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The vocation of business

"The road to holiness for most of us lies in our secular vocations. We need a spirituality that calls forth and supports lay initiative and witness not just in our churches but also in business, in the labor movement, in the professions, in education, and in public life. Our faith is not just a weekend obligation, a mystery to be celebrated around the altar on Sunday. It is a pervasive reality to be practiced every day in homes, offices, factories, schools, and businesses across our land. **We cannot separate what we believe from how we act in the marketplace and the broader community, for this is where we make our primary contribution to the pursuit of economic justice.**" (Emphasis added). [Economic Justice for All](#), Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy, by the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986, paragraph #25.

"Holiness is not limited to the sanctuary or to moments of private prayer; it is a call to direct our whole heart and life toward God and according to God's plan for this world. For the laity holiness is achieved in the midst of the world, in family, in community, in friendships, in work, in leisure, in citizenship. **Through their competency and by their activity, lay men and women have the vocation to bring the fight of the Gospel to economic affairs,** "so that the world may be filled with the Spirit of Christ and may more effectively attain its destiny in justice, in love, and in peace." [Economic Justice for All](#), #332