



MISSION MATTERS

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Blessed Mary Angela Says: (Foundress of the Felician Sisters)

"Strive rather to do something with your life, to use the time and the prudence which comes from God... Time was given to us for doing good."

CATHOLIC Q&A

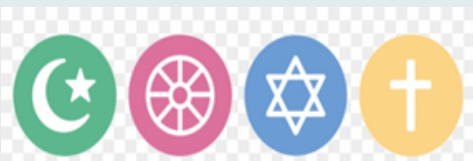
"What happens at a Papal Conclave?"

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INTERFAITH CALENDAR

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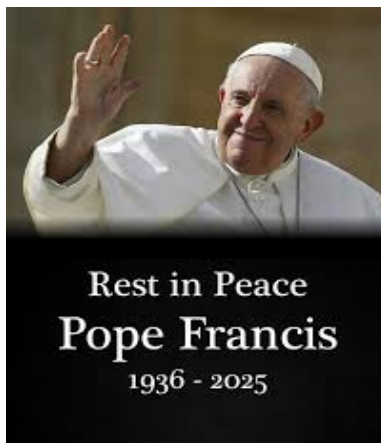
05/01: Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
05/01: Beltrane - Pagan
05/03: Feast of St. Phillip & St. James - Christian
05/12: Vesak (Buddha Day - Hindu/Buddhism
05/14: National Day of Prayer - USA
05/16: Lag B'Omer - Judaism
05/23: Declaration of Bab - Baha'i
05/29: Ascension of the Lord - Christian



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER: GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS ON YOUR FINAL EXAMS, PAPERS & PROJECTS!



THIS WILL BE THE LAST EDITION OF MISSION MATTERS MONTHLY FOR THE SEMESTER - WILL RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2025



Living in the World But Not of the World: Workplace Lessons from Matthew and the Beatitudes

Work is an essential component of God's kingdom. The book of Matthew recounts Jesus' actions and teachings to show us how God intends us to live and work in his new kingdom.

As followers of Jesus, we live in two worlds. Our work may be subject to unspoken expectations, which may or not be in accordance with God's ways. At the same time, as Christians we are subjects of God's kingdom, committed to his values and expectations. In telling the story of Jesus, Matthew shows us how to navigate the world using God's compass.—He constantly points us toward the world's true identity as the "kingdom of heaven."

Lesson 1: Jesus' call upon us is radical and life changing.

Jesus' calling may not change what we do for work, but it will change why we do it, and how we go about it.

Lesson 2: In every aspect of our lives, including our work, our character can reflect hope in God's coming kingdom.

Several passages in Matthew highlight how outward behavior will change as we grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Lesson 3: True leaders serve others.

True leadership is not self-promoting nor does it come from greatness in the world's eyes. True leadership is service and care for others.

Lesson 4: Followers of Jesus treasure God's coming kingdom over the money and possessions of this world.

The Christian's relationship to money is a precarious one; we must be careful to remember that in work all that is earned is a gift from God.

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OUR CORE VALUES

*Respect for
Human Dignity*



Compassion



**SOLIDARITY WITH
PEOPLE IN NEED**



Transformation



*Justice
and Peace*

2024-2025 Focus

Solidarity With People in Need Learning About Diversity through Catholic Social Justice teachings

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Click [here](#) to learn more.



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Congratulations to the Class of 2025 Some Words of Wisdom...

There is no passion to be found in playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living. — *Nelson Mandela*

We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better. — *JK Rowling*

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Fortune does favor the bold, and I promise that you will never know what you're capable of unless you try. — *Sheryl Sandberg*

A person's greatness consists in their ability to do, and the proper application of their powers to things needed to be done. — *Frederick Douglass*

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. — *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets. — *Leonardo da Vinci*

Sometimes you find out what you are supposed to be doing by doing the things you are not supposed to do. — *Oprah Winfrey*

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. — *A.A. Milne*

Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world right in the eye. — *Helen Keller*

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education. — *Martin Luther King Jr.*

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. — *Albert Schweitzer*



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