**Catholic Social Teaching Writing Assignment**

 We have been reading a lot on Catholic Social Teaching, which is in essence the Catholic approach to various human rights issues and the call for us as Catholics to defend and preserve the dignity of every human person and God’s creation. However, in order to fulfill this call in action, we must first increase awareness of various issues addressed by Catholic Social Teaching.

**Your Task:**

 You will be working in groups of 4 to write a mini or partial research essay which addresses a Catholic Social Teaching issue that falls under one of these themes:

* Human Dignity
* Call to community and participation
* Care for creation
* Life and Work
* Peace
* Solidarity

Your group will be determined by the issue in which you are interested. The way this paper will unfold will be like this:

1. First your group will come up with a collective thesis statement that addresses 4 aspects of the Catholic Social Teaching issue your essay will be on.
2. Each member of the group will be responsible for one aspect of the issue, and will be writing the body paragraph on that aspect.
3. Since this is a research essay, **EACH** member **must cite within their body paragraphs at least 3 CREDIBLE sources** (two non-religious, and one from a Catholic perspective).

You will be graded individually and on the following criteria:

* Ideas (especially on clarity of ideas, strength of arguments/reasoning, consistency with thesis statement)
* Research (**CREDIBILITY of SOURCES,** integration of evidence/quotes and **explanation of evidence/quotes)**
* Style (sentence fluency, word choice, etc.)