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PHS Lesson 2 – Social Justice

Read this chapter and on a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions. You must answer in complete sentences in paragraph form.

1. When we speak of social justice, we must address the fact that each of us is part of society. As members of this world we have the right and the power to treat one another with dignity. Why does every human have infinite value?
2. What does the term “society” mean? Why is this term of importance to us?
3. What does the term “social justice” mean to you?
4. The Catholic Church has always been involved with issues of social justice. What role does our church adopt with respect to this issue? Briefly describe three organizations that are involved with social justice concerns.
5. The Church has identified four key concepts affecting social issues. Define each of these concepts and give an example of each concept.
 - common good
 - responsibility of political authority
 - human dignity
 - human solidarity
6. The Pope writes Encyclicals to teach the Church. An Encyclical is regarded as the explanation of a Truth of the Faith. Several Encyclicals or letters have a social justice message for us. Name one Encyclical and explain the message the Church is teaching us to follow.
7. What does the term “basic human rights” refer to? What other organization is concerned with these same human rights?
8. Jesus was an advocate for the poor and downtrodden. Describe some of the ways Jesus supported these poor, disabled and sick persons.
9. Read the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46. In your own words, what is the message Jesus wants us to receive.
10. Explain the difference between the role of service and the role of justice.
11. What problems do you see in your own community that troubles you as a person who is concerned with social justice?
12. We always hear about helping the poor, about bringing about change. What ideas do you have that would encourage the society we live in to make changes to help people live better lives?