

The image shows the cover of a book titled 'COMPENDIUM OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH'. The cover is dark blue with gold lettering. Below the title, there is a white oval containing the text 'Social Justice' and '7th, 8th, 10th Commandments'. The background of the cover features a religious painting of figures in a dramatic scene.

COMPENDIUM  
OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE  
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## Social Justice

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments

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Address key issues of Social Justice

- just use of material goods
- just relationship in word and deed
- just attitude towards things of this world

### Simple.

7<sup>th</sup>: Don't steal.

8<sup>th</sup>: Don't lie.

10<sup>th</sup>: Don't envy others' good stuff.

# The Heart of God

*"I have given you **every** plant*

*– **Every** tree*

*– **Every** beast*

*– **Every** bird*

*And **everything** that creeps on the earth..."*

Genesis 1:26-30

Everything I have is yours.

## Stewards of Creation

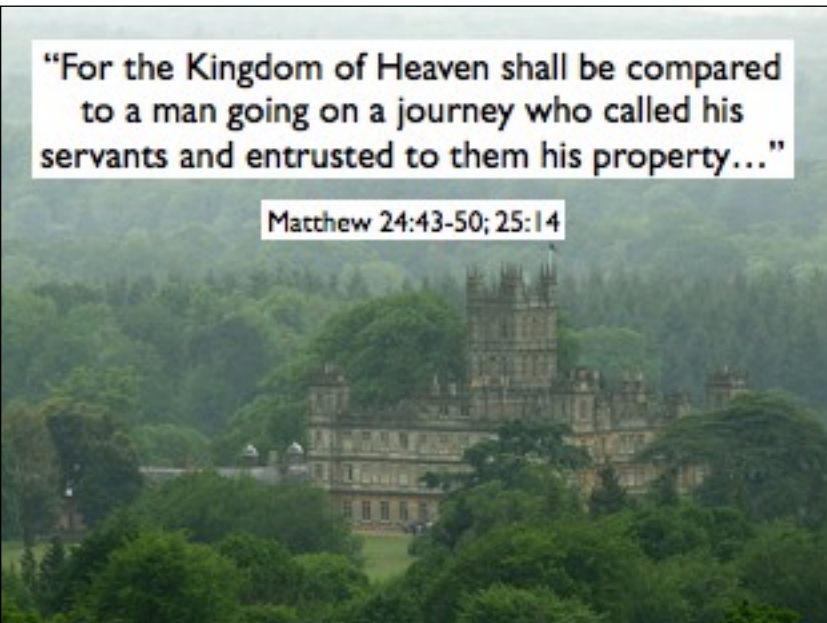
*We are stewards, entrusted with the care of the  
Master's household (all of creation)*

\* entrusted to make use of His goods as He would

\* called to have His heart and be true stewards,  
trusted friends of the Master

"For the Kingdom of Heaven shall be compared  
to a man going on a journey who called his  
servants and entrusted to them his property..."

Matthew 24:43-50; 25:14



## Our guide: a modern apostle of social justice



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



- 1901 Born
- 1914-1917 World War I
- 1917 Communist  
(Russian Revolution)
- 1922 Mussolini/Fascists take Italy



*If you want peace,  
work for...*



*Holiness.*

Work for being Wholly (Holy) like the Master

Work on Wholly (Holy) having His heart





## **The Seventh Commandment: *You shall not steal.* Ex. 20:15**

For the sake of the common  
good, this commandment  
requires:

- 1. respect for the universal destination of goods**
- 2. respect for the right to private property**

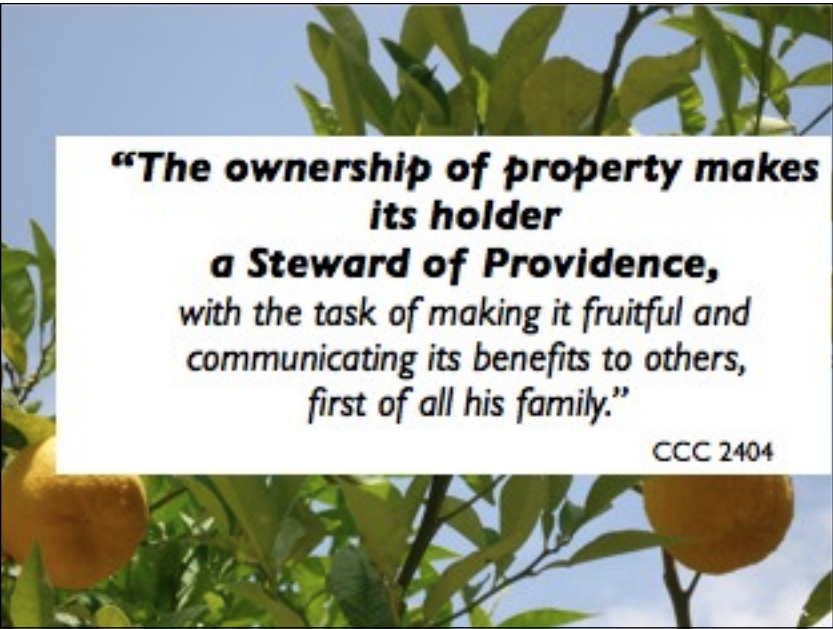
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**In the beginning God entrusted the earth and its resources to the common stewardship of mankind to take care of them, master them by labor, and enjoy their fruits. The goods of creation are destined for the whole human race.**

CCC 2402

**However, the earth is divided up among men to assure the security of their lives, endangered by poverty and threatened by violence. The appropriation of property is legitimate for guaranteeing the freedom and dignity of persons and for helping each of them to meet his basic needs and the needs of those in his charge. It should allow for a natural solidarity to develop between men.**

CCC 2402

A photograph of several ripe oranges hanging from a tree with green leaves against a clear blue sky.

***"The ownership of property makes its holder  
a Steward of Providence,  
with the task of making it fruitful and  
communicating its benefits to others,  
first of all his family."***

CCC 2404

## **Love for the Poor**

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours.




**More than  
performing works  
of mercy, we are  
paying a debt of  
justice."**

-St. Gregory the Great

CCC 2446

## **Specifics** of 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment

A close-up photograph of a pile of various coins, including gold and silver ones, scattered together.

***Forbids unjustly taking or keeping  
the good of one's neighbor and  
wronging him in any way with  
respect to his goods.***

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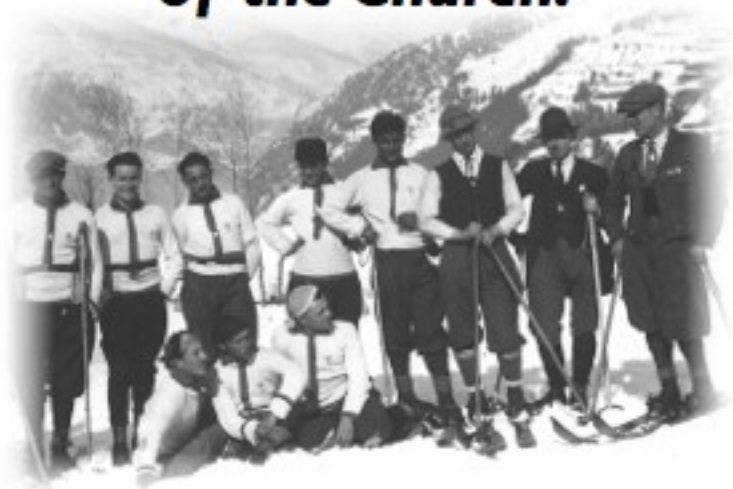
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Among other things this prohibits:

1. deliberate retention of goods lent
2. business fraud
3. paying unjust wages
4. tax evasion
5. excessive expenses and waste
6. contracts and promises that aren't kept
7. manipulate price of goods artificially
8. work poorly done

CCC 2401

## **What is the Social Doctrine of the Church?**



**The social doctrine of the Church developed in the nineteenth century when the Gospel encountered modern industrial society with its new structures for the production of consumer goods, its new concept of society, the state and authority, and its new forms of labor and ownership.**

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## A few major social encyclicals

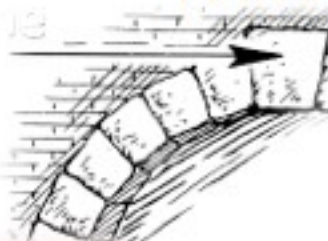
- 1891 - *Rerum Novarum* - Pope Leo XIII
- 1931 - *Quadragesimo Anno* - Pius XI
- 1967 - *Mater et Magistra* - John XIII
- 1971 - *Populorum Progressio* - Paul VI
- 1971 - *Octogesima Adveniens* - Paul VI
- 1981 - *Laborem Exercens* - John Paul II
- 1987 - *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* - John Paul II
- 1991 - *Centesimus Annus* - John Paul II
- 2006 - *Deus Caritas Est* - Benedict XVI
- 2009 - *Caritas et Veritate* - Benedict XVI



"Catholic social teaching ... has now found a comprehensive presentation in the **Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church** published in 2004 by the Pontifical Council Justice and Peace."

-Pope Benedict, *Deus Caritas Est*, 27

Basic principle by which all social justice is measured:



The  
dignity  
of the  
human person



## Important Clarification



**Role of State:  
the just ordering of society**

**Role of the Church: to form  
consciences in political life**

*Deus Caritas Est, 28*

The just ordering of society and the State is a central responsibility of politics.... State must inevitably face the question of how justice can be achieved here and now.... This presupposes an even more radical question: what is justice? ...The problem is one of practical reason; but if reason is to be exercised properly, it must undergo constant purification, since it can never be completely free of the danger of a certain ethical blindness caused by the dazzling effect of power and special interests. This is where Catholic social doctrine has its place: it has no intention of giving the Church power over the State.... Its aim is simply to help purify reason and to contribute, here and now, to the acknowledgment and attainment of what is just.... the Church wishes to help form consciences in political life.

The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible. She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. She has to play her part through rational argument and she has to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice, which always demands sacrifice, cannot prevail and prosper.

A just society must be the achievement of politics, not of the Church. Yet the promotion of justice through efforts to bring about openness of mind and will to the demands of the common good is something which concerns the Church deeply.

*Deus Caritas Est, 28*





## Role of the Laity



**“...to configure social life correctly...”**

Pope Benedict XVI  
 Deus Caritas Est, 29

## Avoiding Pitfalls of “isms”

(i.e. the failure to see the transcendent reality)

- Secularism
  - Isolationism
    - Dualism
      - Materialism
        - Communism
          - Nazi/Fascism

# **Eighth Commandment**



**You shall not  
bear false  
witness against  
your neighbor.**

**-Ex. 20:16**

CCC 2464

## **Living in the Truth**

**The virtue of truth gives  
another his just due.**

**Truthfulness keeps to the just  
mean between what ought to be  
expressed and what ought to be  
kept secret: it entails honesty  
and discretion.**

CCC 2469

## **Charity and respect**

**“No one is bound to reveal the  
truth to someone who does  
not have the right to know it.”**



**Ex: confidential information held by  
doctors, lawyers, political officials,  
soldiers...**

CCC 2489

# Offenses against Truth

- False witness and perjury
- Rash judgment
- Detraction
- Calumny
- Boasting/bragging
- Irony/sarcasm with malice



CCC 2475-2487

## Against social justice

**“Lying is destructive of society; it undermines trust among men and tears apart the fabric of social relationships.”**

CCC 2486

**“Every offense committed against justice and truth entails the duty of reparation.”**

CCC 2487

## The Tenth Commandment

***You shall not covet...anything that is your neighbor's...You shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, ... or his ox, or anything that is your neighbor's.***

**-Ex. 20:17**



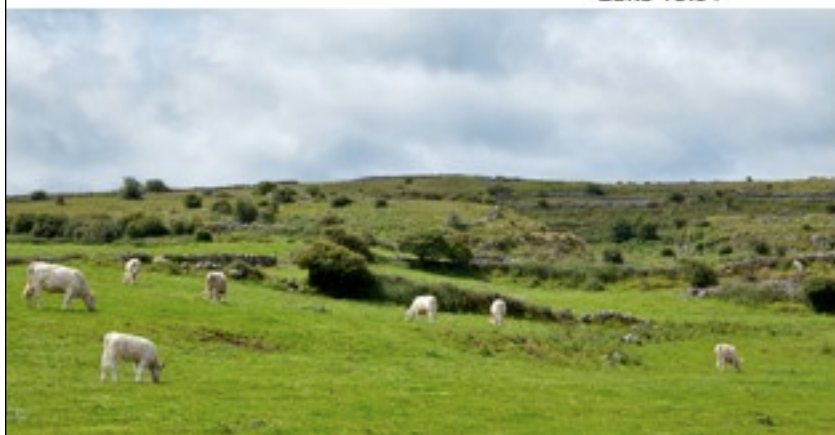
The greatest good we can possess:

*The  
vision  
of God*



**"My child, don't you know that  
everything I have is yours?"**

-Luke 15:31



**"We are children of God, and if children,  
then heirs—  
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."**

-Romans 8:16-17

