Monday of the Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 8:16-18): Jesus said to the crowd: "No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lampstand so that those who enter may see the light..."

What is the "Social Doctrine of the Church"?

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Today, we remember that Jesus Christ said He was the "Light of the world". It is the mission of the "Social Doctrine of the Church" to project this light over the whole world, by effectively permeating the hearts of all men and earthly structures. This social teaching of the Church is "caritas in veritate in re sociali", the proclamation of the truth of Christ's love in society.

This doctrine is a service to charity, but its locus is truth. Developments, social well-being, the search for a satisfactory solution to the grave socio-economic problems besetting humanity, all need this truth. The Christian faith in promoting development does not rely on privileges or positions of power, but only on Christ, to whom every authentic vocation to integral human development must be directed. The Gospel is fundamental for development because, in the Gospel, Jesus Christ fully reveals humanity to itself.

—Lord, precisely because you pronounce the biggest "Yes" to man, I cannot fail to open myself to the divine vocation to reach my full potential.