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Build global economy on 'Christian humanism' pope says

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A boy injured by fighting in eastern Congo sits in a hospital. Pope Benedict XVI's newest encyclical addresses social issues, including assaults on human dignity and human life, poverty, war and peace, and other concerns. (CNS photo/Finbarr O'Reilly, Reuters)

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Blending a call for increased aid to developing nations, support for a world government with "real teeth," alarm at the "unregulated exploitation" of the environment, and staunch opposition to population control programs, Pope Benedict XVI today sketched what he called a "Christian humanism" for the globalized age in his long-awaited social encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate* ("Charity in Truth").

To be sustainable, Benedict argues, economic policies must be rooted in a comprehensive vision of human welfare, including spirituality "as opposed to a "technocratic" approach, or one driven by "private interests and the logic of power."

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