

## **The Good of Each Human Person is a Precondition for the Good of Everyone**

Equality for the human person becomes complete and secure when accompanied by religious, economic, political, and social freedom.

Economic freedom recognizes the right of every human person to live free from poverty. New Humanity members supports social protection floors and a reasonable redistribution of goods. They wish to enable people living in poverty to experience life as sisters and brothers of the same human family, children of the same father in heaven. Each human person should have the freedom and equal chance to develop their personality and to achieve the ends for which God created them. One way that members of New Humanity work towards the goal of equality is through its project called the Economy of Communion in Freedom or EoC. The EoC draws its norms from the New Testament.

For perspective entrepreneurs, they offer direct financial assistance, management seminars, and on-site technical assistance. They offer skills training by embedding trainees within the EoC business. Young aspiring entrepreneurs can enroll in internship programs.

To guide their business decisions, the over 800 EoC businesses apply the Golden Rule. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” We find the Golden Rule present in most religions and it appears on the Norman Rockwell Golden Rule mosaic on the third floor of this building. The Golden Rule not only guides individuals and businesses. It can also guide nations. New Humanity recommends that the commission consciously apply the Golden Rule in all its deliberations, particularly this year, when considering fiscal, wage, and social protection policies. Freedom from poverty enables human persons to grow physically, mentally, and morally. In this way, they benefit themselves and society. When the individual grows, the community benefits, and vice versa.

Freedom from poverty is both an individual good and a social good. The Golden Rule gives clear guidance for individuals, institutions, and nations to achieve economic freedom and every freedom. The good of each human person is a precondition for the good of everyone.

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