

RE NEWSLETTER

Catholic Social Teaching



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Dear families,

Welcome to our Catholic Social Teaching newsletter. Catholic schools across the UK are being encouraged to think about Catholic Social Teaching and how this is taught and lived out by pupils, staff and our families.

At St Anthony's, it has been a core part of our identity for a long time but our children will develop more confidence at articulating the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in this unit. Essentially, it is about how we should respond to our faith as individuals and how we actively respond to God's call to work towards a common good.

With the children, we will explore the following:

See - what do we see in the world (or locally) that does not seem fair or right?

Choose - we have the choice over whether to act or not and what our actions might look like eg whether they reflect God's call through scripture.

Act - we take actions. These could be small, everyday actions or big, one-off actions. Importantly, our actions make a difference.

With God's blessings, Ms Leask



Our main themes within the Catholic Social Teaching unit are different for each year group and these are:

Year R

Exploring Catholic Social Teaching through the parables, how we are called to be loved and to share our love with others, particularly those in need.

Y1

Building on the Creation unit, exploring how we are called to be stewards of God's creation and through the parables, exploring our Christian duty to reach out to those in need.

Y2

Exploring links between Catholic Social Teaching and the Gospels, particularly the Christian duty to be a light to others and lead by example by reaching out to those in need.

Y3

Through linking Catholic Social Teaching with the Gospels, exploring our role as stewards of God's creation and our Christian duty to value all as a child of God, showing them dignity and respect.

Y4

Through Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti (all brothers and sisters), exploring the question posed to Jesus: 'Who is my neighbour?'

Y5

Through the Gospels, exploring how Jesus reached out to all, particularly the marginalised and exploring our Christian duty to see Christ in all we meet, showing them respect and dignity.

Y6

Through the Gospels and Laudato Si, exploring how we can all make a difference, however small, to improve our common home.

