



## EDIFY EPISODE: THE TENSION BETWEEN SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY PRESENTED BY ANDREW ABELA

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### FOR ADULT FORMATION GROUPS

#### For Understanding

*Watch Andrew Abela's "The Tension Between Solidarity and Subsidiarity" to learn the answers!*

1. What does “solidarity” mean in Catholic Social Teaching?
2. What does “subsidiarity” mean in Catholic Social Teaching?
3. Where does the “tension” or misunderstanding between solidarity and subsidiarity come from?
4. What’s the “key” to understanding how solidarity and subsidiarity can work together to solve many of society’s problems?

#### To Go Deeper

*Draw from your own experience or invite a local expert in to help you think more deeply about this video and how it can inspire you to live out the faith in the public square!*

1. What are the risks in applying the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity?
2. What is a recent example in the news where the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity may be in tension?
3. The word “solidarity” is used often on social media to get people to “show solidarity” by sharing images or putting filters on their profile pictures. How is this kind of “solidarity” the same as or different from the Catholic tradition of solidarity?



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### FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DISCUSSIONS

#### For Understanding

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1. What does “solidarity” mean in Catholic Social Teaching?
2. What does “subsidiarity” mean in Catholic Social Teaching?
3. Where does the “tension” between solidarity and subsidiarity come from? Why do many people think Catholic Social Teaching contradicts itself?
4. What is the “key” to understanding how solidarity and subsidiarity can work together to solve many of society’s problems?

#### To Go Deeper

*Assign these questions to students for pre-research for follow-up assignments to the video.*

1. What are the risks in applying the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity?
2. As a group, list as many recent news stories (the last month or so) you can think of where someone or a group of people needed help.
3. Choose one of these stories to discuss further: How could you show “solidarity” for the people in need?
4. How might “subsidiarity” also help them?
5. The word “solidarity” is used often on social media to get people to “show solidarity” by sharing images or putting filters on their profile pictures. How is this kind of “solidarity” the same as or different from the Catholic tradition of solidarity?