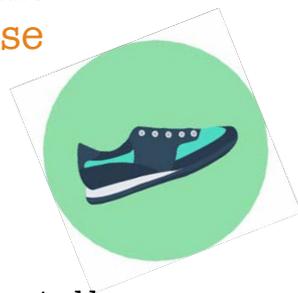


«Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none and those who have food must do likewise.»



Why should I give my things to someone else?

Because the other person was created by God, just as I was, and so they are my brother or my sister. They are part of me. We have been created as a gift to each other, in the image of God who is Love.

It's part of our nature. The divine law of love is written in our DNA.

The needs of our neighbor are the needs of everyone.

Is someone hungry? **It's as if I were hungry and so I try to find food for them as I would for myself.** That's what the first Christians did in Jerusalem.



Saint Basil taught: "If everyone would be content with having only what is necessary, and would give the rest to those who need it, we would no longer have people who are rich and those who are poor." (Saint Basil lived in the 4th century)

(Lk 3:11)



Let's try to do it! Let's start to live like this! Jesus will certainly send us the hundredfold in return. Then we will be able to keep giving and giving. At the end of our life, he will tell us that whatever we gave to *anyone*, we gave it to him.

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