



## THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS



“ The Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to ensure authentic progress by man and society”.

Pope Saint John Paul II, On Human Work, 1, 1981



Briefly, use the following questions to consider why Pope Francis (and the Church) says that work is ‘fundamental to the dignity of a person’:

- What does work enable us to do?
- Why is work important?
- What will people lack if they don't have work?

Encourage the young people not only to think about money. For example, how does work help give someone a sense of purpose, help them to use their gifts and talents, contribute to society, take care of their family?

When work becomes only about the pursuit for money, then somewhere in the process people will suffer.

- You may want to play the “Banana split game” from CAFOD <https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/843/6730/version/19/CAFOD%20BANANA%20SPLIT%20GAME.pdf>  
How do workers get treated unfairly in our own country?
- Imagine your group was creating your own company and will start employing workers tomorrow. Agree a charter for workers’ setting out the principles you would want your company to work by.

