

Review of Key Information from Part Three

Catholic Social Teaching and Social Analysis

What principles of Catholic Social Teaching could guide people of faith to respond wisely to the global climate change?

Catholic Social Teaching guides people from living faith to loving action in the transformation of our world. This social wisdom offers guidelines for Christian responses to the problem of global climate change using basic principles of Catholic social teaching:

- the principles of the common good
- the option for the poor
- care for creation
- subsidiarity (or self governance)
- solidarity (or caring for others).

What questions use social analysis to get underneath the “spin” that accompanies so much of our news?

When you come across information on the topic of global climate change through your studies, through news media or through your personal experiences, ask yourself the following questions:

- Who is likely to benefit from the position expressed?
- Who is left out and why are they left out?
- What past events impact the current situation?
- What are the values at stake?
- What does Catholic Social Teaching say about this issue?

Reflect upon the answers to these questions and use them to guide you to the most appropriate course of action.