

Francis: "Solidarity Like a Swear Word"

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[Vatican Insider reports](#) [1] on the Holy Father's message to a Festival on Catholic social doctrine. They quote the Holy Father as saying:

?Social doctrine is against profit going to those who produce and the social question left up to the State or assistance and volunteering initiatives. This is why solidarity is a key word. But this word is at risk of disappearing from the dictionary because it is an awkward word, it is almost ? forgive me ? like a swear word. The economy and the market see it almost like a swear word.?

I suspect that first sentence got garbled in translation. But the line about solidarity being a swear word is something for those who aspire to run business schools at Catholic universities to ponder: How does the modern, financialized economy encourage solidarity?

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