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# Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

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Giving preferential option for the poor is to feel the need to think first of the needs of those who are most vulnerable.

“As St. Ambrose put it: ‘You are not making a gift of what is yours to the poor man, but you are giving him back what is his. You have been appropriating things that are meant to be for the common use of everyone.

The earth belongs to everyone, not to the rich.’” *Populorum Progressio*, #23, 1967