Information

Primary

Our actions have an impact on everyone. 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.

The Common Good

'The whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts.'
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel), #235, 2013

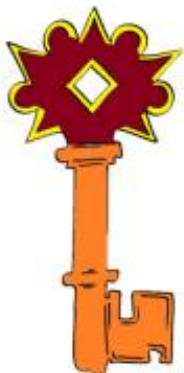
Chikondi the Giraffe
(a big fan of the common good)



'All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would... distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.'
Acts 2:44-45

'The common good... the sum total of social conditions which allow people... to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily.'
Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, #26, 1965

'Beside the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us' ... To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity.'
Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, #7, 2009



Key statement

We are called to work for the good of each and of all.

CAFOD and The Common Good

CAFOD follows Jesus' example of ensuring that quieter voices are heard, so that a better world is achieved together and where each and every one of us, including our mother earth, may flourish. Ultimately, no one can truly flourish if another person is hungry, lost or abandoned, nor can humankind flourish while our common home is degraded and exploited for the good of the few.