



ACHIEVEMENT STANDARD AS90822 STUDENT TASK SHEETS



Religious Studies 2.3 - AS90822

Explain how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition

Level 2

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Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain in detail how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensively explain how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition.

Assessment Conditions: Written Assignment

Please hand in your assignment to your teacher on _____

Task:

1. Explain how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting communities around the world.
2. Outline the ethical principles of the Catholic Church that are related to this issue.
3. Explain the actions of Caritas in responding to the pandemic.
4. How are the actions of Caritas derived from the Church's ethical principles?
5. Draw conclusions and evaluate the effectiveness of the actions Caritas have taken.
6. What are the wider implications of these actions? (Excellence requirement)

Glossary of terms in the standard

Social Justice is an outcome of social action taken to develop fair treatment and equity for all, e.g. equal opportunity and employment laws.

Catholic social teaching is a body of writing from the Popes and Bishops on social issues. The themes of Catholic social teaching are derived from Scripture and the natural law.

Solidarity means recognising others as our sisters and brothers and actively working with them for their good. We are invited to build relationships – whakawhanaungatanga – to understand what life is like for others who are different from us.

Preferential option for the poor and vulnerable means protecting those most in need.

Common good means the good of each and all. Commitment to the common good means respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people.

Stewardship is about being stewards – kaitiaki – of the treasures that our creator has gifted us.

Subsidiarity is about empowering communities to take action for themselves. It means ensuring that decision-making happens at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute.

Human dignity means that every human being is made in God's image and, as such, is deserving of the utmost respect.

Participation means recognising that we each have something unique and important to contribute to society.

Contemporary social action is an action carried out by a person or a group of people in response to a perceived injustice. Social actions include writing petitions, raising awareness of an issue, boycotting a product or going on a protest march, or supporting development in poor communities. There are many other forms of contemporary social action.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand (CANZ) is the New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Agency for justice, peace and development. It is part of a confederation of over 165 member organisations called Caritas Internationalis. The motto of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is 'We work for a world free of poverty and injustice.'

COVID-19 is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Previously unknown to the world, the first outbreak began in December 2019 in Wuhan (China).

A **pandemic** is an epidemic (a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease) which has spread worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting many people.

Task Two: Outline the ethical principles of the Catholic Church that are related to this issue.

Consider up to four Catholic social teaching principles that apply to this issue and link each principle to a biblical passage to show that each principle is derived from Scripture.

'The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world.'

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Task Three: Explain the actions of Caritas in responding to the pandemic.



Watch the following [#CaritasOnCOVID19 video](#) to find out more about how Caritas has responded to the impacts of COVID-19.

Task Four: How are the actions of Caritas derived from the Church's ethical principles?

The Church's social doctrine demands action to promote 'the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.'

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, #449

Task Five: Draw two or more conclusions and evaluate the effectiveness of the actions Caritas has taken. The following example of a paragraph format may be helpful.

Caritas values the principle of _____ . Because Caritas follows this principle, they _____ . As a result of this, _____ . If Caritas did not follow this principle, then it is likely _____ .



Task Six: Comprehensively explain the wider implications of these actions (Excellence requirement). These may be implications for society in general or for a particular geographical area, or for the future.

Today, furthermore, given the worldwide dimension which the social question has assumed, this love of preference for the poor, and the decisions which it inspires in us, cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy, the homeless, those without health care and, above all, those without hope of a better future.

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, #182



