Signs of the Times

GRADE 8

CHAPTER 18 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 18****.*

The onset of the Industrial Revolution in the 19th century brought about inhuman working conditions. In response, Pope Leo XIII wrote an encyclical on social justice to teach the world the Christian view of labor. It was entitled *Rerum Novarum* ("On New Things"). The encyclical stated that workers should receive fair wages, be treated fairly, and form groups to defend their rights. Every pope since Leo XIII has called the world's attention to the need for justice, love, and mercy.

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The Church teaches our responsibility to care for those in need through the themes of Catholic social teaching. The *Call to Family, Community, and Participation* tells us to support families so they can participate in society and promote the well-being of all.

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Because God is our Father and we are all brothers and sisters, we have the responsibility to care for one another. This is the Catholic social teaching theme *Solidarity*.

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Saint John Bosco had a gift for helping boys know God, especially boys who were poor and in trouble. He founded the Salesians.

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Church leaders have pointed out that greed is the root of all war and that it robs people of their human dignity and rights.

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The Second Vatican Council was called by Pope Saint John XXIII to study the role of bishops and renew the life and mission of the Church. Latin was replaced with local languages, and people were encouraged to read Scripture. The documents arising out of the Council proclaimed that all people—not only bishops and priests—are called to holiness.

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Pope Saint John Paul II was a defender of the dignity of human life. Through his leadership, he helped bring about the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. He emphasized the universal call to holiness and called Catholics to engage in the New Evangelization.

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