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Our Birthright of Responsibility:
Real Property Ownership and its Restoration Today

The ownership of productive property is central to the social, economic, political, moral, and religious development of individuals and families. This ownership contributes to the development not only to a healthy state, but also to the full development of the personality of man.

This birthright of ownership, which was central to the political and moral order and evolved slowly over the millennia, was carefully nurtured and defended by the Church to serve the needs of mankind. It has been eclipsed in modern times by the twin errors of capitalism and socialism.

The presentation will base its thesis on the writings of recent popes -- with an intentional emphasis on pre-Vatican II popes (for reasons that will be explained) -- especially Pius XI and XII, along with Catholic thinkers and other non-Catholic thinkers who built their social theories on the wisdom of the West that began with ancient Greece and Rome.

The presentation will conclude with a brief snapshot of the various (and vigorous) movements for the restoration of distributed ownership of productive property that flourished just three generations ago, in all parts of the Catholic world, under numerous and varied auspices, as well as those surviving (or newly active) today that are carrying on the fight.