

## Day 4

“Tell me how to be Bread, how to be this nourishment that satisfies and which gives Peace.” It was with this song that our sisters from Mexico invited us to pray this morning. How to be bread for others...

This prayer helped us to welcome with a refreshed spirit the financial situation of “our house”. The presentation was given by Sr. Cecily, General Treasurer. She reminded us of the five key points of the Social Doctrine of the Church. These points are essential to reflect in truth on our relationship and our usage of money and property.



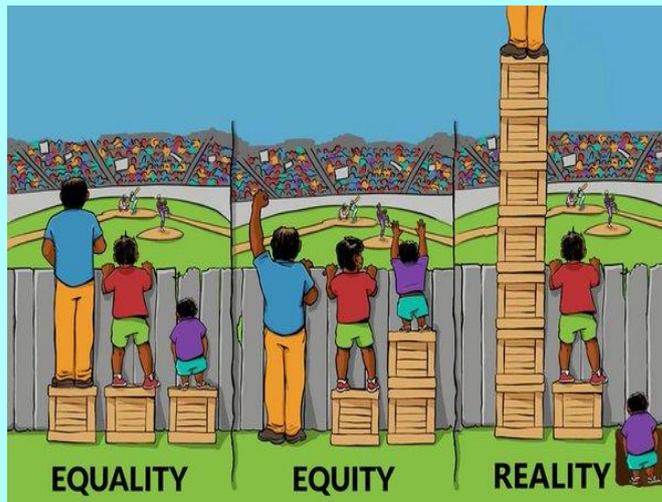
- The human person is always at the 1<sup>st</sup> level and economy is at the service of the human person. Hence a question to be raised at the end of the year: have we served “people”, by always using as criteria the ‘smallest’, the weakest (in our congregation and in society).
- The concept of the common good is central (cf. Gaudium et Spes No.76) – the concern for the good of all and each one.
- The concept of subsidiarity: on the personal, communal, and congregation levels; acting following discernment and taking responsibility for the choices made.
- Concern for social justice and solidarity: It is not referring to the apology of equality but of equity = each one according to her needs.
- Integral ecology (cf. Laudatosi); It leads to the value of creation.

Sister Cecily also shared on the way we lived solidarity among ourselves:

A fund for Formation was established and the contributions of some Provinces/regions replenished it. This fund helped support the novitiate in Africa, and gave the opportunity for several Sisters to participate in sessions at the International Center in LePuy.

There was also assistance given for construction or purchase of land necessary to develop mission projects. We saw many graphs, but behind such is the life of the Congregation in a concrete way, our manner of living the vow of poverty and our style of life, and how solidarity is manifested among ourselves and for the needs of the world.

To deepen this reflection, we propose the following illustration, which in its simplicity can invite us all personally, communally, and as Congregation to evaluate our choices and our actions.



Our work of the day ended with a Eucharistic celebration. The Liturgy again used the theme of bread, and was inspired by the Gospel of the “Miraculous Catch of fish”. The Mexican sisters invited us to write on a small paper in the shape of a fish, a felt call of God considering what we are living these days. These were placed during the Presentation of Gifts in a boat and net set up by the altar. “The Feast is ready, we only now need to approach the table in faith to receive the Bread and Wine.”



