



# A Spirituality of Justice and Peace

**OCIA**

**Jan 20, 2026**

<https://youtu.be/wQNiLcYM3NI>

# **Small Groups**

- 1. What is justice?**
- 2. How is justice different from charity?**
- 3. What do either have to do with being Catholic?**

Justice is...

TRUTH...

AS GOD SEES TRUTH

STANDING UP FOR WHAT'S

RIGHT — DOING RIGHT...

NO MATTER THE COST.

# What is Christian Social Justice?



A Faith  
THAT DOES  
JUSTICE

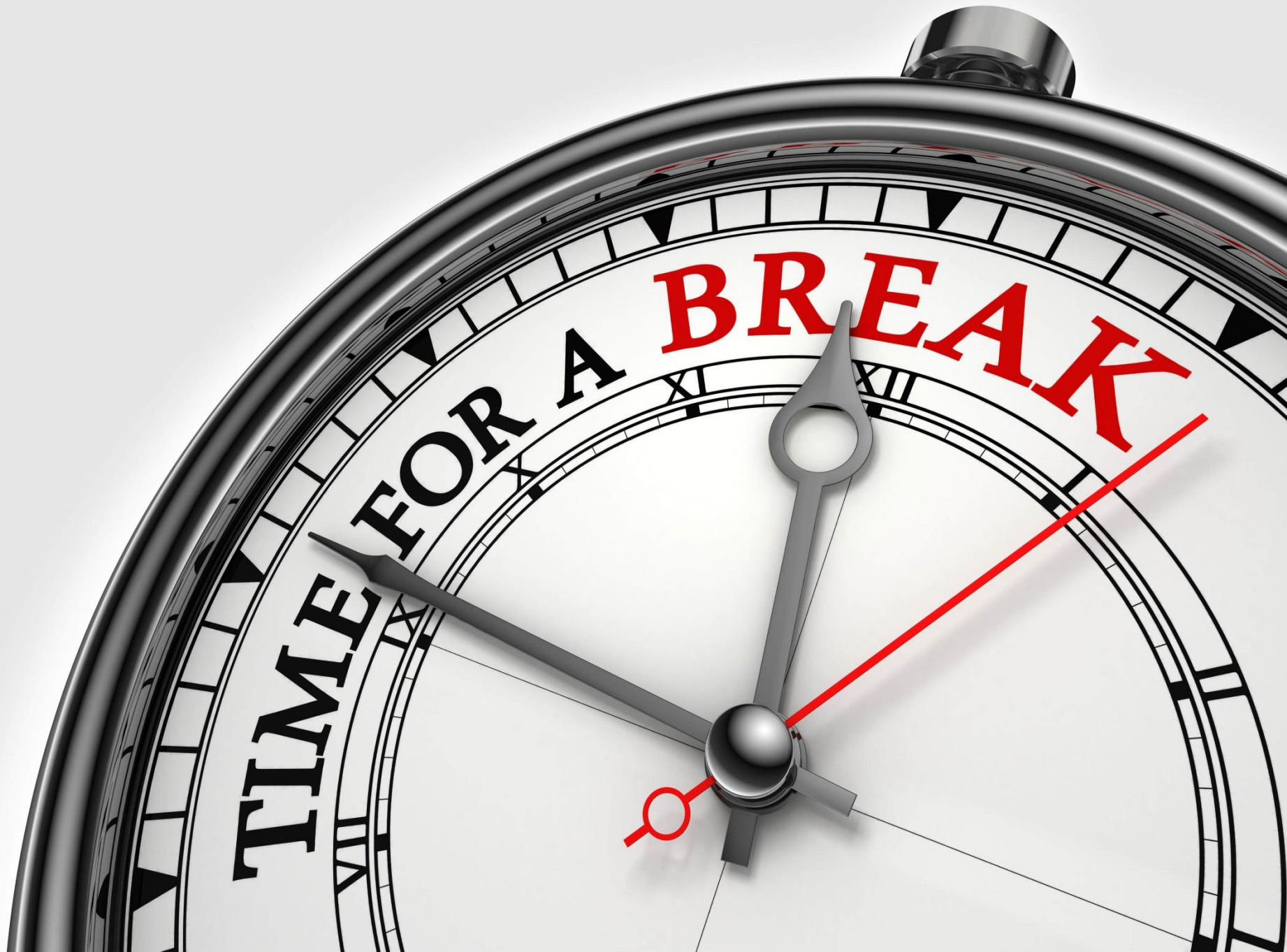
# The Two Feet of Love



# Social Justice

- Applies the Gospel message of Jesus Christ to the structures, systems, and laws of society in order to guarantee the rights of individuals.
- Ensures that people have a fair say in social, political, and economic institutions of society.
- So, what's the difference between charity and Justice?  
**charity = social service**      **justice = social change**

**And it all starts with respecting the dignity of human life!**



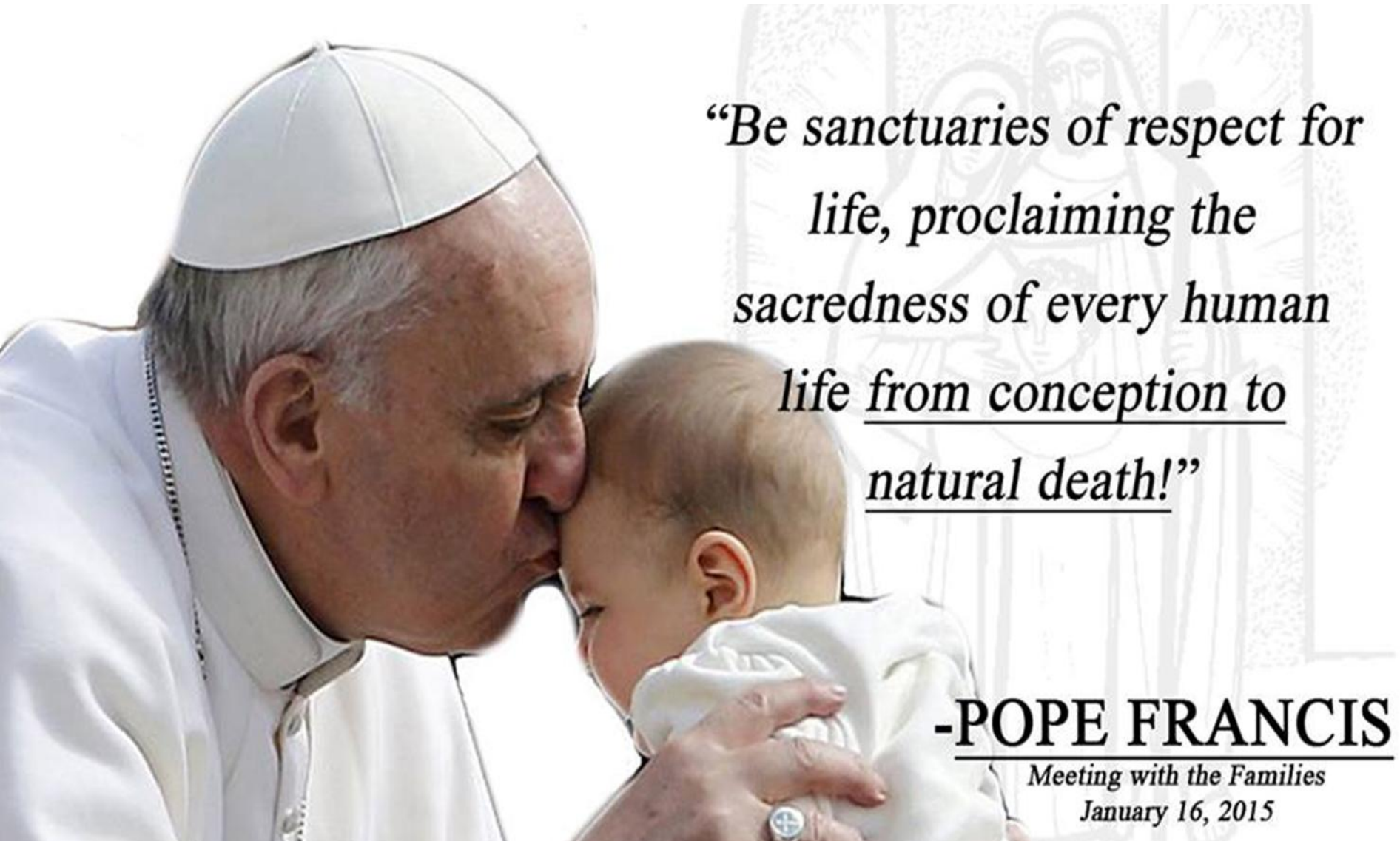
**This Saturday, January 24  
9:00 AM in Hurley Hall**



**Extra**



# ABORTION



*“Be sanctuaries of respect for  
life, proclaiming the  
sacredness of every human  
life from conception to  
natural death!”*

**-POPE FRANCIS**

*Meeting with the Families*

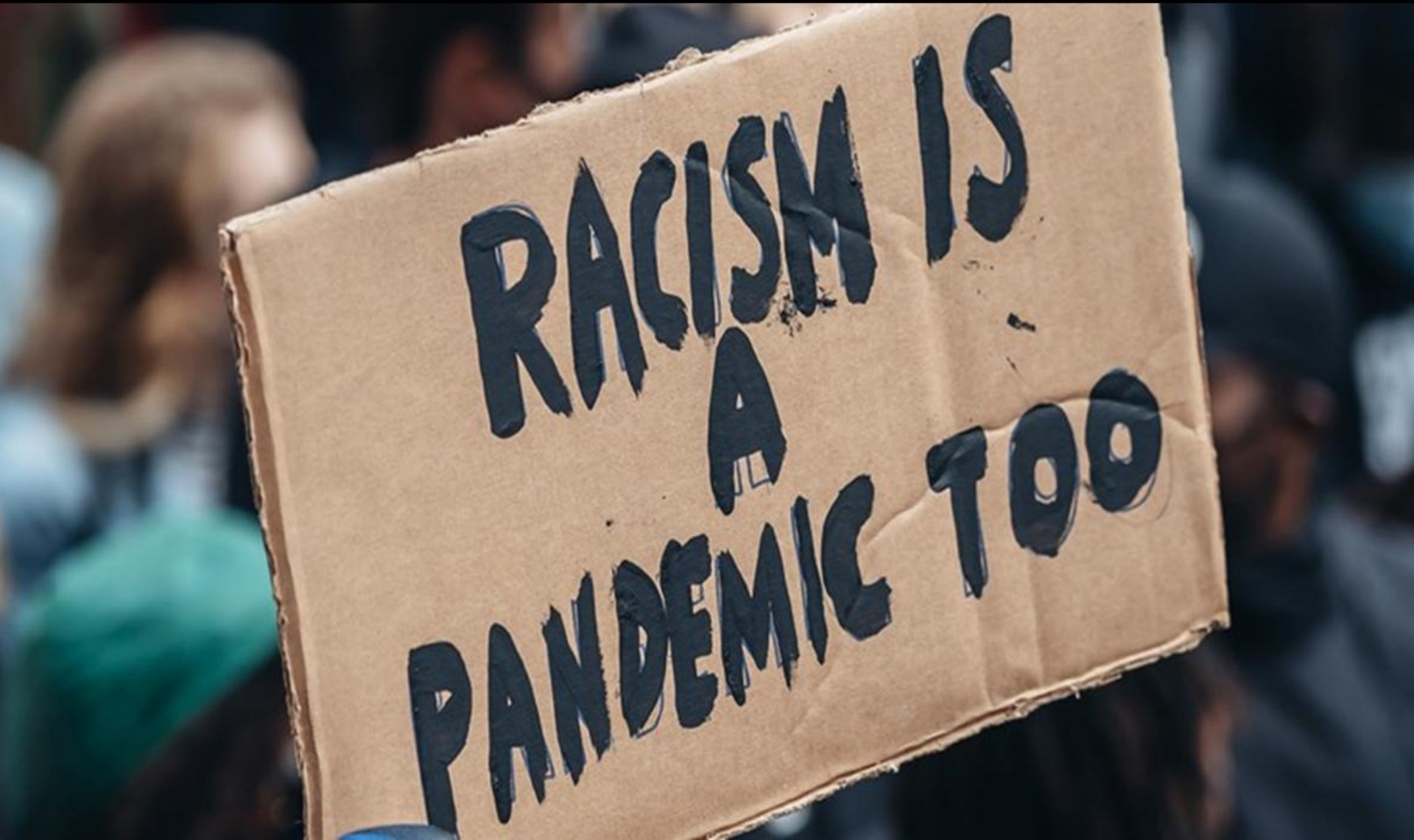
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# Ways to act: Charity & Justice





# Issue #2: Prejudice / Racism



# Issue #3: Capital Punishment:



**Charity = social service**

**Justice = social change**

**For Christians it's not either / or...  
it's BOTH!**

**We do everything we can  
to the best of our ability**





"Never worry about the numbers.  
Help one person at a time,  
and always begin with the person next to you."