

Oceania Catholic Perspectives

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INTRODUCTION

HUMAN & PLANETARY DIGNITY

- Oceania is one of the most vulnerable parts of the world due to climate change
- For us, human dignity is connected with God, community and Our Mother Earth & Ocean.
- My work as Church pastor deeply revolves around these three relationship
- I want you to listen to a song I composed.
- Third Chorus and Rap of Climate Lament: 1.52.34

GLOBALISATION: A THREAT TO HUMAN & PLANETARY DIGNITY

STORIES FROM THE VICTIMS OF GLOBALIZATION

- DELAKADO
- VOTUA

TWO PHASES OF GLOBALIZATION

1. **Colonialism:** Colonial administration and Chiefs
 2. **Neo-colonialism:** Company-Government-Chiefs
Climate Change: Funders-politicians-narratives
- **GOAL:** Market and Profits of the rich and powerful
 - Patron-client politics

GLOBALIZATION

WHAT IS IT?

- Increasing interconnectedness where distance is shrinking and time is accelerating
- Integration of free markets
- Integration of nation-states
- Information technologies
- Fast communications
- A braid with distinct yet intertwined strands - salusalu braided with different kinds of flowers (politics, economics, communications, religion, education, environment, fine arts, technology)
- Pope John Paul II: Globalization is neither good nor bad; it will be what people what people make of it.

Globalization threatens human dignity

1. Can reduce human persons to their value in the free market
2. Can marginalize persons from effective access to power
3. Can override community patterns by which people make meaning and give expression to their values and beliefs.

Christianity must therefore promote integral humanism – authentic development of each person in all levels of life.

THE PROBLEM

- Globalization favours the rich and powerful -
Human and planetary dignity does not matter

Catholic Social Teaching on Human Dignity

Two foundations which makes CST unique:

1. Human dignity is **Theocentric** - based on human's relationship with God
2. Human dignity is located in the **community** - based on relationship to the God the Creator.
3. Human and **Planetary Dignity**

Solidarity and Human-Planetary Dignity

CALL TO ACTION

- **Multilateral approach**
- **Globalization from below**
- **The Lilliput Strategy**

LILLIPUT STRATEGY HUMANIZE GLOBALIZATION

From Gulliver's Travel

