

Economic Justice in 21st Century Kentucky:
Holding Ourselves Accountable
The Cost of Discipleship

OPTION FOR THE POOR

*Open your mouth in behalf of the dumb,
and for the rights of the destitute; Open
your mouth, decree what is just, defend
the needy and the poor!*

(Proverbs 31:8–9)

Discipleship



The Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.

Paul VI, *Octogesima Adveniens*, n. 23.