

Public Policy Committee  
Diocese of Rochester  
2012 Education Priority:

## ***Common Good: We Are One in the Body of Christ***

### **Facilitators' Guidelines**

**Purpose:** To help Catholics talk about the current socio-economic situation in our communities informed by the *Gospel* and Catholic Social Teaching with special attention to the principle of the common good.

**DVD:** The 29 minute *Common Good* DVD guides participants through a 100 minute format in three segments. If a break is taken, the program will take a little longer. The DVD is stopped and small group discussion takes place, before moving on to the next segment.

**Group Size:** 12-15 people in each discussion group. It may be necessary to have a number of small groups for discussion and viewing the DVD in common.

**Participant Worksheets:** To aid in the small group discussion sections four worksheets are provided with the questions to be discussed. Group Discussion Guidelines are listed on the worksheets.

**Newsprint or Whiteboards:** A newsprint or whiteboard may be used during the discussion sessions to jot down the ideas of the group.

#### **Group Discussion Guidelines:**

1. I will expect to hear different opinions than my own.
2. I will listen intently and not interrupt another speaker.
3. I will respectfully seek clarification of other participants' insights.
4. I will assure that everyone has an opportunity to speak and I will encourage others to speak before I speak again.



## Format

Opening Prayer	5
Guidelines and Introductions	6
First Segment of DVD	8
Group Discussion	15
Second Segment of DVD	2
Group Discussion	15
Third Segment of DVD	13
 (Optional Break	 15)
 Group Discussion	 15
Final Segment of DVD	6
Next steps and evaluation	10
Closing Prayer	5
 Total Time	 100 minutes- without a break

## Evaluation and Next Steps

The participants' worksheet contains a list of possible next steps as well as "three final questions. The group should spend some time sharing their responses to the "final questions" and their thoughts about next steps.

An evaluation form is provided.

Please send completed evaluations to: Marvin Mich  
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