



To count today and coinciding with international Labor Day, we will begin the dissemination of elements, aspects and issues related to the Social Doctrine of the Church in a new topic of our informative page.

The Social Doctrine of the Church is that connection between our faith and the world around us. That is why we consider it necessary for those of us who are Catholics to know these elements and what better to do it in conjunction with our Marist viewpoint.

### **Social Doctrine of the Church, distant and unknown**

One of the main misfortunes that a person and a people can suffer is ignorance, because it prevents that person or that people from developing harmoniously, in a sustained and sustainable way.

To what point to the above: I aim at the general ignorance on the part of the Catholics of the Social Doctrine of the Church, since often the mistake is committed to cataloguing under ideological labels arguments expressed in the light of the social doctrine, because there is another aspect as relevant and rooted in today's society as ideologization.

That someone appears appealing for the poor or asking for justice and worse, that someone appears talking about freedom happens to be labeled necessarily under a certain ideology.

This in my personal opinion has its foundation in dark interests of another sector also ideological that under an apparent religiosity has hidden concrete truths falling apart in a syrupy offering of heaven at the expense of the values of justice, freedom and dignity that must be lived here on earth.

The social doctrine is a set of documents clearly exposed by the pontiffs so that the Catholic connects his personal life, whether of prayer and reflection with the

world around him.

It is not enough to lead a spiritually exemplary life if it does not connect with the rest of society in a consistent attitude between what is prayed and what is done in everyday events, from the simplest social act to the most sublime human act.

Social doctrine becomes a doctrine unknown and distant to the great majority of Catholics, being often outlined in good works but lacking in strength and subject to the fragility of those who undertake them.

### **But what is the Social Doctrine of the Church? And why do I need to know her?**

Quoting José Miguel Ibáñez Langlois social doctrine is in the broadest sense, the whole doctrine of the Church as referring to the social existence of man on earth, that is to say to human life in the face of God-in its intrinsically social dimension. First of all, we confirm that the thesis of the social doctrine professed by the Catholic Church is something inseparable from the doctrine that it teaches about human life (John XXIII, Mater et magistra, 222).

José Miguel Ibáñez Langlois continues to point out the social teaching of the Church is therefore the application of the Christian rule of faith and customs to social relations. It is the explication of the social (and therefore economic and political) consequences of the Christian faith.

And it is necessary to know it because it constitutes a solid base to face the world of today and its proposals, often deceiving or hallucinating. The Catholic as a member of a society needs to know and know what his faith proposes for life in society.

It is painful sometimes to listen to Catholics defending positions and/or situations that in the light of the Christian faith have no sustenance, being mere repeaters of something they heard or someone told them but that lacks validity or worse, lacks truth.

For those who venture in social doctrine, they will be amazed at the issues it addresses and the clarity with which the problems arise. It only requires the willingness that the one who is encouraged to deepen is willing to take the suit of his First Communion to mature in the faith.

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