

Slavery.

A few facts:

12 million people across the planet are trapped in various forms of slavery.

Zimbabwe: the army is using forced labour, including children, in the diamond fields. During a 3 week period when the military took over the diamond fields it is reported that 200 people were massacred.

Credit crunch and rising unemployment is fuelling trafficking worldwide.

Spain arrested 23 people suspected of trafficking **Nigerian** women into prostitution under threat of voodoo curses.

A third of Columbia's children work in industry: mines, agriculture etc. Many suffer from machete cuts, burns and smoke inhalation.

For more information and case studies: www.antislavery.org

FAIRTRADE TEA CAMPAIGN

Tea campaign postcards available from Traidcraft:

The UK's top five brands account for 72% of the UK tea market and directly affect the lives of over one million tea workers. Would your parish run a postcard campaign to help the tea pickers get justice? **"You are the buyers, you have a voice. There are things you can correct, things that are being done which are not good. You have that power",** says Edward, a tea picker in Kenya. See . www.traidcraft.co.uk/get_involved/campaign/make_it_fair.htm



And remember **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** February 22nd-March 7th 2010 www.fairtrade.org.uk/

PEACE SUNDAY: January 17th 2010. "To sow peace, protect the earth". www.paxchristi.org.ok

POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK: January 30th- February 7th 2010 www.actionweek.org.uk

- ENOUGH! We've had enough greed and selfishness.
- There is ENOUGH FOR ALL!
- Wealth is not just in material things.
- We are wealthier together than we are on our own.
- Let's use what we have. Let's share what we have.
- We have wealth we don't know about yet.
- Sometimes, we increase our wealth by giving stuff away and opening our homes.
- Let's not wait for the politicians. We can do this ourselves!

"All of them ate and were filled. When they collected the leftover pieces, there were 12 baskets."
Luke 9:17

Love comes down at Christmas!

J&P is not just about Justice, charity, duty..... it is also **HESED**: loving kindness, steadfast love.
AGAPE: unconditional love..... **Mutuality**: love that brings life to all
and **Going the extra mile at a cost to myself.**

What can we do this Christmas to bring love?

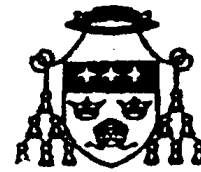
Invite a lonely person, a refugee, homeless person to share with us. Visit a housebound person or send a card to a prisoner. Pray for those for whom Christmas will be a sad and difficult time.

May Christmas be filled with joy and peace you, your family and the strangers you invite to be in your midst. (Matthew: 25:35)

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Advent 2009

Pope Benedict's message to the world:

Excessive exploitation of the planet's resources creates need for lifestyle changes

7. Nor must the fundamental rights of the individual be forgotten, which include, of course, *the right to sufficient, healthy and nutritious food, and likewise water*; these rights take on an important role in the realization of others, beginning with the primary one, the right to life. It is necessary, then, to cultivate "a public conscience that considers *food and access to water as universal rights of all human beings, without distinction or discrimination*" (*Caritas in Veritate*, 27).....

9. As I pointed out in the Encyclical Letter *Caritas in Veritate*, it is important to remember that "the deterioration of nature is ... closely connected to the culture that shapes human coexistence: *when "human ecology is respected within society, environmental ecology also benefits"*. Indeed, "the ecological system is based on respect for a plan that affects both the health of society and its good relationship with nature". And "*the decisive issue is the overall moral tenor of society*". Therefore, "our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other. Herein lies a grave contradiction in our mentality and practice today: one which demeans the person, disrupts the environment and damages society" (*ibid.*, 51).

10. Hunger is the most cruel and concrete sign of poverty. Opulence and waste are no longer acceptable when the tragedy of hunger is assuming ever greater proportions.....

Pope Benedict XVI address to Food Summit. Rome Nov. 18th 2009

Full text: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2009/november/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20091116_fao_en.html

And a message from PROGRESSIO: "I am pleased to be able to share with you a brief paper Nobel Laureate Prof Munasinghe has written on 'sustainomics' - his solution to the quest for a comprehensive, practical framework for making present and future development efforts more sustainable. In the article titled 'Multiple global problems need integrated solutions', he says:



"Present trends could lead to a breakdown in global society, due to the ineffectiveness of governments seeking to cope with multiple, interlinked crises, using myopic, reactive and uncoordinated responses...". We can certainly see, in Progressio's own work across 11 countries, the importance of a comprehensive response".

See also www.progressio.org.uk/progressio/internal/98421/faith_communities_have_vital_role_to_play_in_tac/

Are you prepared to:

*If everyone does
their bit, we can
achieve the goal
of ending global
poverty.*

- Shop ethically?
- Support campaigns for a better world?
- Reduce your carbon footprint.
- And pray...
- In order to make the world a better place for EVERYONE?

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