

APRIL VIRTUE: JUSTICE

Overview of the Virtue of Justice

Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to insure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities. It assumes that none of us is free until all of us are. One of the central tenants of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of the human being; we are all created in the image of God, and therein rests our inalienable dignity.

Doing **justice** is a central imperative in all major religions. This virtue applies to the whole range of human interactions, and today it is also being extended to animals, the environment, indeed the whole universe.

