

CES Sandhurst SOCIAL JUSTICE



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE #7 Participation



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Each person is not only sacred but social. Therefore all people have a right and a duty to participate in society seeking together the common good and wellbeing of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. It is a fundamental demand of justice and a requirement for human dignity that all people be assured a minimum level of participation in the community (economically, politically and culturally). Conversely, it is wrong for a person or a group to be excluded unfairly or to be unable to participate in society. “The ultimate injustice is for a person or group to be treated actively or abandoned passively as if they were non-members of the human race. To treat people this way is effectively to say they simply do not count as human beings.”

(US Bishops “Economic Justice for All” 1986)

WHO

is excluded or marginalized in my community?

WHO

does not have a voice?

WHO

is considered as less than human?