

The Water Crisis in America

Everyone is deserving of clean water. It is one of the basic necessities of human life. However, there are millions of people in America who do not have access to clean drinking water. Many people, especially those in lower income areas are facing a lack of clean water. This unjust situation is something that is greatly affecting people's daily lives.

People who do not have enough water are often dismissed because they tend to have less money. In spite of that, they still need clean water to survive. The option for the poor and vulnerable is one of the Catholic Social Teachings. This is closely tied into this water crisis because the people facing this issue are generally less wealthy. Someone's wealth status should not dictate whether or not they get basic human resources. People who are more financially stable should help those who need support. "One particularly serious problem is the quality of water available to the poor. Every day, unsafe water results in many deaths and the spread of water-related diseases, including those caused by microorganisms and chemical substances" (LS 29). Not having clean water is a significant problem that is affecting many people across America.

Similarly, water conservation is something that should be prioritized. "The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all" (LS 23). In order to save water, doing things to help the environment is necessary. For example, using less water to do dishes and taking shorter showers will not only help the planet, but it will also help those who do not have enough water. Having things like clean water is not only for privileged people, but it is for all people. This is why saving water is very important.

Providing everyone with clean water is something that we as a community should strive for. It can completely change people's lives for the better. Those of us who have plenty of

resources should do our absolute best to help those who do not. Clean water is absolutely essential to human life so it is crucial that we face this problem head on.