



TEACHER'S NOTES

A unit for post-16 General RE Suitable for use with the Pope John Paul II Award (Unit 2)

Slide 3: One Global Family





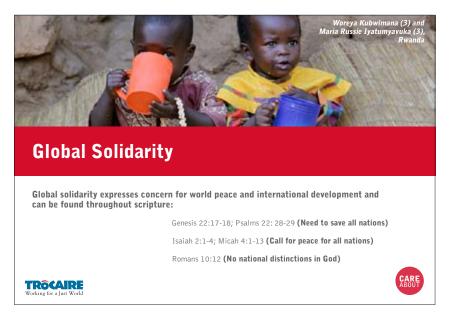
If you have the class time available, why not show your students the Powerpoint on Trócaire's work to let them see first-hand how Trócaire are helping make a difference to our global family on your behalf.

Slide 7: New Testament Faith in Action



Ask the students to reflect on what Jesus teaches us in the Gospels and to relate it to their own situation. You could use the prompt questions: How far is this teaching reflected in my school, in my parish, in my family, in my life? How am I challenged by Jesus' words?

Slide 9: Global Solidarity



Divide the class into groups of four or five. On each table place a bible and place a biblical scripture reference (1) Genesis 22:17-18, (2) Isaiah 2:1-4 and (3) Romans 10:12. Give the groups ten minutes at each table; ask them to read the quote and discuss how it is related to 'global solidarity'. Ask them to take notes before moving to the next table. At the end, ask groups to share their answers and reflections.

Slide 10: Catholic Social Teaching



Explain that Catholic Social Teaching includes, not only encyclicals written by Popes, but other documents by Bishops and theologians that have been written by the Church.

Other Catholic Social documents on the topic of Human Rights:

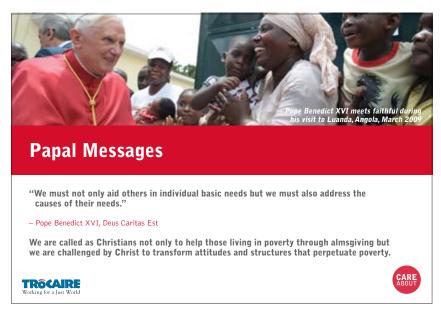
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- http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate_en.html

Slide 11: Papal Messages



The 'option for the poor' means that the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable should be given priority in our decisions.

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If you would like to explore the root causes that lie behind global poverty further than why not look at the post primary Lent resource entitled 'Food for Thought'. You can access it at www.trocaire.org/sites/trocaire/files/pdfs/edu/postprimaryreligiousresource.pdf.



Slide 15: Let us Pray





You could also put on some gentle music, invite the students to close their eyes and listen to the following reflection:

Fifteen Things God Won't Ask (Author Unknown)

- 1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3. God won't ask about the fancy clothes you had in your closet, but will ask how many of those clothes helped the needy.
- 4. God won't ask about your social status, but will ask what kind of class you displayed.
- 5. God won't ask how many material possessions you had, but will ask if they dictated your life.
- 6. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but will ask if you compromised your character to obtain that salary.
- 7. God won't ask how much overtime you worked, but will ask if you worked overtime for your family and loved ones.
- 8. God won't ask how many promotions you received, but will ask how you promoted others.
- 9. God won't ask what your job title was, but will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 10. God won't ask what you did to help yourself, but will ask what you did to help others.
- 11. God won't ask how many friends you had, but will ask how many people to whom you were a true friend.
- 12. God won't ask what you did to protect your rights, but will ask what you did to protect the rights of others.
- 13. God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, but will ask how you treated your neighbours.
- 14. God won't ask about the colour of your skin, but will ask about the content of your character.
- 15. God won't ask how many times your deeds matched your words, but will ask how many times they didn't.