

Catechism of the Catholic Church - small groups.

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I, Jeff Liautaud, am a Roman Catholic. I write as a Catholic. Yet as founder of Loquate I am one engaged in interfaith dialogue. There are countless Catholic small group opportunities that are bottom up not top down.

In fact, subsidiarity is an organizing principle that applies to all Catholic small groups. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as this and all further paragraph citations refer:

“1883 ...The teaching of the Church has elaborated the principle of subsidiarity, according to which “a community of a higher order should not interfere in the internal life of a community of a lower order, depriving the latter of its functions, but rather should support it in case of need and help to coordinate its activity with the activities of the rest of society, always with a view to the common good.”

“1894 In accordance with the principle of subsidiarity, neither the state nor any larger society should substitute itself for the initiative and responsibility of individuals and intermediary bodies.”

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1888 states: “The acknowledged priority of ... conversion of heart in no way eliminates but on the contrary imposes the obligation of bringing the appropriate remedies to institutions and living conditions when they are an inducement to sin, so that they conform to the norms of justice and advance the good rather than hinder it.”

“1896 Where sin has perverted the social climate, it is necessary to call for the conversion of hearts and appeal to the grace of God. Charity urges just reforms. There is no solution to the social question apart from the Gospel.”

In short, you can't get more decentralized than subsidiarity. And all Catholic small groups have it. The main organizing principle of Subsidiarity is the human person. For example the “Work Meets Faith” Smart® group is centered on the human person. “1892 The human person . . . is and ought to be the principle, the subject, and the object of every social organization. 1893 Widespread participation in voluntary associations and institutions is to be encouraged.”

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