

Suggested Definitions of “Social Justice”

social justice - a situation in which all individuals and groups in a society are treated fairly and equally, regardless of race, gender, or any other factor that could be used to create situations of injustice.

(<http://www.fast-times.com/politicaldictionary.html>)

social justice - equitable access to resources and the benefits derived from them; a system that recognizes inalienable rights and adheres to what is fair, honest, and moral.

(<http://www.mhhe.com/biosci/pae/glossarys.html>)

social justice-Catholic Social Teaching is a collection of teachings on key themes which have evolved in response to the challenges of the day that are designed to reflect the Church's social mission. Teachings are rooted in biblical orientations and reflections on Christian tradition. It is a living tradition of thought and action. This tradition calls all members of the Church, rich and poor alike, to work to eliminate the occurrence and effect of poverty, to speak out against injustice, and to shape a more caring society and a more peaceful world.

(<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/churchinthecity/cst.htm>)

social justice – justice applied to the framework of social existence; consideration of the requirements of justice applied to the benefits and burdens of a common existence

(*Learning To Give* glossary at <http://www.learningtogive.org/materials/vocabulary.asp>)

