Vocabulary Terms: Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

WORKS OF MERCY- Actions that provide an immediate response to a person or group in suffering or need. *Note: you will need to also be able to list the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy.*

ALMSGIVING- Freely donating money or goods to the poor as an act of penance or fraternal charity.

HUMILITY- A virtue that avoids extreme ambition and pride by focusing on knowing that God is the author of all that is good.

POVERTY OF THE SOUL- This describes people who are hopeless about life, perhaps suffering from psychological illness.

POVERTY OF ADDICTION- This describes people who try to fulfill a natural desire for lasting joy with sex, beauty, possessions, prestige, etc.

MATERIAL POVERTY- The lack of sufficient means to meet one’s basic human needs.

FOOD INSECURITY- The state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

UNIVERSAL DESTINATION OF GOODS- A principle that teaches that the goods of the earth should be divided in a way that ensures the freedom and dignity of the human person, meeting all basic human needs.

CYCLE OF POVERTY- The set of factors or events which, once started, is likely to continue poverty unless there is outside intervention.

Give Three (3) Examples of Factors which Perpetuate Poverty *do not be repetitive, not all things about being poor make it a cycle- be thoughtful here.*

CULTURE OF WASTE *in the words of Pope Francis, June 5, 2013*

*This culture of waste has made us insensitive even to the waste and disposal of food. This is even more despicable when all over the world, unfortunately, many individuals and families are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Once, our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food, to which, at times, we are no longer able to give a just value, a value which goes well beyond mere economic parameters. We should all remember that throwing away food is like stealing from the tables of the poor, the hungry! I encourage everyone to reflect on the problem of thrown away and wasted food to identify ways and means that, by seriously addressing this issue, are a vehicle of solidarity and sharing with the needy.*

In your own words, what is Pope Francis saying about a CULTURE OF WASTE?