



If you are coming to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you are coming because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.

-Australian Aboriginal Woman

Justice will not  
come...until  
those who are  
not injured are  
as indignant as  
those who are.

-Thucydides



One sixth of our children are growing up poor in the richest nation on earth. The blessings and burdens of American life are not being shared fairly.

-U.S. Catholics Bishops, *A Place at the Table*



# People can change laws.

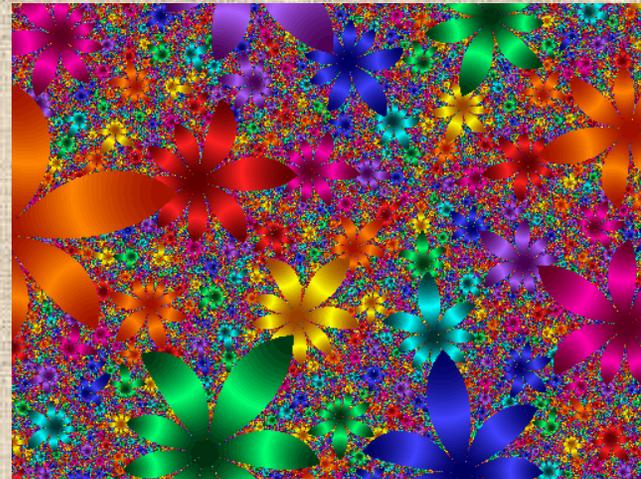
Our history is full of stories of people and groups that fought great odds to make great changes: child labor laws, public schools, clean air and water, social security.

Independent Sector,  
*Ten Reasons to Lobby for Your Cause*



**Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one's neighbor.**

*- Justice in the World*





**The order of society is based on two virtues: justice and charity.**

**Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked.**



**It is justice's role to prevent the attack.**

**- Blessed Frédéric Ozanam**

**“The spirit of the Lord  
God is upon me, because  
the Lord has anointed me;  
He has sent me to bring glad  
tidings to the lowly, to heal  
the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the  
captives and release to the  
prisoners,  
To announce a year of favor  
from the LORD.”**

Isaiah 61: 1-2



**It is in keeping  
their dignity as  
persons that  
beings should  
an active part in  
government.**

*-Pacem In Terris, 1963*





“We are living in a global age with problems and conflicts on a global scale.

Either we shall learn to resolve these problems together, or we shall destroy one another.

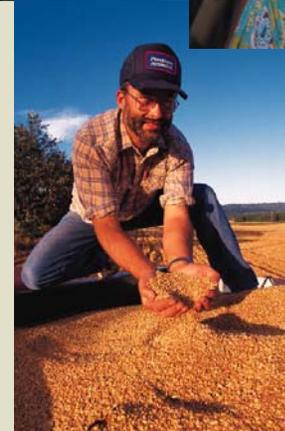
Mutual security and survival require a new vision of the world as one interdependent planet.

We have rights and duties not only within our diverse national communities but within the larger world community.”

*The Challenge of Peace*, U.S. Bishops, 1983, #244

“The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; the production to meet social needs over production for military purposes.”

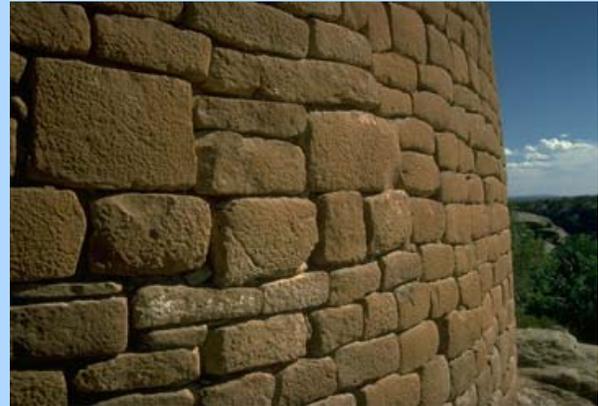
*Economic Justice For All,*  
U.S Catholic Bishops,  
1986, #94



**People say,  
"What is the sense of  
our small effort?"**

**They cannot see that  
we must lay one  
brick at a time,  
take one step at a  
time.**

**-Dorothy Day**



## Using this Gallery for Prayer/Reflection

As part of your next meeting or gathering, use the gallery for a prayer and reflection.

- Print out the slides
- Hang them around the room, with distance between each image, similar to paintings in an art gallery
- Find some soft, instrumental music that invites reflection and have this ready to play
- In the center of the meeting space, set up a candle with a cloth beneath it and add any other other items that might enhance the reflection
- In a meeting setting, you may wish to print the following directions in your meeting agenda or on a flip chart. Additionally, you may wish to have someone lead the group through each movement, stating the directions in a calm, even, inviting voice.

Spend a few moments in silence. If you wish, close your eyes. Pay attention to your breathing. Become aware of your breath as the gift of God's life in you. (*Pause for a minute or two of silence.*)

As your hear the music begin, and as you are ready, open your eyes.

Walk around the room and read a sample of the quotes posted in the gallery. Each quote has something to say about our life as people of faith and as citizens of a democracy.

As you read some of the quotes, listen to your heart: Which quote especially speaks to you at this time? Why?

When you have found a quote that speaks to you, return to your chair. Once again, pay attention to your breathing. Reflect further on the quote and what it means to you.

When the music stops, select a partner. Share the quote you selected and why it attracted you. What else arose in you during this time of reflection?

We'll hear snippets from your sharing in pairs in the large group. After the sharing, we'll light a candle and invite people to share prayers that grow out of this reflection.

- Light the candle. Invite people to share their prayers.  
Closing Prayer: "God of Life and Justice, enliven us with your Spirit. Renew in us the breath of hope and change. Help us to use the gift of our lives and the gift of democracy to serve you and all our brothers and sisters, especially those most in need of care. Amen."