Introduction

1. We live in a ____ nation, but there are still ___ ___ of serious challenges for Catholics

2. Americans typically “believe” in high values, but we don’t always live them out (we’re a very ___ nation)

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

1. _________ is responsible for being politically active

2. American politics is oftentimes messy and ________ driven. Catholics need to rise above this and act with a moral focus.

3. ______ is not a Democrat OR a Republican

What we ____ we believe VS. _____ we actually live

CST #1 - Sanctity of Life and Dignity of the Human Person

1. The right to _____ is the foundation of all other rights

2. Catholics should fight against all “life issues”, such as:
   - Abortion
   - Euthanasia
   - Human Cloning
   - Embryonic Stem-Cell Research
   - Capital Punishment
   - Unjust War
   - Poverty
   - Etc.

3. ALL people are children of God (“from conception to natural death” or “from _____ to _____”)

CST #2 - Call to Family, Community, and Participation

1. ________ is the fundamental building block of society

2. _________ is naturally designed to be between 1 man and 1 woman and should be protected against any redefinitions (i.e. same-sex marriage, polygamy, etc.)

3. Principal of _____________ = issues should be taken care of at the local level first

   EXAMPLE: Family... Neighborhood/ School/Church... City... State... Country

Abortion

The Environment
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CST #3 - Rights and Responsibilities

1. All ______ human rights need to be protected:
   Life, food/shelter/clothing, health care, education, employment, freedom of religion, etc.

2. Freedom of ____________ and freedom of conscience need to be constantly defended because they are constantly under attack

CST #4 - Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

1. You can tell how healthy a society is by how it treats its _________ members

2. We will be judged by how we _______ others (see Matthew 25:31-46)

3. The “_______ among us” include:
   The unborn, disabled, elderly, sick, oppressed

CST #5 - Dignity of Work and the Right of Workers

1. _____ should be more than just something that pays you. It should contribute to the common good of society.

2. Workers should receive just ______ and _____________
   Enough money to pay for food, clothing, shelter, and health insurance

CST #6 - Solidarity

1. We are _____ big ________. Everyone is either a brother or sister to you.

2. Jesus says, “______ your neighbors”, which includes:
   - Starving children in Africa
   - Mexican immigrants in the U.S.
   - Innocent people in war-torn countries

3. Famous quote: “If you want ________, work for ________.” - Pope Paul VI (1972)

CST #7 - Care for God’s Creation

1. __________ comes from the ________, so we should respect it and care for it.

2. How we treat the ______ today will affect all future generations of people

Conclusion

1. Catholic Social Teachings aren’t all right-wing/conservative/Republican OR left-wing/liberal/Democrat. Neither political viewpoint completely matches a truly _________ one.

2. We have to speak up _______ver, _______ever, and ______ever we can!

3. What is popular always _________. Catholic teaching does not.