

Catholic Social Teaching Resources for Educators

Background Information on Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching, Our Best Kept Secret. Henroit, Peter J., DeBerri, Edward P., Schulthesis, Michael J., editors. Orbis Books, Maryknoll, New York. Center of Concern, Washington D.C. 2001. <http://www.maryknollmall.org/description.cfm?ISBN=978-1-57075-485-2>

Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage. O'Brien, David J., Shannon, Thomas A., eds. Maryknoll, New York. 2002.
<http://www.maryknollmall.org/description.cfm?ISBN=978-0-88344-787-1>

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. 2004. Provides a complete and systematic overview of the Church's social teaching with an extensive index for easy reference on almost any topic. Order through USCCB, 1-800-235-8722, <http://www.usccbpublishing.org>

Important Documents from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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Brothers and Sisters to Us/Nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas- The U.S. Bishops promote discussion and action against racism.

Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty Read more about the campaign online. <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/deathpenalty> You may also order brochure or bulletin inserts that provide Catholics with information that they need to participate in the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.

The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response- U.S. Bishops landmark pastoral letter on nuclear weapons and the arms race.

Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish. Bishops' statement for pastors and parish leaders seeking to strengthen parish social ministry. Presents seven elements of the social mission of parishes as a framework for planning and assessing that ministry. See also the *Communities of Salt and Light Parish Resource Manual*.

Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy and Tenth Anniversary Edition of Economic Justice for All- This tenth anniversary edition of the landmark pastoral letter includes both A Decade After Economic Justice for All and A Catholic Framework for Economic Life.

Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice- The most important way lay Catholics work for justice and peace is through their choices every day.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship- A call to political responsibility from the Bishops of the United States. Parish planning suggestions, bulletin inserts and more.
<http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship>

Growing in Faith Project- Adult faith formation program by Bill Huebsch. #34, "How should we live as community?" deals with society and human dignity. #40, "How do we protect the living?" deals with the 5th commandment. Resources are also published in Spanish. Twenty-Third Publications- www.23rdpublications.com or Harcourt Religion Publishers- www.harcourtreligion.com

Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics- Calls U.S. Catholics to recover their identity as followers of Jesus Christ and to be leaders in the renewal of U.S. respect for the sanctity of life.

A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and the Protect the Dignity of All God's Children- The U.S. bishops remind us that central to our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ, is our concern for those who are poor or suffering.

Resources for Educators

Activities for Catholic Social Teaching: A Resource Guide for Teachers and Youth Ministers- Providing unique, hands-on applications for teenagers, *Activities for Catholic Social Teaching* offers a chance for teens to put into action the Church's body of social teaching. Consistent with the formula that action as a part of justice is a Gospel value; each unit involves activities that motivate teenagers to do something to effect change. Ave Maria Press www.avemariapress.com

To Act Justly: Introducing Catholic Social Teaching to Children with Stories and Activities www.twentythirdpublications.com Anne E. Neuberger provides a way to teach youngsters how to think, feel, and act with justice, using stories and creative activities. Also by Neuberger: *To Love Tenderly: Teaching Compassion and Justice for Children Ages Five through Nine* and *To Walk Humbly: Stories and Activities for Teaching Compassion for Ages Ten through Thirteen*

The Big Book of Service Projects- Gospel Light <http://www.gospellight.com>
Grades 1-6, Ages 6-12. 80+ multi-age service projects, many designed to be completed in class, helps lead students in serving family and friends, church family, people in the community and around the world. These service projects enrich any curriculum by giving students practical ways to apply what they learn about loving and serving God and others.

Blessing the Hands: Farm Worker Issues in a Biblical Context: A curriculum on Farm Workers for Faith Communities. Seven lessons designed for adult and high school groups. Sessions include prayer, facts, scripture, activity, and suggested actions.
<http://www.nfwm.org/nfwmresources/resources.shtml>

Building God's Kingdom: Implementing Catholic Social Teaching – Resources and Activities for Grades K-12 (Religious Education Department, Diocese of Toledo, 419-244-6711)
Resources for schools and religious education programs.

Building Peace and Justice: Adult Workshops, Roberta Ann Leskey and Lucianne Siers. Villa Maria: The Center for Learning, 1990. This book contains twelve workshops to develop an awareness of the Church's social mission and to enhance leadership training. The time required for each workshop is 2.5 hours.

Catechizing for Justice: A Six-Session Program to Promote the Gospel Mission, Janet I. Miller. San Jose: Resource Publications, Inc., 2001. Each of the six sessions covers a basic church teaching: human dignity, structural sin, the reign of God, stewardship, globalization, and solidarity. It includes handouts, worksheets, discussion questions, and prayer suggestions. Order online at <http://www.rpinet.com/products/cfj.html>

A Catholic Call to Justice: An activity book for Raising Awareness of Social Justice Issues. A lesson plan designed for ages 14-22. Participants experience the major these of Catholic Social Teaching through and obstacle course. www.usccb.org/CCHD

Catholic Relief Services Programs (Catholic Relief Services 800-222-0025, www.crs.org)
Called to Witness- Parish and diocesan youth ministers come face-to-face with those who struggle with hunger, economic injustice and conflict overseas in this immersion program. Transformed by their encounters with the people CRS serves, they bring their new perspectives back home to enrich their ministry to the youth of the United States

Frontiers of Justice- CRS offers Catholic high school teachers the opportunity to connect on a personal level with the people we serve overseas. The educators, in turn, develop programs and curricula that incorporate their experience into lessons that open the hearts and minds of their students to their brothers and sisters around the world.

Food Fast Free materials include a detailed coordinator's manual with an outline for a 24-hour fast and activities that can be used in a classroom setting to explore issues of hunger and poverty.

CRS Action Center: Connect to policy issues that impact people around the world through advocacy and campaigns. <http://advocacy.crs.org>

CRS Campus Ministry Resources: <http://campus.crs.org>

CRS Education: Access lesson plans, prayer services, retreat models, stories and additional resources and links for CRS and its partners. You can also sign up for a monthly e-newsletter, *Going Global with Youth* <http://education.crs.org>

CRS Fair Trade Program: This program unites disadvantaged people overseas and Catholic in the U.S. - in direct relationships. CRS currently promotes fair trade coffee, chocolate and handcrafts. <http://www.crsfairtrade.org>

CRS Kids: Interactive games, puzzles and activities. The Kids Newsroom updates youngsters on current situations around the world. <http://crs.org/kids>

Cyber Bridges: Cyber Bridges is a journey of discovery leading to cultural understanding and global youth leadership between US Catholic secondary students and youth in selected countries throughout the CRS world. Employing information technology as one of the links, participants engage in dialogue, information sharing, collaborative activities, training and projects that work towards a shared vision of social justice and peace. <http://cyberbridges.crs.org>

Operation Rice Bowl (Catholic Relief Services 800-222-0025, <http://orb.crs.org>) Lenten program of fasting, education, almsgiving and prayer. Free materials include a video, educators guide and home calendars. Download information on the featured countries, an interactive Stations of the Cross and more.

Catholic Updates produced by St. Anthony Messenger Press. Many updates contain a social justice theme. 1-800-488-0488, www.americancatholic.org/messenger

Educating for Peace and Justice: Religious Dimensions, Grades 7-12 and Grades K-6 by James McGinnis (Institute for Peace and Justice, 314-533-4445).

A Framework for Understanding Poverty. Ruby K. Payne. Highlands: aha! Process, Inc., 2001. This resource teaches the hidden rules of economic class and spreads the message that, despite the obstacles poverty can create in all types of interaction, there are specific strategies for overcoming them. To order call 800-424-9484 or go online at <http://www.ahaprocess.com/store/Books.html>

From the Ground Up: Teaching Catholic Social Principles in Elementary Schools (National Catholic Education Association, 202-337-6232) A faculty preparation guide that includes a process for faculty development and sample activities for sharing the seven key themes of Catholic social in grades K through 8.

How to Make the World a Better Place: 116 Ways You Can Make a Difference Jeffrey Hollender and Linda Catling. New York: W.H. Norton and Company, 1995. Whether you are interested in protecting the environment, helping the homeless, or making your community a safer place to live, you'll find the means to get started in this book. Each chapter alerts you to problems requiring attention, and explains the issues and what has to be done about them, tells you what you can do to help, and lists the addresses and telephone numbers of organizations that you can contact.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB 1-800-235-8722) This parish resource includes lesson plans for grades 7- adult, program suggestions, prayer services, and a bibliography of resources on Catholic social teaching.

Integrating Catholic Social Teaching in the High School Curriculum: English and Religion (University of St. Thomas, 651-962-5712) A curriculum resource developed by Catholic high school educators.

The Institute of Peace and Justice: IPJ's curricula development, student presentations, and teacher workshops focus on the Kids, Classroom/School, Youth and Campus Pledge of Nonviolence, including Alternatives to Violence Kits for Public Schools, K-5, Christian Education and Schools, K-8, and Christian High Schools and Youth Groups. <http://www.ipj-ppj.org>

Families Against Violence Advocacy Network (FAVAN): FAVAN is a program of the IPJ. It is a broadly based network of organizations, families and individuals committed to violence prevention and the promotion of alternatives to violence in our families, schools, faith communities, youth groups, colleges, workplaces and prisons. <http://www.ipj-ppj.org/FAVAN--2dNEW.htm>

JustFaith Ministries strives to provide faith formation processes and resources that emphasize the Gospel message of peace and justice, Catholic social teaching and the intersection of spirituality and action. The aim of JustFaith Ministries is to enable people of faith to develop a passion for justice and to express this passion in concrete acts of social ministry. www.justfaith.org

JusticeWalking is a small-group, conversion process that initiates older high school teenagers and adult companions into life-affirming relationships, formed by the implications of the Gospel message and the application of Catholic social wisdom. <http://justfaith.org/JF132.html>

Leaven for the Modern World: Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education (National Catholic Education Association, 202-337-6232) A resource designed to help educators that secondary level deepen their understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and explore ways the share it with young people.

Lesson Plans on Poverty (www.povertyusa.org) Lesson plans for grades K-12 and adults developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Maryknoll Magazine Classroom Project: Supplement your religion and/or social studies classes - from September through May - with a copy of MARYKNOLL magazine for each student plus a poster and study guide for the teacher. www.maryknoll.org/classroom

Math for a Change/Math for a World that Rocks- Mathematical Teachers' Association, 847-827-1361. Two booklets that use situations of injustice to apply or illustrate mathematics for grades 8-12.

Offering of Letters Kit and other resources (Bread for the World, 202-639-9400). <http://www.bread.org>

One Good Work at a Time: Simple Things You Can Do to Make a Difference As people of faith, we are called to lives of service and stewardship- lives that nurture humanity and earth, lives that cultivate physical and spiritual health. This spirited guidebook is jam-packed with ideas, inspiration, encouragement, and concrete resources you can use- websites, interest groups, activities, books, and more! Whether you want to enrich your prayer life, help your family grow in spirit, serve your community, or make a stand for social justice, *One Good Work at a Time* will rev up your enthusiasm and get you on the road to good works. www.avemariapress.com

Parish Social Ministry: Strategies for Success. Tom Ulrich. Notre Dame: Ave Maria Press, 2001. This book offers practical assistance for parish communities to give witness to the social teaching of the church. It contains strategies for organizing meetings, assessing parish resources, building relationships with pastors and parish councils, and avoiding burnout. Order online at www.avemariapress.com

Peacemaking Day by Day, Vol. 1 & 2- A Pax Christi best seller, this original book of daily quotes for peacemakers is lively, practical, educational, and inspirational. A good resource for teachers who want to introduce students to peacemakers. Order online at <http://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/search.asp?keyword=peacemaking>

People of Faith: Acting for Justice: <http://your.harcourtreligion.com> Event-centered, intergenerational faith formation with six lessons based on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Poverty and Faithjustice: An Adult Education Program on Christian Discipleship in the United States: These sessions give participants an opportunity to get in touch with their attitudes and thoughts about poverty so they will act on the virtue of faithjustice. FAITHJUSTICE is the virtue of promoting a just society based on Christian faith in God's vision of human life. Download at: <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/povfaithjus.shtml> or order at: <http://www.usccbpublishing.org>

Principles, Prophecy and a Pastoral Response: In this volume, the seven themes of Catholic social teaching are presented with a challenge to today's faithful to put those principles to work at home, in the parish, and throughout the community. Order through USCCB, 1-800-235-8722.

Renewing the Earth (National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 515-270-2634)
Study guides for children, teens, and adults on the bishops' environment statement.

Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: United States Catholic Conference, Inc. 2000
A statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. The work highlights the seven major themes of Catholic social teaching-from life and dignity of the human person to care for God's creation-and provides workable recommendations for incorporating the themes into all forms of Catholic education and formation Order through USCCB, 1-800-235-8722.

Leaders Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: companion to the bishop's reflection on the central role of Catholic social teaching in the life of the Church, this Leader's Guide provides a flexible resource for infusing Catholic social teaching into a variety of programs and activities. In three easy-to-follow sessions, the guide helps familiarize leaders with Catholic social teaching; helps them integrate those teachings into formational activities; and engages children, youth, and adults to act on the teaching in both charitable service and action for justice. Designed for religious educators at the diocesan and parish levels.

Teaching Resources on Sweatshops and Child Labor (Archdiocese of Newark, 973-497-4000)
A complete kit including video, background materials, and classroom exercises and handouts to help educators teach about sweatshops and child labor.

That's Not Fair! (Tom Turner, Bishop Sullivan Center, 816-231-0984)
A complete kit with exercises and handouts to teach middle school students about Catholic social doctrine, culminating in an advocacy/lobbying project on a social justice issue.

You Did It For Me: Care of Your Neighbor as A Spiritual Practice, Kevin McKenna. *You Did It for Me* shows a model of prayer and action that helps dispel the commonly held understanding that only by praying and escaping from the world can we live a spiritual life. McKenna explores numerous aspects of the Church's social teaching--care of creation, human life and dignity, call to community, and the dignity of work among them--and shows through example and reflection, how you too can grow spiritually in the midst of the world. www.avemariapress.com

Young Adult Works, Center for Ministry Development. 1-203-723-1622.
<http://secure.cmdnet.org> Young Adult Works contains fully designed programming for young adults in large group and small group setting, as well as individualized strategies and resources to reach out to young adults. Binder 5 deals with Faith and Work, Family, and Justice and Service.

We Can All Get Along: 50 Steps You Can Take to Help End Racism, Clyde W. Ford.
New York: Dell Publishing, 1994.

This book shows how, individually or with others, you can help to end racism in the world. Learn about topics such as nonracist language, toys, and reading material that reinforce positive images of all ethnic groups and community organizing.

Links

Florida Catholic Conference: www.flacathconf.org

Ministries of Mercy, Diocese of St. Petersburg: <http://www.mom-dosp.org>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development: <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/>

Resources for Educators <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/foreducators.shtml>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Department of Migration and Refugee Services: <http://www.usccb.org/mrs>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development <http://www.usccb.org/cchd>
Education Page: <http://www.usccb.org/cchd/education.shtml>

Catholic Relief Services: www.crs.org