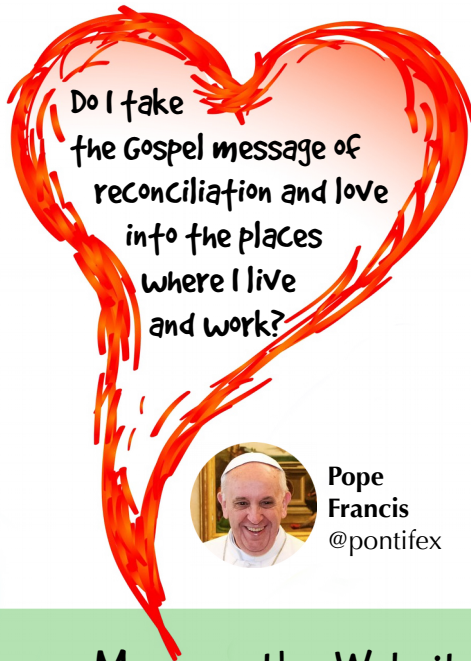


## Week 5: Love Your Neighbor@Work

How does our faith make a difference in how we treat others at work? The "Golden Rule" does not just challenge us to do the "moral" or "right" thing at work, but to do the loving thing—treating others as we would want to be treated. What does this mean when our work neighbors include both our co-workers and competitors, and both customers and those serving us?

In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us to love God and neighbor. What does it mean to love our neighbor in the workplace?



## Who is my work neighbor?

Do I always treat them as I would like to be treated?

- My co-workers
- My customer/client
- My boss
- My employee
- My potential co-workers
- My suppliers
- My competitors
- Support workers (cleaners, technicians, postal workers, drivers...)



### The Golden Rule.

Sure, sure, I'll try to treat others as I'd like to be treated. Within reason, of course. I mean, the workplace is a jungle, isn't it? I can't be expected to change the corporate culture all by myself, can I? If I don't follow the rules, I'll be eaten up, won't I?

At best, many people—including Christians—view the basic injunction of Jesus to "love your neighbor as yourself" as a prescription to "be nice." ... Being nice in the workplace is not a bad thing. In fact, giving thanks and congratulations and building support and community in the workplace may be among the first steps in practicing the spirituality of work. But these are not the last, or only, or even the most important steps. Of all the disciplines of the spirituality of work, the practice of dealing with others as we would have them deal with us on a regular and comprehensive basis in our workplaces would effect the most radical, challenging, and difference-making change in how we go about our work.

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### The Golden Rule at Work

Practical, specific tips for applying the Christian love at work.

### Make Me an Instrument of Peace at Work

Pat McHenry Sullivan beautifully adapts the classic Franciscan prayer to the workplace.

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