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¹⁶ "We can no longer trust in the unseen forces and the invisible hand of the market. Growth in justice requires more than economic growth, while presupposing such growth: it requires decisions, programmes, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality."(204)

¹⁷ "With due respect for the autonomy and culture of every nation, we must never forget that the planet belongs to all mankind and is meant for all mankind; the mere fact that some people are born in places with fewer resources or less development does not justify the fact that they are living with less dignity."(190)

¹⁸ "I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities."(*Evangelii Gaudium* 33)

¹⁹ "To speak properly of our own rights, we need to broaden our perspective and to hear the plea of other people and other regions than those of our own country. We need to grow in a solidarity which 'would allow all peoples to become the artisans of their destiny', since 'every person is called to self-fulfillment.'"(190)

²⁰ "No one is saved by himself or herself, individually, or by his or her own efforts."(113)

²¹ "The Church acknowledges the indispensable contribution which women make to society...Because 'the feminine genius is needed in all expressions in the life of society, the presence of women must also be guaranteed in the workplace' and in the various other settings where important decisions are made, both in the Church and in social structures."(103)

²² "It is the responsibility of the State to safeguard and promote the common good of society. Based on the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, and fully committed to political dialogue and consensus building, it plays a fundamental role, one which cannot be delegated, in working for an integral development of all."(240)

²³ "A just wage enables [human beings] to have adequate access to all the other goods which are destined for our common use."(192)

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