

WHAT IS THE STATE OF JUSTICE?

Evaluate the degree to which the seven themes of Catholic social teaching are present in a given situation. Use the scale below each theme to rank the extent to which it is present or absent, and write N/A (not applicable) if the theme does not apply in a given situation. Then, explain on the back of the page or on a separate piece of paper why you have ranked each theme as you have.

A brief description of the situation to be evaluated: _____

1. The life and dignity of the human person. Is human life respected at every stage? Is there a regard for the innate dignity of each person?

Absent _____ Present

2. Participation. Are all people able to participate fully? Are people marginalized in this situation? To what extent is there a pursuit of the common good?

Absent _____ Present

3. Rights and responsibilities. Are everyone's rights respected? Does a sense of responsibility accompany the rights that people have?

Absent _____ Present

4. The option for the poor and vulnerable. Are the needs of the poor and most vulnerable put first? How are poor and vulnerable people treated?

Absent _____ Present

5. The dignity of work and the rights of workers. Does the work promote the digni-

ty of the workers? Does the work provide for families? Are the rights of employers and employees respected?

Absent _____ Present

6. Solidarity. Is there a commitment to the common good? Are people cooperating to bring about goodness for everyone?

Absent _____ Present

7. Care for God's creation. Are people protecting the health of the planet and of the creatures and people that live here? Are people considering the interdependence of creation in their choices?

Absent _____ Present

8. Overall justice in the situation. Are loving relationships being built? Are obstacles to these relationships being removed?

Absent _____ Present