

## Christian Anthropology & Natural Law Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- The *dignity of the human person* from conception to natural death
- The human person as both *social animal* and *moral agent*, requiring both virtue and grace to turn toward good and away from evil
- *Communal solidarity*
- Civil society as a realm of multiple authoritative institutions the relations of which are governed by the *principle of subsidiarity* (bearing affinities with Reformed Protestant Kuyperian sphere sovereignty)
- The *common good* as the purpose of civil government [n.b., civil society includes but ≠ civil government]
- Public policy with a bias for benefits to the involuntarily poor (the “preferential option”)
- The human *stewardship of creation* (*Laudato Si*’)
- *Religious freedom* as a fundamental human right (*Dignitatis humanae*)