

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

“When I fed the poor they called me a saint, when I asked why they were poor they called me a communist.”

- Dom Helder Camara, Archbishop of Recife and Olinda, Brazil

Objective: To gain a greater understanding of Catholic Social Teaching

Task: After viewing the video ‘Rerum Novarum - Catholic Social Teaching’, answer the following questions:

1. What is Rerum Novarum?

2. When was the Rerum Novarum written?

3. What Pope wrote the Rerum Novarum?

4. What issues were the catalyst for Rerum Novarum?

5. What were some of the things the Rerum Novarum declared?

6. How does working with the poor benefit us?

7. Is the Catholic view of Social Justice a form of Communism or Socialism?

8. What can you do to help create a more socially just society?
