

LESSON
PLAN



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OBJECTIVES

Through this activity participants will:

- ❖ Gain a greater understanding of concepts surrounding advocacy.
- ❖ Understand why we as Catholics are called to be advocates for those whose voices aren't being heard in the halls of power.

SUMMARY

Participants will examine the theology behind advocacy in groups in order to understand better why advocacy is a part of Catholic social teaching.

MATERIALS

- *Why Do We Advocate?* handout of quotes and principles
- Scissors

PROCESS

1. Cut out the quotes and principles found on the *Why Do We Advocate?* handout.
2. Split up the class into small groups, and provide each group with one quote /principle from the handout.
3. Have one group member read the quote aloud to the rest of their group. Each group should discuss their quote using the questions provided below, and should prepare to present their quote to the class along with a few sentences on how it relates to advocacy.
4. After 10 minutes of group work, have each group present their quote to the class.

Discussion Questions

1. How does this principle or quote call us to advocacy?
2. What specific actions can you think of that would connect this quote or principle to advocacy?
3. Can you think of any stories or situations from Scripture, the life of a saint, or from your community that demonstrate this principle or quote being lived out?