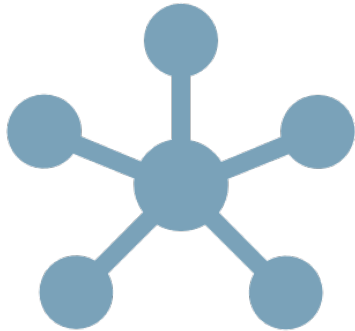




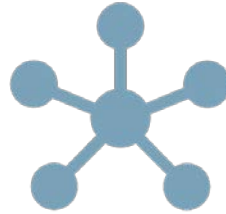
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# FAST FASHION AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

# In this Presentation:



Catholic  
Social Teaching



Social Justice Issues



Sustainable and Ethical  
Solutions



# WHAT IS FAST FASHION?

- Inexpensive clothing produced rapidly by mass-market retailers in response to the latest trends.
- Retailers like H&M and Forever 21
- Cost Effective, low quality Garments



## Clothing use Model

Buy  
Cheap

Wear a  
few times

Throw  
Away

**Today, people have more expansive wardrobes than ever before, and yet significantly smaller portions of their incomes are spent on clothing.**



YOUR OUTFIT  
PROBABLY COST A  
LOT MORE THAN  
YOU'D THINK...

Shirt...\$20

Vest...\$35

Jeans...\$25

Watch...\$24

Bag...\$29

Boots...\$28

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Total...\$161



# SANDBLASTING





## ISSUES WITH BIODEGRADATION AND WASTE

- Can take hundreds of years for one article of clothing to decompose.
- Tonnes of clothing are sitting in our landfills and emitting greenhouse gasses.





## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF FASHION

- The clothing industry is the second-largest global polluter







# THE FASHION INDUSTRY AND WATER



## BANGLADESH FACTORY 2013



In 2013, the collapsed Rana Plaza in Bangladesh killed more than 1,100 people.



# NEGATIVE IMPACT AREAS OF THE APPAREL INDUSTRY

RESOURCES  
DEPLETION



CLIMATE  
CHANGE



ANIMAL  
SUFFERING



WATER  
POLLUTION



FOOD  
INSECURITY



AIR  
POLLUTION



HABITAT  
DESTRUCTION



HUMAN RIGHTS  
ABUSES



# THE PRINCIPLES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS





## ACTIVITY

- The room will be divided into 4 groups. Each of you will discuss a specific social teaching of the Catholic Church, and you will be asked to brainstorm and apply this teaching to the "fast fashion industry". At the end, you can provide a brief summary and present it to the room. We will go into more detail afterwards.



# DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON



- “Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone.”  
– Catechism of the Catholic Church, 357



# "THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS"

- "Catholic Social Teaching holds that work is dignified and an intrinsic good, and workers must always be respected and valued"



# SOLIDARITY



■ The many situations of inequality, poverty and injustice, are signs not only of a profound lack of fraternity, but also of the absence of a culture of solidarity. New ideologies, characterized by rampant individualism, egocentrism and materialistic consumerism, weaken social bonds, fuelling that “throw away” mentality which leads to contempt for, and the abandonment of, the weakest and those considered “useless”. In this way human coexistence increasingly tends to resemble a mere *do ut des* which is both pragmatic and selfish.”-Pope Francis in the 2014 World Day of Peace





Let us be "protectors" of  
creation, protectors of  
God's plan inscribed  
in nature, protectors of  
one another and of the  
environment.

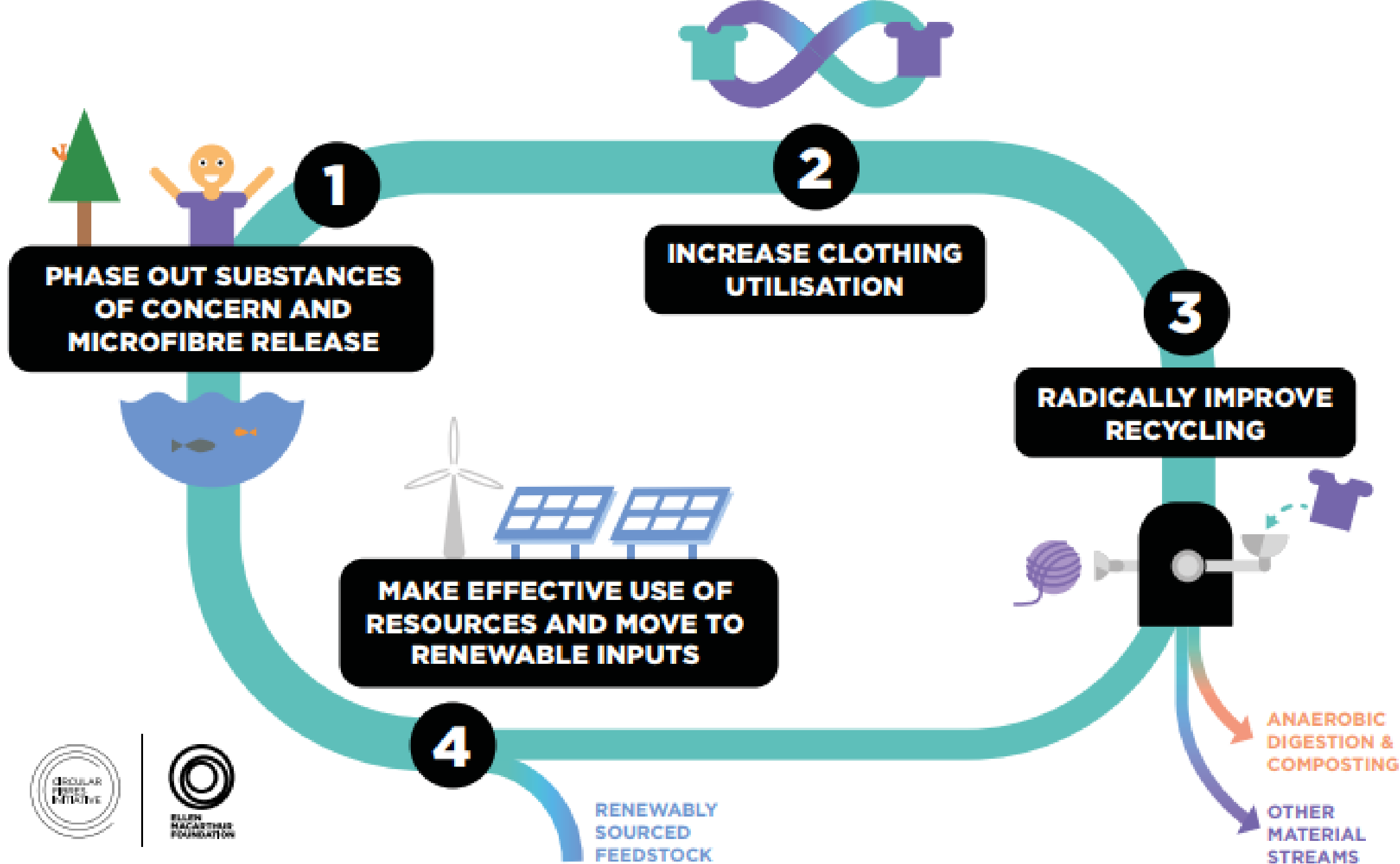
*- Pope Francis*

## CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION



**What can be done to  
stop the harmful  
ways of Fast Fashion?**







I made  
your  
clothes

I made  
your  
clothes

I made  
your  
clothes

trace  
my  
fashion



POWERED BY

FASHION  
REVOLUTION



# THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

## Mission:

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is:  
To live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.

## VALUES

The Mission of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul implies that as Vincentians we

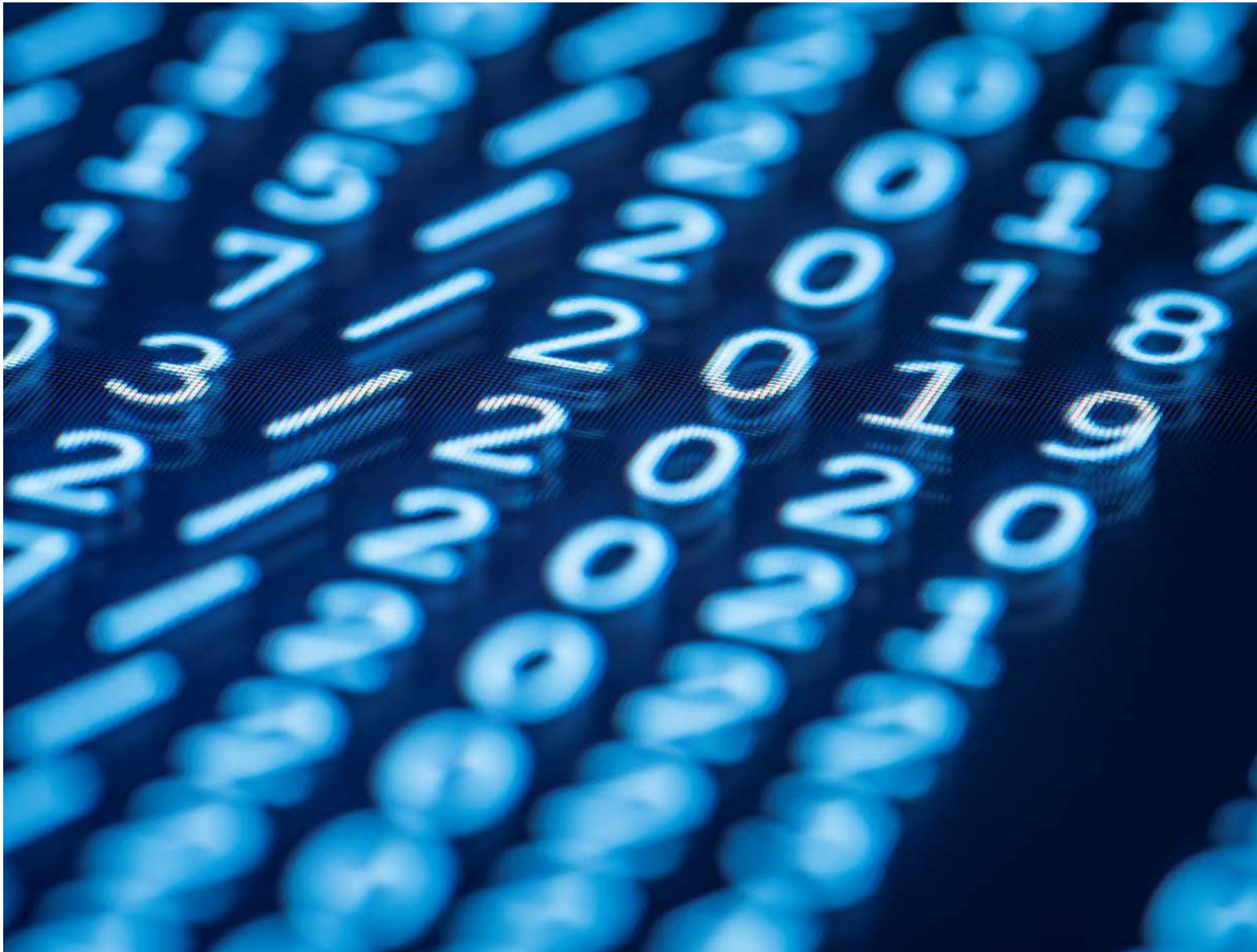
- see Christ in anyone who suffers
- come together as a family
- have personal contact with the poor
- help in all possible ways



## ADDITIONAL SOURCES TO CHECK OUT

- **The Story of Stuff Project** - A movie and movement on the problem with making, using, and throwing away the "stuff" in our lives.
- **Why Fast Fashion is Slow Death for the Planet** - Article by the **Guardian**
- **Non-standard employment around the world: Understanding challenges, shaping prospects** - A report by the **International Labour Organization**. "The report analyses the incidence and trends of non-standard forms of employment globally and explores the reasons behind this phenomenon, including changes in the world of work brought about by globalization and social change."
- **The Fashion Revolution** - A movement that provides the resources, tools and methods you need to change how you impact the Fast Fashion industry.
- **Sustainable Development Goal 8** - Information on **Global Goal 8**, with additional resources and progress, provided by the **United Nations**.
- **Fashion's Dirty Secrets** <https://www.cbc.ca/passionateeye/episodes/fashions-dirty-secrets>





THANK YOU