

# CES Sandhurst SOCIAL JUSTICE



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE #3 Solidarity



Sandhurst Winter Sleepout

The principle of solidarity means basically that we are all really responsible for each other. It is not about a vague sort of compassion but requires a genuine appreciation that we are one 'body'. When one suffers, we all suffer. Everyone has an obligation to promote the rights and development of all peoples irrespective of national boundaries. Actions where we 'walk in the shoes' of those less privileged assist this appreciation.

Solidarity also means that today 'loving our neighbor' has global dimensions in an interdependent world. "The humblest among you can offer the world a valuable lesson in solidarity, a word that is too often forgotten or silenced because it is uncomfortable ... I would like to make an appeal to those in possession of greater resources, to public authorities and to all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity."

Pope Francis (Brazil, 2013)

WHO

is my neighbour?

TO

whom am I responsible?