

# THE WHOLE in the FRAGMENT

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## POVERTY AND CHRISTIANITY

### COMPREHENSION AND INCOMPREHENSION OF A SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE

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#### DESCRIPTION

Saint Paul VI affirmed the poor are a sacrament of Christ. This statement presupposes the recovery of the Christian notion of “poverty” through history in order to grasp the real presence of Christ in the poor and the importance of the preferential option for the poor in Catholic Social Doctrine and in the contemporary debate on creation and distribution of wealth. A sacramental understanding of the poor permits us to challenge the liberal idea concerning them as inevitable dysfunction to the logic of markets and the statist view as if they were only victims of unfair economical structures.

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