

HOPE

LOOK. THINK. ACT. | SECONDARY STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET

Name: _____ Date: _____

BEYOND THE PHOTOGRAPH

Every photograph captures a moment, but behind each image is a story of people, relationships, challenges and possibilities. As you explore Hope, consider what these photographs reveal about our shared humanity and the world we live in.

Catholic Social Teaching invites us to recognise the dignity of every person, work towards the common good and stand in solidarity with others.

Look beyond what is visible. Question your assumptions. Reflect on what matters.

ENCOUNTER | Seeing beyond first impressions

Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of the Human Person

Find a photograph featuring someone whose story interests you.

- What can you learn about this person from the photograph, and what remains unknown?
- How might your experiences or assumptions influence your interpretation?

CARE | Beyond charity

Catholic Social Teaching: Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Find a photograph illustrating care, compassion or people supporting one another.

- How does this image demonstrate the importance of caring for others?
- What is the difference between offering immediate help and creating lasting change?

FAITH | Strength in challenging times

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

Find a photograph representing faith, resilience or hope.

- What might be a source of strength for the people in this image?
- How can faith, shared values or belonging inspire people through challenges?

POSSIBILITY | Creating opportunities

Catholic Social Teaching: Human Dignity and the Common Good

Find a photograph showing people learning, growing or creating opportunities.

- What opportunities are represented in this photograph?
- How can access to education, resources or community support influence someone's future?

JOY | Celebrating our shared humanity

Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity and the Common Good

Find a photograph capturing joy, connection or celebration.

- What does this photograph reveal about the importance of human relationships?
- Why is it important to recognise joy and achievement when telling stories about communities experiencing challenges?

A QUESTION TO CONSIDER

How can a photographer communicate challenges while respecting people's dignity, agency and achievements?

MY HOPE CHALLENGE

SEE. JUDGE. ACT.

You have explored stories of encounter, care, faith, community and hope. Choose one photograph that stayed with you and reflect on it below.

SEE | Observe and question

Describe what you see. What message might the photographer be communicating? What might be missing from the image?

JUDGE | Reflect through Catholic Social Teaching

Which principle of Catholic Social Teaching connects most strongly with your photograph, and why? How does it challenge or reinforce your understanding of justice and human dignity?

ACT | Turn reflection into action

Before visiting this exhibition, I thought hope was...

Now, I believe hope is...

Hope starts with each of us. What will you do with yours?