

Justice in the World

“According to the Christian message, therefore, our relationship to our neighbor is bound up with our relationship to God; our response to the love of God, saving us through Christ, is shown to be effective in his love and service of people. Christian love of neighbor and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of the dignity and rights of one’s neighbor. Justice attains its inner fullness only in love. Because every person is truly a visible image of the invisible God and a sibling of Christ, the Christian finds in every person God himself and God’s absolute demand for justice and love.”

(“Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971,” 34)

Fill the boxes to the right of each phrase:

The Bishops of the World	What does this ask of me at school or at home?	What does this ask of me as a citizen of my town, city, country, or world?
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Our response to God’s love is shown in love and service of people.		
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The Bishops of the World	What does this ask of me at school or at home?	What does this ask of me as a citizen of my town, city, country, or world?
Love demands justice.		
Justice is the recognition of the dignity and rights of my neighbor.		
Every person is a visible image of God and a brother or sister of Christ.		
The Christian finds God in every person.		

