

[SLIDE 1]

Day 3: Making a Difference

- Catholic Social Teaching: Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person

[SLIDE 2] SAY: Did you have the opportunity to eat a decent breakfast this morning?

Did you have to worry at all about having clean and plentiful water to drink?

How hard did you have to work to receive these things?

Many of us probably don't have to put all that much thought into these things. Though life can be difficult for us, and we have to work hard, still we are blessed with such abundance that we sometimes forget how richly we are blessed in all our needs and with prosperity that is unknown in many parts of the world. That's a great blessing, but it's one that also comes with great responsibilities.

[SLIDE 3] What about our brothers and sisters in Bolivia and other parts of the world struck by poverty and hardships caused by natural disasters and droughts? These hard-working, hopeful people don't have it easy at all. They probably worry about where their food and water will come from. That's very sad, because they have done their part to try to care for and protect their resources, but they need our help, too. When we see a brother or sister in Christ in need, we all have a responsibility to try to help them as best we can.

We've learned this week about the important work that Catholic Relief Services is doing to make sure that more families and children in Bolivia and around the world can have sustainable farming practices and necessary resources to ensure good crops, livestock, and water supply to care for their families and communities.

Here in America, we continue to produce abundant harvests through the wisdom, hard work, and sacrifices of our farmers and others who try to ensure sustainable water and food sources. This week we are learning about families like Maritza Mendoza's, who have taken good care of their land for generations, but now they need extra help to sustain their family farm and put food on the table. We can help them! We can pray for them, and our generous donations to Catholic Relief Services will help to provide fertilizer for crops, fish to stock fish ponds, livestock to provide milk and a balanced diet, training and supplies for special farming techniques that can benefit the land and help it to continue to produce, and even to provide for community fish ponds that can benefit huge numbers of people!

[SLIDES 4, 5] Please be as generous as you can--what you contribute makes a big difference for people like Maritza and her family and many others in Bolivia.

You also make a difference by appreciating what *you* have, thanking God for it, and taking care of it.

[OPTIONAL SLIDE 6 – Talk about it]