

# ***A LIVELY AND ENLIGHTENED FAITH***

## **Catholic Social Teaching in the Viatorian Community**

### **4. Preferential Option for People Who Are Marginalized**

*Christ calls us to consider people who are marginalized in every decision we make individually, communally, and socially.*



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#### **Questions for Reflection**

**1.1** Br. Peter cites historical and present-day examples of Viatorians living out these theme. What Viatorian ministries resonate with you as you hear about them?

**1.2** He discusses ways we can integrate this mindset into our actions. Are there ways you feel that you already do this? Are there ways you believe you could adjust and grow to live this out more fully?

**1.3** Our vocation can be thought of as the place where our gifts, talents, and passions meet the world's needs. As you consider your vocation, do you imagine the work you want to do can help people who are marginalized? How can your vocation opt for the poor?

**2.1** In what ways is a community with significant material poverty marginalized? How do these people end up disconnected from mainstream life?

**2.2** What do young people want to do with their time? Does service factor in? How could young people help friends consider people on the margins when choosing how to spend free time?

**2.3** How do greetings and conversation also become service? What does a conversation do for someone with privilege? What does it do for someone who has been marginalized?

**3.1** We must opt for marginalized people in individual actions. What's one way you could do this?

**3.2** We must opt for marginalized people in communal actions. What's one way you could bring people together to do this?

**3.3** We need to opt for marginalized people in our social actions. What is one way you could organize a social group or organization to which you belong in order to do this?



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