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Unemployment almost always wounds its victim's dignity and threatens the equilibrium of his life. Besides the harm done to him personally, it entails many risks for his family. CCC 2436.

"The dignity of the individual and the demands of justice require, particularly today, that economic choices do not cause disparities in wealth to increase in an excessive and morally unacceptable manner, and that we continue to prioritize the goal of access to steady employment for everyone." Caritas in Veritate n. 32.

Important Church Documents:

- Populorum Progressio, Pope Paul VI (1967).
- Rerum Novarum, Pope Leo XIII (1891).

Catholic Websites:

• Michael Rowland, "Catholic Church wants unemployment on political agenda" (August 2011).

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