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Exploring the Catholic Theological Tradition

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Assignment #10, Part 3. Responding to *Let Us Dream*, “A Time to See.”*

Section 1

And we will remember we were never alone,

that what ties us together is stronger than fear.

We will rebuild not just our lives, but our systems, so leaders serve people and not just power.

To pray for a world

where the people around us can sing and dance, live in unity and peace

Where all hardships and obstacles can be overcome

With the Grace of God we will work hard

till the storm passes by

by being close and caring for one another We will keep each other safe and warm.

by Ahmed & Valeria



The hope of our youth

Let's us Dream

That our tomorrow

Will surely have value

Discernment of Thy neighbor

The ways in which how you

Love those from a far away land

Esperanza heals the wounds

of woman and man

by Ryan & Kaitlyn



We will choose life over individualism,
And our world will transform,
And we will see the dignity and life of all,
Our better selves will seek the truth,
And under God's guidance we will understand
the sanctuary of life.

We will no longer misunderstand and mistreat
And all people will come together
We will transform our hope and the
world, inspired by God's goodness
by Hannah & Abby



We will achieve access to the three Ls
Land, Lodging, and Labor.
And all will love the land around them
Addressing the environmental crisis that surround us
We will build humane cities
And care for those without a home.
Everyone will find work and be paid fairly
And Poverty will come to an end
by Aleena & Hailee



Right now, before the storm is over, everything feels blurred together,
and we see what's wrong
more than what's still here.
We see people every day,
thinking we will have more time later,
but really we know,
this is all the time we have.
Maybe hope doesn't come after,
but instead how we act right now
like stopping to offer a helping hand
or learning their story
If we can care during all of this,
then when It's finally over,
we won't have to change,
because we will be better together
by Will & Samantha



We will protect our common home
and be united in our duty
to the dignity of human life
and engage in an ecological conversation
and our priorities will shift
from greed to love
beginning with individuals
and leading to a conversation of institutions
by Kamryn & Leoni



Now let us dream
of embracing others
and all will be saved,
and all will be in our thoughts,
If we ignore our calling
we disown our commitment,
of fraternity and solidarity.
By simply coming together,
we can pave way for a new frontier.

by Shayla and Sarah



And we'll learn to move before we are forced,
not waiting for another crisis to show us what's broken
We will choose to repair what we already see
Survival is not progress and not mistake comfort for justice
And when others are hurting, is a kind of science we can no longer afford.
We will stand closer to those pushed on the margins,
not to save them, but to finally listen
and recognize their voices as the beginning of change.

What we have, is not ours alone.

It will be shared by many stories and hands
until the common good is no longer an ideal,
but a reality of the world we live in.

by Lauren and Nate



Thank you for returning us,
and for covering our community.

For assembling us all
and giving us new life.

We hold your blessings closely
as we prepare to receive,
receive the Kingdom of God.

We will act in your name.

by Alex and Adeyemisi



We will bring this hope with us into how we act.

We will refuse to neglect what we did before.

And money will seem less important than it did before,
all other's struggles will start to be more important.

All the people will come together,

For once really seeing each other,

Inspired to take care of the beautiful creation around them,

Never letting another refugee pass my door.

Because when the storm passes,

Our differences don't matter anymore.

by Rory and Dillon



Section 2

And there will be no bright future,
if the dignity of people is not put before oneself.
We'll become compassionate people,
Once we accept the mission given to us by God.
We will see that we are called to love
and serve one another
For in death we all lay equal,
and in unity we whole is always greater than the parts.

by Amy and Alex



In an age of consumerism
with profit priority,
with misplaced economic power,
with an emphasis on personal influence,
We will create a society that centers shared
purpose not wealth accumulation
We are one people,
bound by the same life and culture,
working together towards salvation,
conscious of the dignity God bestowed all humanity
in our efforts to unite the world.

by Brevin and Sofia



To return us back to knowing
To knowing responsibility to others
To others we take for granted
Granted, we value life
But not our brothers and sisters
Sisters that cry like mother nature whose been exploited
Exploited like workers for profit
Profit yet we're still at a lost with misplaced dignity
by Nate and Nathan



And we will notice our world
from our polluted beaches,
to acres of deforestation,
that our journey remains intertwined
And we must now gather
acknowledging our shared responsibility,
towards each other and all human life
to establish a new co-existent paradigm
by Keira and Kian



We begin to see what was already there but ignored
The hidden wounds, the unseen hands that sustain us
The truth that we are bound together, never isolated
We choose not to return what was comfortable but unjust
We choose encounter over distance
We choose to remember what was ignored
We will act with dignity
We will act with intention
We will act daily

by Elizabeth and Katie



For indifference and varying viewpoints
is reason enough to connect with one another.
The old man, the neighbor, the ones you pass
every day
To show them dignity is to see them in
the storm. To show them empathy is to
be in the storm alongside them.

“No one is saved alone.”

by Henry and Kieran



Never waste the crisis
Let society change, not survive
Let the Lord help restore dignity
For it is not to act
We will march on through hardship
And dignity will be restored
By turning ideas into action
We will heal the world
by Oliver and Joshua



For there was a time of fear;
There was a time of pain,
Where the Earth's inheritance to the people
Was taken by a sole few.
Those unjust just took & took
Until there was nothing left
To be harvested
But in the storms, we remember
Our past, our present, our oncoming future;
And we the people know
It's through our labor those have suffered
& through our compassion justice can be restored
For when the storm passes
We will value life, we will feel great joy
And we will dream again.
By Zoe

Strangers will become brothers,
We will be held together
We will be held together by collective wisdom and memory

Remembering our roots and coming together,
The outside worries and differences will have no effect,
And we will no longer be subject to outside cruelties
And we will be a people with shared hardship and struggles
And we will be a people who have a soul,
Acting together to change life for the better.

By Jacob

*Undergraduate students responding and adding their own poetry to the poem *Esperanza* by Alexis Valdés, 2020. Quoted in Francis, *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*, (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2020), 139-140.