

Charity or Justice?

Both charity and justice are necessary to promote human rights. We are called to do both.

Charity focuses on immediate needs such as providing food, clothing, and shelter.

Justice looks at the cause of problems and works to remove them, such as unfair wages, housing shortages, and clothing made in sweatshops.



Study the examples below to determine if they are acts of charity or justice. On the line before each, write the correct word. Then add one example of a charitable act you could do and an act of justice.

1. _____ Collect canned foods for a local pantry.
2. _____ Write letters to congress about the need for affordable housing.
3. _____ Participate in a "food fast" retreat.
4. _____ Help serve meals in a homeless shelter.
5. _____ Participate in a parish program presenting information about just wages.

6. *Charity* _____

7. *Justice* _____

