



CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

In a global culture driven by excessive individualism, **our tradition proclaims that the person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community.** The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. While our society often exalts individualism, **the Catholic tradition teaches that human beings grow and achieve fulfillment in community.** We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Our Church teaches that the role of government and other institutions is to protect human life and human dignity and **promote the common good.**