



**ARCHDIOCESE OF
ST ANDREWS & EDINBURGH**
Commission for Caritas, Justice & Peace

The responsibilities of the Office for Caritas, Justice & Peace are as follows:

- To develop a strategic policy in matters relating to integral human development especially for the poor and disadvantaged, according to the vision and priorities of the Church and of the Archdiocese.
- To form and lead the Archdiocesan Commission on Caritas in its role of articulating the Church's vision of solidarity and social and economic justice and peace and supporting those involved in the relief of poverty and in responding to emergencies.
- To ensure effective communication between the Commission and all those involved in local Caritas or Justice and Peace Groups, and to provide them with support and resources.
- To promote the establishment of local parish Caritas Groups and to foster the involvement of volunteers in the work of these groups.



Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth.

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 29 June 2009.