



Scripture

“Act with justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.” Jeremiah 22:3 from the Poverty and Justice Bible Catholic Edition

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous” 1 Peter 3:12 from the Poverty and Justice Bible Catholic Edition

Catechism

“Social justice comes about where the inalienable dignity of every person is respected and the resulting rights are safeguarded and championed without reservation.” YOUCAT para. 329

Comment

Slavery has once more appeared on the scene though it is true to say that in its various forms it never really disappeared. The book of Exodus celebrates the release of the Hebrews from their captivity to enjoy the liberty to worship God freely and without fear. Christians are called to break unjust fetters in society to allow the fruits of the Kingdom to be seen more clearly.

Organisation of the month

Anti-Slavery International is the oldest international human rights organization in the world, founded in 1839. According to Anti-Slavery International, it seeks ‘to eliminate all forms of slavery and slavery-like practices throughout the world’. Visit www.antislavery.org for more information about how you can support their mission.

Think, Pray, Act

Pray: that God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ His Only-Begotten Son may, by the Holy Spirit, inspire you to be a force for change in this world;

Think: Take a few moments to reflect on the personal freedoms that you have and enjoy, to live, move, learn, associate with others. Which freedom would you cherish most if it were threatened?

Act: Visit www.antislavery.org for more information

“Do as much as you can. God will do what we ourselves cannot do.” St. John Bosco, Letter to

Cagliero, November 13th 1875