



Key CST Information

Primary

God's plan was for all people to share in the goods of this world. This means that no person should struggle to have the basic necessities of life such as food, shelter and clothing.

Distributive justice is all about fair allocation of resources (including income, goods and services).

Distributive Justice

'...we are agreed today that the earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone.'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si' (Praise be), #93, 2015

DJ the Dolphin
(a big fan of distributive justice)

"All who believed were together and had all things in common."

Acts 2:44-45



'The principle of the universal destination of goods is an invitation... to bring about a world of fairness and solidarity...'

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (#174)

'We have turned a gift with a universal destination into a privilege enjoyed by a select few. We have made the fruits of the earth - a gift to humanity - commodities for a few, thus engendering exclusion.'

Pope Francis' message to the UN World Food Programme, June 13, 2016



Key statement

Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.

CAFOD and Distributive Justice

CAFOD founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992 along with Christian Aid, Oxfam, Traidcraft, the World Development Movement and the National Federation of Women's Institutes. We believe we are all part of the global food system - which means we have the power to change it. Changing the food we buy and choosing products from Fairtrade companies is one of the ways we can help tackle poverty.