

Caritas in Veritate

Caritas in Veritate was sent out to the universal world wide Church in June 2009.

This teaching document is the latest in a series of social encyclicals written by our popes over the last 120 years!

There is a time line below, so that you can trace how the Church's social teaching has continued to develop:

1891 Pope Leo XIII wrote
On the Condition of Labour

1931 Pope Pius XII wrote
On the Reconstruction of the Social Order

1961 Pope John XXIII wrote
Christianity and Social Progress

1963 Pope John XXIII wrote
Peace on Earth

1967 Pope Paul VI wrote
On the Development of Peoples

1981 Pope John Paul II wrote
On Human World

1987 Pope John Paul II wrote
On Social Concern

1991 Pope John Paul II wrote
The Hundreth Year

1995 Pope John Paul II wrote
The Gospel of Life

2005 Pope Benedict XVI wrote
God is Love

2009 Pope Benedict XVI wrote
Charity in Truth

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in your life?*



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LEADING a PARISH GROUP

BEGINNING

As the facilitator you have the job of helping everyone to stay with the process and get the most out of it.

At the first session it might be helpful to invite everyone to briefly introduce themselves.

Then lead the group into the opening prayer together.

Make sure you set up a focal point for prayer with an icon or image and a candle.

PRAYER TOGETHER

5 minutes

Lead the group into a moment of silence and invite them to become aware of God's presence.

After some silence, say the prayer out loud together

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

10mins

Select two readers before the session

Ask the reader to read the chosen scripture passage for the session

Spend a minute in silence

Invite the second reader to proclaim the word once more

After another minutes silence, invite the group to share a word or phrase that strikes them with the person beside them

When everyone has simply shared their phrase move on to the Reflections from Caritas in Veritate

REFLECTING with POPE BENEDICT

15 minutes

As you move through the power point slides allow time for participants to see the phrases and the words, to savour them and to make notes if they wish

Don't hurry through the reflections

You may also want to illustrate what the Pope is teaching with examples or expand on what he says

GROUP REFLECTION

25 minutes

Keep the reflection questions up on the board
Split the group into threes

Provide them with Post-it notes to write down what they would like to share

Give them fifteen minutes to share in small groups

Then, ask one person from each group to share their written reflection from the Post-it notes

End by inviting the group to consider how they can put this teaching into action