# **A CULTURE OF CARE**

# Pope Francis, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Francis and official teachings of the Roman Catholic Church

# "ULTIMATE PROOF"

At the culmination of His mission, Jesus gave the ultimate proof of His care for us by offering Himself on the cross to set us free from the slavery of sin and death. By the sacrificial gift of His life, He opened for us, the path of love.

#### "THE HEART OF CHARITY"

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy were at the heart of charity as practiced by the early Church.

# "PRECIOUS PATRIMONY"

The Church's social doctrine ... is offered to all people of good will as a precious patrimony of principles, criteria and proposals that can serve as a "grammar" of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, the pursuit of the common good and concern for the protection of creation.

### "USEFUL AND RELIABLE"

Promoting a culture of care calls for a process of education. The "compass" of social principles can prove useful and reliable in a variety of interrelated contexts.



#### "PRIVILEGED PATH"

The culture of care ... calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace.

### "A SURE COURSE"

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the "rudder" of human dignity and the "compass" of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope.

#### "A NEW HORIZON"

May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; ... instead may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, "to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another" (Message for 2014 World Day of Peace).

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