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Religious Studies 2.3 - AS90822

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

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Achievement Criteria

| Achievement | Achievement with Merit | Achievement with Excellence |
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| • Explain how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition. | • Explain in detail how a contemporary social action derives from the ethical principles of a religious tradition. | • 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. Describe how Caritas is supporting communities in need.
- 2. Explain in detail the ethical principles of the Catholic Church and how they relate to supporting communities in need.
- 3. Give specific examples of how Caritas is supporting communities in need.
- 4. How is the action 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.

Poverty is a situation when individuals or groups do not have enough to meet their basic needs. This is generally viewed in terms of material possessions and income.

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.

Distributive justice is about ensuring that all people can share in the world's resources. Everyone should have necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, and access to what is needed for their full development.

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 'Working for a world free of poverty and injustice.'

Caritas Internationalis (CI) is the global Caritas network of agencies all across the world.

Task One: Describe how Caritas is supporting communities in need.





Caritas volunteers in Beirut help clean damaged homes / Credit: Caritas Lebanon



A girl in Bangladesh is given food during the pandemic / Credit: Caritas Bangladesh

Task Two: Explain in detail the ethical principles of the Catholic Church and how they relate to supporting communities in need

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

The principle of the universal destination of goods requires that the poor, the marginalized and in all cases those whose living conditions interfere with their proper growth should be the focus of particular concern.

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, #182

| Task Three: Give spe | cific examples of | how Caritas is s | upporting comm | unities in need. |
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A student learns new skills at the rural training centre at TUTU in Fiji



Families in India receive food items during the pandemic / Credit: Caritas India

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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 have taken. The following example of a paragraph format may be helpful.

| (e.g.)Caritas | values the principle of | Because Caritas follows this principle, |
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| they | . As a result of this, | If Caritas did not follow this |
| principle, the | en it is likely | · |





A Caritas worker provides care for a young child /Credit: Caritas Internationalis



Timorese women from HAFOTI develop produce virgin coconut oil / Credit: HAFOTI

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.



"God's answer to the poor is always a saving act that heals wounds of body and soul, restores justice and helps to live life anew in dignity. God's answer is also a summons to those who believe in him to do likewise, within the limits of what is humanly possible."

Pope Francis, World Day of the Poor, 11/18/18



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