

**SOLIDARITY**

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**ACTING IN WAYS THAT STEP**  
**BEYOND BARRIERS OF:**

WEST OR EAST, NORTH OR SOUTH

AFRICAN, CAUCAUSIAN, OR ASIAN

AMERICAN, MIDDLE EASTERN,  
CHINESE, AFRICAN, OR EUROPEAN

UNITED STATES, RUSSIA, CHINA,  
IRAN, TURKEY, OR MEXICO

CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, MUSLIM,  
HINDU, OR BUDDHIST

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FROM WHOM DO WE FIND  
OURSELVES DIVIDED?

WHO DO WE LOOK DOWN UPON?  
THINK WE ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM?

IN OUR FAMILY WHAT BARRIERS  
HAVE WE SET UP THAT NEED TO  
BE TAKEN DOWN?

**THAT MEANS PRACTICING  
SOLIDARITY!**

IN OUR SCHOOLS, WHICH  
STUDENTS DO WE IGNORE OR  
BELITTLE?

LET'S PRACTICE SOLIDARITY  
INSTEAD!

IN OUR WORK, WHERE DO WE  
CAUSE OR PROMOTE TOO MUCH  
DIVISION?

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AS COMMUNITIES OR AS A  
NATION WHERE DO WE  
ENCOURAGE DIVISION?

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**SOLIDARITY IS A MORAL PRINCIPLE**

PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY  
AND THE COMMON GOOD  
CAN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT SOLIDARITY

SOLIDARITY IS ALSO A VIRTUE, WHICH  
CAN BE PRACTICED EACH DAY

AT HOME, AT SCHOOL, AT WORK, IN  
ALL OUR GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES

**SOLIDARITY IS MORE THAN CHARITY OR  
DOING A GOOD DEED.**

**SOLIDARITY REQUIRES INTENTIONAL  
EFFORT TO NOT LET DIFFERENCES LEAD  
TO GREATER DIVISION**

OR TO VIOLENCE OF HARSH WORDS,  
HURTFUL ACTIONS,  
TREATING OTHERS AS ENEMIES

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INSTEAD!

“To love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.

Besides the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of all of us.”

Pope Benedict XVI, “Charity in Truth”

“Today humanity appears much more interactive than in the past: this shared sense of being close to one another must be transformed into true communion.

The development of peoples depends, above all, on a recognition that the human race is a single family working together in true communion,

not simply a group of subjects who  
happen to live side by side.”

Pope Benedict XVI, “Charity in Truth”

“Catholic social teaching more than anything else insists that we are one family

it calls us to overcome barriers of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, economic status, and nationality.

We are all one in Christ Jesus—beyond our differences and boundaries.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishop  
Document: *Communities of Salt and Light*

“We are members of the universal Church, which transcends national boundaries and calls us to live in solidarity and justice with the peoples of the world.

We are also citizens of a powerful democracy with enormous influence beyond our borders.

As Catholics and Americans we are uniquely called  
to global solidarity.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishop  
Video: *Called to Global Solidarity*

“[Solidarity] then is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far

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# Pope John Paul II, “On Social Concerns”

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