

# Everybody's Working

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## Made for Work

Is work a curse? Or is it one of God's blessings?

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## Discussion Questions

1. When did you first start working? What was your very first job? Can you say something about your favorite job? What made it your favorite?
  2. A wise woman once wrote, "Man is made for work. And work is made for man." Based on what you heard in the homily, what do you think that she meant? What is her basis for making this claim? Is she right? Discuss.
  3. Human beings are primarily made for Labor, Leisure, and Love. As there are different "kinds" of relationships/loves, there are different kinds of work. What kind of work do you find yourself most often engaged in? Utility (it just has to get done/I have to get paid), Pleasant (I'm doing this for the fun of it), or Meaningful Work? Share what you think and how you feel about this.
  4. Human work is "connected" work. And yet we live in a disconnected environment/culture. Thinking of one of the areas of your own work, how might you be able to work with a different perspective? Could you develop a more "connected" vision of your work?
  5. Work is creative. But work is also hard. Even meaningful work can be tedious and difficult. In these times, we can remember that work is also *redemptive*. Do you see even the tedious or seemingly insignificant work you do as potentially redemptive? Discuss.
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## God in Real Life

1. How can you approach your work this week looking for ways to make it more co-creative, more co-redemptive, and more human? How can you bridge the gap and see the end/goal, the meaning/purpose, and exercise your mind and autonomy in your work? Please be specific.
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## To the Heart

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden to work it and to keep it."

(Genesis 2:15)