

# CES Sandhurst SOCIAL JUSTICE



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLE #2 Common Good



Allegory of the Long Spoons  
[youtube.com/watch?v=7mGVOekKMRs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mGVOekKMRs)

In 1965, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council wrote: "Every day human interdependence grows more tightly drawn and spreads by degrees over the whole world. As a result, the common good ... today takes on an increasingly universal complexion and consequently involves rights and duties with respect to the whole human race." *Gaudium et Spes*, n 26

These visionary words still hold true today. The principle of the common good reminds each of us that we are all really responsible for each other - without restriction or exclusion - and that we must work for social conditions which ensure that every person and every group in society is able to meet their needs and realize their potential. The rights of the individual to personal possessions and community resources must always be balanced with the needs of the disadvantaged and dispossessed.

WHO

do you depend on to have your needs met?

TO

whom are you responsible to assist them to meet their needs?