

Encyclical says we should take responsibility as Christians for our world



In his latest encyclical on Social justice, the Pope has issued a call to engage the world—not only through evangelization, but through economic, social, and political thought and action; through commitment to the cause of

integral human development and social progress.

He has urged Catholics to bring their faith into the messiness of the real world and out of the safe world of ideas and wishes.

The Holy Father is responding to the injustices of the world, injustices God responded to when he brought his people out of their slavery in Egypt.

He is urging us to make our faith real through the values it promotes and through our taking responsibility as Christians for our world.

If we were to do that then it would make for a less than quiet life, as Christ suggests in the Gospel, he came to do.

The Gospel would be less of a private thing and might even travel round the towns as it did with Christ.

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* The whole document of the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* is available on the worldwide web on the following link:
http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm