



Key CST Information

Primary

A preferential option for the poor means that we think first about the needs of those who are the most vulnerable.

Jesus taught that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, look after the sick and visit those imprisoned, we are looking after Him.

Preferential Option for the Poor

Poppy the Pōpokotea
(a big fan of preferential option for the poor)

'The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!'
Pope Francis, July 26, 2013

'Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.'
Isaiah 1:17

"The [Option for the Poor] affects the life of each Christian as he or she seeks to imitate the life of Christ"
St Pope John Paul II, On Social Concern #42



"You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich."

St Ambrose, quoted by St Pope Paul VI in The Progress of Peoples 1967

CAFOD and Preferential Option for The Poor



Key statement

The needs of the poor and vulnerable should be put first.

We work wherever the need is greatest. We refuse to accept the suffering of our brothers and sisters. No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need.