

# The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

“The conscience is called by this social teaching to recognize and fulfill the obligations of **justice** and **charity** in society.”

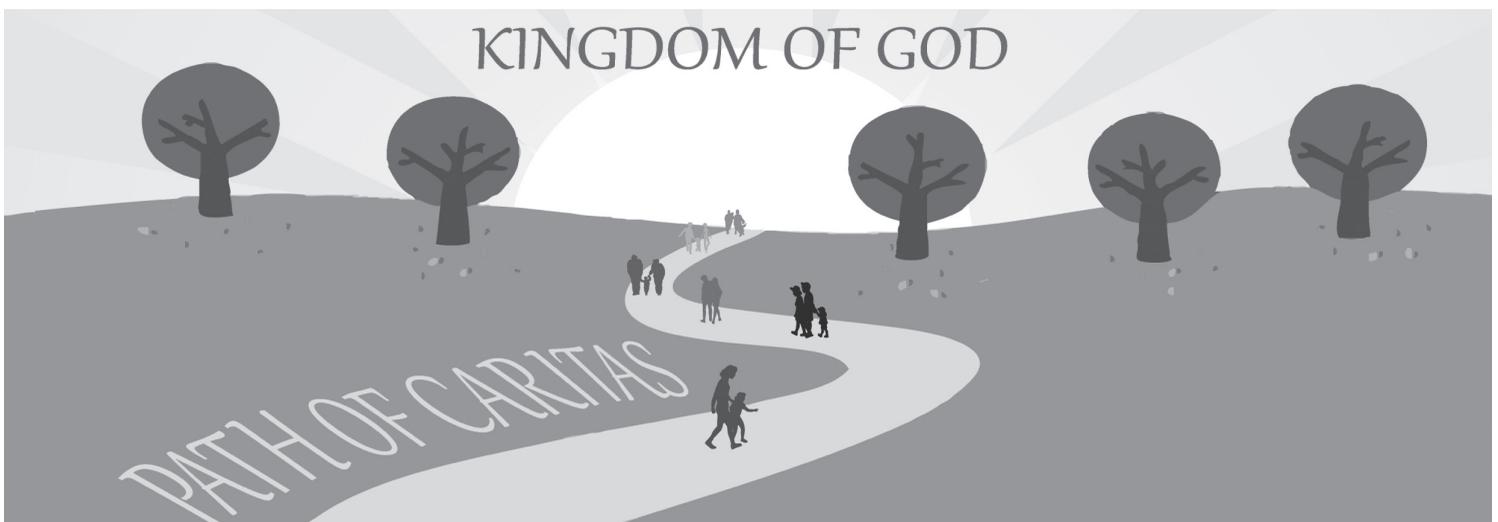
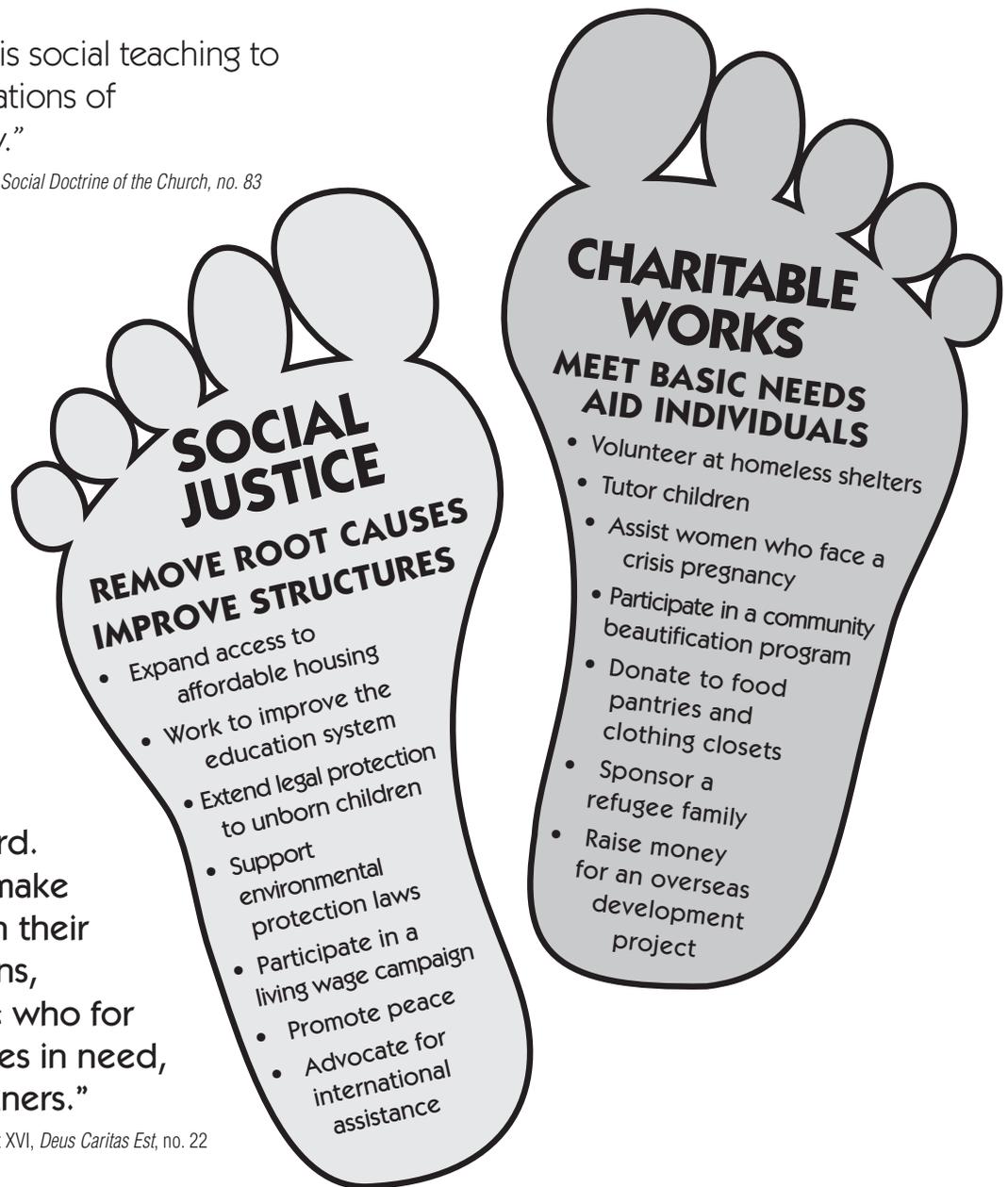
—*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, no. 83*

“**Social justice**. . . concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions.”

—*Compendium, no. 201*

“The Church cannot neglect the service of **charity** any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word. . . . Those who are able to make offerings in accordance with their means. . . to support orphans, widows, the sick, and those who for other reasons find themselves in need, such as prisoners and foreigners.”

—Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 22

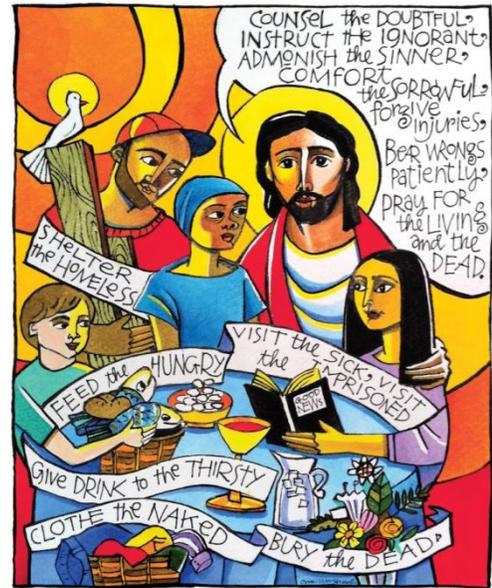




## Reflect: Witnessing Good News

*The New Evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in [the lives of the poor] and to put them at the centre of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voice to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them.*

– Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*



### During your Immersion Experience...

Be lovingly present to all that you see, hear, and experience.

Listen actively and whole-heartedly to the staff, the volunteers, and especially those being served.

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Consider these questions as you listen to people's stories. Take a few minutes after your visit to write some notes. These questions are also in your binder for further consideration.

Where are faith, hope, and love in action alive?

How does this experience challenge, surprise, or inspire you?

How do Pope Francis' words (above) resonate with you?



## Immersion Experience Resource

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Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am calling to see if I can arrange a visit for \_\_\_\_\_ people to learn more about the work you do.

I am part of a small faith community engaged in the GoodNewsPeople program and we'd like to witness the good news of the work you are doing and share it with others in our parish.

Our goal in arranging this meeting is to learn about the organization, its mission, the people being served, and the stories of transformation and hope that result.

We would like to spend about 1 ½ hours in order to:

- talk to at least one staff member
- talk to a person who is served by your agency.
- talk to a volunteer, if possible
- tour the center

We would like to see if it is possible to come on:

Month:

Date:

Time:

My name and contact information are: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much for taking time to meet with us. We will see you, \_\_\_\_\_.

Good bye.



## **Possible Questions to ask at the Immersion Site:**

### **Staff:**

- What are the most common struggles faced by the people you serve?
- What do you see as some of the root causes of the needs you address?
- What difference has this work made in your own life?

### **Volunteers:**

- What drew you to get involved in this kind of work?
- What is the most important thing you have learned here?
- What has challenged or inspired you in this work?

### **People Served:**

- What are some of the challenges you face every day?
- Who do you turn to for support?
- What are your hopes and dreams?
- How has this agency or ministry made a difference to you?