



SOLIDARITY BULLETIN BRIEFS

Reflections suitable for teacher and parent bulletins during the school campaign. Some reflections could also be integrated into senior class discussions and prayer moments.

Tell me, I forget.
Show me, I remember.
Involve me, I understand.
Confucius, 551 -479 BC

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere
Martin Luther King

Another world is not only possible,
She is on her way.
On a quiet day I can hear her breathing.
Arundhati Roy, novelist

History will be our judge,
But what is written is up to us!
Bono, Make Poverty History Campaign, 2005

Some people will say
I think we can't afford to do it.
I say we can't afford not to do it.
Bono, Make Poverty History Campaign, 2005

Solidarity.....is not a vague feeling of compassion, or shallow distress, at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and preserving determination to commit oneself to the common good: that is to say to the good of all, because we are all really responsible for all.
John Paul II, Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concerns), #38, 1987

Solidarity concerns a fundamental vision that we are born into a web of social relationships, that our humanity ties all people to one another, that the gospel consecrates those ties, and that the prophets and all of scripture tell us that the way we honor these ties is the test of authenticity of our faith.
Mark Raper SJ, former director of Jesuit Volunteer Service, Compass, October 2005

Education is the most powerful weapon
You can use to change the world.
Nelson Mandela, Make Poverty History Campaign, 2005

Poverty is a form of violence.
Mahatma Gandhi

The ultimate test of our worth in a true democracy
Is how we treat our most vulnerable and disadvantaged.
Sir William Deane, Former Governor General of Australia, Marist ex-student



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BRIEF QUOTES

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is protection of a fundamental human right.

Nelson Mandela

Live8 Concert, Johannesburg

We are a global village. We are connected to the problems of Africa and our brothers and sisters there.

Sting

Live8 Concert, London

There isn't a plan B. Plan B is that we continue to let them die....every night live on television. Mahatma Gandhi freed a continent, Martin Luther King freed a people, Nelson Mandela freed a country. It does work. They will listen.

Bob Geldof

Live8 concert, 3rd July 2005, London

"Give us this day our daily bread, the bread of peace, Lord, so that we can sow our maize and beans, watch them grow and share them together as a family"

El Salvadorean refugee's meditation on The Lord's Prayer

You only make a bridge

Where there is a river.

Luyia, Western Kenya