

# Don't They Know We're on Their Side? The Real World of Catholic Social Justice Activism



## Don't They Know We're on Their Side? by Lynn Mitchell

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In their new book, *Don't They Know We're on Their Side?*, Frederick DeCoste and Anthony Varona take us on a journey into the real world of Catholic social justice activism. They introduce us to a diverse cast of characters who are working to make a difference in the lives of the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed.

We meet activists who are fighting for economic justice, for racial equality, for immigration reform, for climate change, and for peace. We learn about their struggles and their successes, and we come to understand the challenges and rewards of working for social justice.

DeCoste and Varona argue that Catholic social justice activism is not just a matter of charity or good works. It is a matter of justice. They believe that

Catholics have a responsibility to use their voices and their resources to speak out against injustice and to work for a more just world.

*Don't They Know We're on Their Side?* is a timely and important book. It is a call to action for all Catholics who want to make a difference in the world.

## **Meet the Activists**

The activists profiled in *Don't They Know We're on Their Side?* come from all walks of life. They are young and old, rich and poor, black and white, gay and straight. But they all share a common passion for justice.

There's Sister Simone Campbell, a nun who has spent her life fighting for economic justice. She has led protests against poverty and inequality, and she has worked to change laws that hurt the poor.

There's Father Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest who has dedicated his life to working with gang members in Los Angeles. He has founded several programs that provide job training, education, and counseling to young people who are trying to turn their lives around.

There's Maria Hinojosa, a journalist who has reported on immigration issues for decades. She has written several books about the experiences of immigrants, and she has produced several documentaries that have raised awareness about the challenges that immigrants face.

These are just a few of the many activists who are profiled in *Don't They Know We're on Their Side?* Their stories are inspiring, and they remind us that we all have a role to play in the fight for justice.

## **The Challenges of Activism**

Activism is not easy. It can be dangerous, and it can be frustrating. Activists often face opposition from those who benefit from the status quo. They may be ridiculed, threatened, or even arrested.

But despite the challenges, activists continue to work for justice. They do so because they believe that everyone deserves a fair chance in life. They believe that we are all called to love our neighbor, and that we cannot love our neighbor if we do not work to create a more just world.

### **The Rewards of Activism**

Activism can be challenging, but it can also be incredibly rewarding. Activists have the opportunity to make a real difference in the world. They can help to change laws, to raise awareness about important issues, and to inspire others to take action.

Activism can also be a source of deep personal fulfillment. When we work for justice, we are not only helping others, we are also growing ourselves. We are becoming more compassionate, more courageous, and more committed to making the world a better place.

### **A Call to Action**

*Don't They Know We're on Their Side?* is a call to action for all Catholics who want to make a difference in the world. DeCoste and Varona challenge us to step out of our comfort zones and to work for justice. They remind us that we are all called to be agents of change, and that we have a responsibility to use our voices and our resources to speak out against injustice.

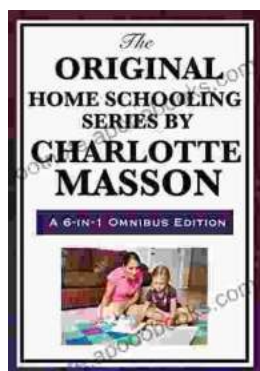
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