

# Year 5

# Catholic Social Teaching

**BIG QUESTION:** How can we walk together as a people of peace?

Catholic Social Teaching stems from the “Great Commandment” to put God first and to love your brother and sister as yourself and to act as if what happens to them also happens to you.



“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest.” He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your souls, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:36-40)

Catholic Social Teaching is nicknamed “our best-kept secret” Why is this? Well, because it is truly radical and very challenging.

## Key Vocabulary

Solidarity

Catholic Social Teaching

The Common Good

Community

Peacemaker



“They were faithful to the common life of sharing. They would sell their property and all they had and give the money to the poor. There was no needy person among them because they shared.”

(Acts of the Apostles 4:32-34)

Explorers, scientists, doctors and astronauts are often driven by the desire to do something great for human kind. Many of them often ended up living in great poverty, because they were working for the common good and not for money. **St Mother Teresa of Calcutta** is a beautiful example of a life lived for God. Can you find out about her?



**Task:** Carry out some research to see if you can find examples of people who have changed the world for the better at great cost to themselves.

- **Research people in the UK who have been recognised as Peacemakers of our time.**
- **Contact PAX Christie UK**  
[www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)



for information about  
being peacemakers

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**BIG QUESTION:** How can we listen with our ears, eyes, heart and mind?

## Focus: We pick up messages together

Being in solidarity with my brothers and sisters who are suffering in any way is part of being a Christian. Solidarity is about promoting the “Common Good” of all people. In order to really understand one another, we need to listen in many different way. When we do this, we can really connect and be united. As Christians we believe that people are connected. So this means that we must not ignore what is happening to our brothers and sisters.

**Task:** Try closing your eyes and only use your ears to hear. Next, block your ears and only use your eyes to hear. How were the 'listening' different?

How do we listen with our hearts? What do we need to do to be able to do that?

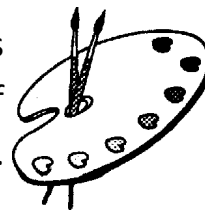
How do we listen with our minds? What do we need to be able to do to do that?

### Music Task

Research both religious music and pop music to find as many examples as you can of music which speaks of solidarity and peace.



**Art Task:** There are many paintings which also show the theme of Solidarity, the Common Good and Peace. See how many you can find.



**Reading Task:** Can you find any stories about solidarity and peace?

**Creative Writing Task:** Compose your own poem, song or rap on the theme of peace.



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HEART