

## THE CHALLENGE CONTINUES IN THE LIGHT OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH:

From *Rerum novarum* (1891) to *Aparecida* (2007) and the most recent popes:

The Social Doctrine of the Church has deepened ever more a preferential option for the poor.

The popes and the councils have affirmed:

The Church as Church of the poor. (84)

The poor person as a representative of Christ. (85)

The universal destination of goods: the social function of property. (86)



**John Paul II:** asserts the primacy of the exercise of charity; human work is central in the social question. (87)



**Benedict XVI:** to love signifies working for the common good and the hunger born from the lack of just institutions. (88)



**Francis:** denounces the dictatorship of an economy that kills and guards against social alienation that normalize egoism and indifference. (92)

*The Church looks with particular interest at all humanity that suffers and cries: it belongs to her, by evangelical right. (85)*



## APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE* OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV *ON LOVE FOR THE POOR*



### PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. WHICH OF THESE ARE YOU LIKE?

#### INDIFFERENCE

These are symptoms of a sick society, because it tries to build itself turning its back on pain. (107)

#### THROWN AWAY

We have gotten used to turning away, to walking by, ignoring the situations. (105)

#### ABANDONMENT

"Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37) is a command that a Christian ought to hear resounding every day in their heart. (107)

### How to respond?



- With a commitment to resolve the structural causes of poverty. (94)
- Favoring spaces that connect, place in relationship and favor the recognition of the other. (96)
- Contributing to the development of effective policies for the transformation of society. (97)
- Making our voices heard to denounce the structures of injustice. (97)
- Promoting opportunities for work so that all can earn a life more coherent with their own dignity. (115)

### Where is the Church going today?

Mercy cannot wait; we are called to give, to touch the suffering flesh of the poor, building a Church that only knows how to love and accompany the most fragile.

*"A Church that does not place limits on love, that knows no enemies to fight, but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today." (120)*

**Pope Leo XIV**



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