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Catholic Social Teaching - Michael Pennock 2007

Summarizes seven key themes of Catholic social teaching as highlighted by the American bishops in Sharing Catholic Social Teaching.

Living Justice - Thomas Massaro 2015-11-05

Now in its third edition, *Living Justice* is an ideal introduction to Catholic social teaching. Thomas Massaro introduces readers to the history and basics of Catholic social teaching while highlighting new developments and helping readers understand how to apply this teaching to life today. *Living Justice* leads readers step-by-step through the building blocks of Catholic social thought, including its central themes, sources, and methods. Along the way readers encounter great heroes of social change and prophets of peace and justice. The third edition features significant updates throughout, including extensive coverage of Pope Francis and his two major social teaching documents: *Evangelii Gaudium* on gospel-grounded justice and *Laudato Si'* on the environment. It also looks at the Pope's contributions to peace and justice efforts around the world, including his advocacy for diplomacy, simplicity of lifestyle, and healthy family life. The third edition includes two new case studies in the dynamics of globalization—the global migration crisis and the scourge of human trafficking. It also contains expanded sections on globalization, the environment, and issues of peace and war. With its accessible and reader-friendly style, the third edition of *Living Justice* includes new discussion questions, revised topics for further study, and an updated list of resources that make the book an excellent resource for students or parishes.

Catholic Social Teaching - Gerard V. Bradley 2019-08

Few treatments of Catholic Social Teaching are as comprehensive as this, and none is nearly so devoted to a critical scholarly presentation and analysis of the whole corpus.

Handbook of Catholic Social Teaching - Martin Schlag 2017

Handbook of Catholic Social Teaching employs a question and answer format, to better accentuate the response of the Church's message to the questions Catholics have about their social role and what the Church intends to teach about it. Written in consultation with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the *Handbook* should take its place alongside the Catechism of the Social Doctrine of the Church on the shelf of informed Catholics as works that can inform what we believe and do in the public sphere.

Structures of Grace - Kevin Ahern 2015-03-01

Living Justice and Peace - Jerry Windley-Daoust 2002

Second Edition Available February 2008! "The Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has found this catechetical textbook, *Living Justice and Peace*, copyright 2002, to be in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church." "What is justice? How can I respond to the call of justice in my daily life?" *Living Justice and Peace* is a one-semester course for eleventh and twelfth graders that gives students practical ways to respond to the call to justice in their daily lives. The *Living Justice and Peace* course fosters students' sense of compassion for those who suffer from injustice and enables students to examine society critically, using the values of the Scriptures and Catholic teaching. Specific topics are addressed, including abortion, capital punishment, racism, poverty, the environment, violence, and peace. Colorful graphs,

charts, student artwork, and illustrations engage students with the text. True stories of people transforming the world through justice and peace and "what you can do" sidebars give teens practical applications for the teachings. This course encourages teens to imagine ways to work toward justice and peace—and to act on their beliefs.

Reclaiming Catholic Social Teaching - Anthony Esolen 2014-08-01

Many claim that Catholic Social Teaching implies the existence of a vast welfare state. In these pages, Anthony Esolen pulls back the curtain on these false philosophers, showing how they've undermined the authentic social teachings of the Church in order to neutralize the biggest threat to their plans for secularization — the Catholic Church. With the voluminous writings of Pope Leo XIII as his guide, Esolen explains that Catholic Social Teaching isn't focused exclusively on serving the poor. Indeed, it offers us a rich treasure of insights about the nature of man, his eternal destiny, the sanctity of marriage, and the important role of the family in building a coherent and harmonious society. Catholic Social Teaching, explains Pope Leo, offers a unified worldview. What the Church says about the family is inextricable from what She says about the poor; and what She says about the Eucharist informs the essence of Her teachings on education, the arts — and even government. You will step away from these pages with a profound understanding of the root causes of the ills that afflict our society, and — thanks to Pope Leo and Anthony Esolen — well equipped to propose compelling remedies for them. Only an authentically Catholic culture provides for a stable and virtuous society that allows Christians to do the real work that can unite rich and poor. We must reclaim Catholic Social Teaching if we are to transform our society into the ideal mapped out by Pope Leo: a land of sinners, yes, but one enriched with love of God and neighbor and sustained by the very heart of the Church's social teaching: the most holy Eucharist.

The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching - David Matzko McCarthy 2009-03

Seasoned teachers introduce the Catholic social tradition with distinctive attention to the Bible, liturgy, and the thought of Augustine and Aquinas.

Counsels of Imperfection - Edward Hadas 2020-10-23

For more than a century, the teaching authority of the Catholic Church has attempted to walk along with the modern world, criticizing what is bad and praising what is good. *Counsels of Imperfection* described the current state of that fairly bumpy journey. The book is divided into 11 chapters. First comes an introduction to ever-changing modernity and the unchanging Christian understanding of human nature and society. Then come two chapters on economics, including a careful delineation of the Catholic response, past and present, to socialism and capitalism. The next topic is government, with one chapter on Church and State, another on War, and a third that runs quickly through democracy, human rights, the welfare state, crimes and punishments (including the death penalty), anti-Semitism, and migration. *Counsels of Imperfection* then dedicates two chapters on ecology, including an enthusiastic analysis of Francis's "technocratic paradigm". The last topic is the family teaching, which presents the social aspects of the Church's sexual teaching. A brief concluding chapter looks at the teaching's changing response to the modern world, and at the ambiguous Catholic

appreciation of the modern idea of progress. For each topic, *Counsels of Imperfection* provides biblical, historical and a broad philosophical background. Thomas Aquinas appears often, but so does G. W. F. Hegel. The goal is not only to explain what the Church really says, but also how it got to its current position and who it is arguing with. In the spirit of a doctrine that is always in development, *Counsels of Imperfection* points out both strong-points and imperfections in the teaching. The book should be of interest to specialists in Catholic Social Teaching, but its main audience is curious newcomers, especially people who do not want to be told that there are simple Catholic answers to the complicated problems of the modern world.

Church, State, and Society - J. Brian Benestad 2012-08-07

How can the Catholic faith help not only Catholics, but all people, build a just and flourishing society? The Catholic Church contributes first and foremost to the common good by forming the consciences of the faithful. Faith helps reason achieve an understanding of the common good and guides individuals in living justly and harmoniously. In this book, J. Brian Benestad provides a detailed, accessible introduction to Catholic social doctrine (CSD), the Church's teachings on the human person, the family, society, political life, charity, justice, and social justice. *Church, State, and Society* explains the nuanced understanding of human dignity and the common good found in the Catholic intellectual tradition. It makes the case that liberal-arts education is an essential part of the common good because it helps people understand their dignity and all that justice requires. The author shows the influence of ancient and modern political philosophy and examines St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, papal social encyclicals, Vatican Council II, and postconciliar magisterial teaching. Benestad highlights the teachings of popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI that the attainment of the common good depends on the practice of the virtues by citizens and leaders alike. In addition to discussing the tension between CSD and liberal democracy, the book takes an in-depth look at: -Key themes of social life: the dignity of the human person, human rights, natural law, and the common good -Three principal mediating institutions of civil society: family, Church, and Catholic university -The economy, work, poverty, immigration, and the environment -The international community and just war principles "Excellent . . . The best treatment of Catholic Social Doctrine as a whole and a precious reminder of the intrinsically problematic character of modern democracy." —*Perspectives on Political Science*

A Vision of Justice - Susan Crawford Sullivan 2014-04-28

A Vision of Justice: Engaging Catholic Social Teaching on the College Campus draws together the insights of social scientists, historians, and theologians in order to introduce readers to central topics in Catholic Social Teaching and to provide concrete examples of how it is being put into action by colleges and college students. The authors bring their disciplinary backgrounds and knowledge of Catholic Social Teaching to the exploration of the issues, making the book suitable for use in a wide range of courses and settings. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter help readers to think about issues raised in the essays and to think creatively about Catholic Social Teaching in an ever-changing world. The authors invite readers to join them in engaging contemporary thought and experience in the light of Catholic Social Teaching and the college campus.

Catholic Social Teaching and Movements - Marvin L. Krier Mich 1998

This introductory book to Catholic social teaching covers not only the official documents and encyclicals but also gives a sense of the movements and people who embodied the struggle for social justice in the last 100 years.

The Church's Best-Kept Secret - Mark Shea 2020-09-21

The Church's Best-Kept Secret is a short primer which lays out the basics of Catholic social teaching in a way accessible to the ordinary Catholic as well as to any other person of good will attempting to grasp this often profoundly misunderstood area of Church doctrine and practice. Writing in everyday language for the non-scholar, award-winning writer Mark Shea concisely describes the roots of Catholic social teaching in Scripture and Tradition and gives simple, practical examples of how it works in ordinary life. Sketching the meaning of the Dignity of the Human Person, the

Common Good, Subsidiarity, and Solidarity, Shea bridges the gulf in our politics and cultural warfare to make the case that Catholic Social Teaching, properly understood, is common sense, as well as the path to living a happier and more just common life for each human person.

Primary Source Readings in Catholic Social Justice - Jerry Windley-Daoust 2007

God calls each one of us to work for justice in the world. It is a daunting task that we do not face alone. *Primary Source Readings in Catholic Social Justice* presents the living words of the Catholic Church. Each chapter contains an excerpt from relevant Church documents, the writings of a person striving to live the Catholic social justice mission and a sidebar highlighting the actions of a person or organization working to make the world a better place. This is the perfect resource to supplement any social justice class!

And You Welcomed Me - Donald Kerwin 2009-10-08

Human beings leave their homelands for many reasons and they are called by many names: illegal aliens, strangers, asylum-seekers, displaced persons, economic migrants, lawful permanent residents, refugees, temporary workers, and victims of trafficking. Some are forced to flee because of violence, persecution, natural disaster, or intense economic privation. Most migrate in search of a better life, many as part of a family survival strategy. The movement of people from one place to another has remained a constant feature of human history. In an era characterized by the fast and cheaper movement of goods and services around the globe, migrants are the face of globalization. The world's two hundred million migrants often find themselves at the center of economic, social, and political debates. This book describes the distinctive way in which Catholic social teaching looks at migrants. It analyzes migration from the legal, social science, and cultural perspectives, and gives special consideration to the lived experience of immigrants themselves and their host communities. The book identifies gaps and opportunities to improve government and non-governmental responses to migration on a local, national, and international level. *And You Welcomed Me* aims to reframe perspectives on migration by focusing on the human beings at the heart of this phenomenon. It analyzes trade, immigration, labor, national security, and integration policies in light of the core Catholic commitment to the common good, human dignity, authentic development, and solidarity.

Love in Action - Simon Cuff 2019-02-28

Described as 'the Catholic church's best kept secret,' Catholic Social Teaching provides a rich body of thought, and finds a particular resonance as all denominations in the church seek to engage with the needs of contemporary society. Yet beyond the immediate context of the Catholic church, it is all too readily ignored. Resolutely aimed at those who come from traditions beyond the movement's traditional catholic heartlands but who seek to view their ministry through the lens of generous orthodoxy, "Love in Action" offers a deeply scriptural but accessible introduction to this vital approach to the church's ministry in the world.

Catholic Social Teaching and the Market Economy - Philip Booth 2007

This volume, taking account of recent developments in both political economy and Catholic social teaching, examines the extent to which that teaching can be used to justify the free market, or alternative forms of political and economic organization, in areas such as taxation, welfare, foreign aid, labor markets and business. Throughout history, but particularly in the last century or so, the Catholic Church has developed a formal body of teaching on economic and political matters. Other Christian faiths have absorbed much of that work, as have non-Christians, and thus the body of Catholic social teaching has often been influential in the public policy arena. The book also critically examines the general case for an interventionist state in the economic sphere, as well as the importance of the development of responsible culture, underpinned by sound education, in a free society.

Modern Catholic Social Teaching - Kenneth R. Himes, OFM 2018-01-02

Including contributions from twenty-two leading moral theologians, this volume is the most thorough assessment of modern Roman Catholic social teaching available. In addition to interrogations of

the major documents, it provides insight into the biblical and philosophical foundations of Catholic social teaching, addresses the doctrinal issues that arise in such a context, and explores the social thought leading up to the "modern" era, which is generally accepted as beginning in 1891 with the publication of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*. The book also includes a review of how Catholic social teaching has been received in the United States and offers an informed look at the shortcomings and questions that future generations must address. This second edition includes revised and updated essays as well as two new commentaries: one on Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* and one on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*. An outstanding reference work for anyone interested in studying and understanding the key documents that make up the central corpus of modern Catholic social teaching.

Catholic Social Teaching Collection - Daniel Seseske 2020-09-15
Catholic social teaching--when it is not distorted or misrepresented--is famously confounding to the pundits and politicians, both left and right. How can the Catholic Church simultaneously advocate against abortion and assisted suicide but for immigration reform and attention to the poor? How can it stand against the abuse of the environment and for the free market, against the death penalty and for the family? This unique Word on Fire Classics collection aims to bring the both/and of the Church's social teaching into sharp relief. That teaching comes roaring out of the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament, into the writings of the Church Fathers, and down through the Church's encyclicals and in the writings of the saints. The Catholic Social Teaching Collection encompasses all of these different dimensions of the Church's history. But its purpose is not just to reveal the ethical and historical breadth of Catholic social teaching; it is to reveal its metaphysical heart--namely, God. With God out of the picture, it is indeed hard to make sense of the array of opinions the Church holds. But with God at the heart of things, the positions fall into harmony, much like the medallions in a rose window. If God exists, then every individual person is a subject of rights, freedom, and dignity. If God exists, then no one is expendable and everyone is equally worthy of respect.

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council For Justice Staff 2006-09

Through landmark encyclicals issued by popes since *Rerum Novarum*, the Church has built up a wide-ranging body of teaching on justice, equality and human rights. This compendium will introduce and explain all these documents.

Catholic Social Teaching - Edward P. DeBerri 2003

A classic overview of the history of the Catholic Church's social teaching for students, teachers, lay people, and clergy. It presents outlines of both recent and historic key documents. Book jacket.

Believe in People - Charles Koch 2020-11-17

A surprising take on how you can help tackle the really big problems in society--from one of America's most successful entrepreneurs. People are looking for a better way. Towering barriers are holding millions of people back, and the institutions that should help everyone rise are not doing the job. Crumbling communities. One-size fits all education. Businesses that rig the economy. Public policy that stifles opportunity and emboldens the extremes. As a result, this country is quickly heading toward a two-tiered society. Today's challenges call for nothing short of a paradigm shift -- away from a top-down approach that sees people as problems to be managed, toward bottom-up solutions that empower everyone to realize their potential and foster a more inclusive society. Such a shift starts by asking: What would it mean to truly believe in people? Businessman and philanthropist Charles Koch has devoted his life to answering that question. Learn what he's discovered during his 60-year career to help you apply the principles of empowerment in your life, in your business, and in society. By learning from the social movements and applying the principles that have enabled social progress throughout history, Koch has achieved more than he dreamed possible -- building one of the world's most successful companies and founding Stand Together, one of America's most innovative philanthropic communities. Stand Together CEO Brian Hooks and Koch show how the only way to solve the really big problems -- from poverty and addiction to harmful business practices and destructive public policy -- is for each and every one of us to find

and take action in our unique role as part of the solution. Full of compelling examples of what works -- including several first-person accounts from individuals whose lives have been transformed -- Koch and Hooks' refreshing approach promotes partnership instead of partisanship and speaks to people from different perspectives and all walks of life. They show that no injustice is too tough to overcome if you share a deep belief in people, are willing to unite with anyone to do right, and work to empower others from the bottom up.

Modern Catholic Social Teaching - Joe Holland 2003

The impact of the industrial revolution on the social structures of industrialized nations posed a difficult challenge to the Catholic Church and its Popes. In the struggle for human and economic status, should the Church side with the new working class or with capitalist barons who, along with the old aristocracy, identified themselves as upholders of Christian civilization? In this history of papal social teaching, Joe Holland tells how the popes at first backed the status quo. Then, with the accession of Pope Leo XIII in 1878, a seismic shift took place. Leo's encyclical *Rerum novarum* was the first authoritative Church voice to declare that laboring people have rights--the right to fair wages, to decent living conditions, the right to organize labor unions and even to strike. Henceforth the notion of civilization, at least for the Church, would be grounded in the lives and aspirations of working people. Modern Catholic Social Teaching traces this historic shift as it played out in the writings of Leo and the popes who followed him: Pius X, Benedict XV, Pius XI, and Pius XII. These popes supported Leo's encyclical and even elaborated it as European history experienced the emergen

Catholic Social Teaching and Economic Globalization - John Sniegocki 2009

Current forms of economic globalization are leading to increased hunger, greater inequality, the undermining of local cultures, and severe ecological crises. In this interdisciplinary study, which draws upon fields ranging from political economy to ecology to theological ethics, John Sniegocki explores these negative realities and their causes. He also explores possible alternatives, highlighting the activities of inspiring grassroots movements throughout the world that are working for change and suggesting ways that each of us can support these efforts. Sniegocki devotes attention to numerous important contributions that can be made by Catholic Social Teaching to the quest for positive alternatives. Among these contributions are its vision of integral development, its understanding of structural injustice, its holistic conception of human rights, its deep concern for ecology, and its emphasis on solidarity with the poor. The author also suggests several ways that Catholic Social Teaching could be yet further enhanced, particularly through dialogue with grassroots activists and scholars such as Vandana Shiva of India, with persons in the field of radical political economy, and with the insights of theologians such as John Howard Yoder.

Studies in the Catholic Social Movement - Henry Somerville 1963

Introducing Catholic Social Thought - J. Milburn Thompson 2015-02-26

Catholic Social Teaching - Brian Singer-Towns 2012

**Catholic Social Teaching: Christian Life in Society has been submitted to the Subcommittee on the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Declarations of conformity with both the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age are pending. Catholic Social Teaching: Christian Life in Society This course will guide students in exploring and understanding the social teachings of the Church. It will address the major themes of Catholic social teaching and what they express about God's plan for all people and our obligations to care for one another, especially those most in need in society. The course will work to move students to a life of service and work for the Kingdom of God. The Living in Christ Series * Makes the most of the wisdom and experience of Catholic high school teachers as they empower and guide students to participate in their own learning. * Engages students' intellect and responds to their natural desire to know God. * Encourages faith in action through carefully-crafted

learning objectives, lessons, activities, active learning, and summative projects that address multiple learning styles. What you will find . . . * Each Living in Christ student book is developed in line with the U.S. Bishops' High School Curriculum Framework and provides key doctrine essential to the course in a clear and accessible way, making it relevant to the students and how they live their lives. * Each Living in Christ teacher guide carefully crafts the lessons, based on the key principles of Understanding by Design, to guide the students' understanding of key concepts. * Living in Christ offers an innovative, online learning environment featuring flexible and customizable resources to enrich and empower the teacher to respond to the diverse learning needs of the students. * The Living in Christ series is available to you in traditional full-color text and in digital textbook format, offering you options to meet your preferences and needs.

American Catholic Social Teaching - Thomas Massaro 2002
Accompanying CD-ROM contains Adobe Acrobat PDF files of the documents in the first half of the book. CD-ROM held in office. Ask at reference desk.

Sociology and Catholic Social Teaching - Stephen R. Sharkey 2012-08-31

Sociology and Catholic Social Teaching: Contemporary Theory and Research offers critical insights into a badly needed alternative vision to the alienation and cynicism that plague our political discourse. Arguing that Catholic social teaching stands as an important morally grounded framework for addressing today's pressing social problems, contributors explore the general principles and specific criteria required for both evaluating and advocating models of social improvement. This anthology is meant for advanced undergraduate and graduate students of sociology or Catholic social thought, as well as scholars in these areas interested in how sociology and Catholic social teaching converge.

Birth of a Movement - Segura, Olga M. 2021-02-17

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Catholic Church. Pontificium Consilium de Iustitia et Pace 2005

A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching - Kevin E. McKenna 2019-02-08

Topics related to Catholic social teaching emerge regularly in American political and civic discourse, often connected to discussions about religious freedom, abortion, immigrant rights, racism, capital punishment, and health care. This third edition of *A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching* by Rev. Kevin E. McKenna incorporates the essential teachings of Pope Francis in *Evangelium Gaudium*, *Laudato Si'*, and *Amoris Laetitia* to offer a clear, beginner-level reference tool and study guide for Church leaders and other interested Catholics to help them navigate this vast body of teaching. Building on core themes of human dignity, community, rights and responsibilities, option for the poor, dignity of work, solidarity, and care of creation, McKenna distills a vast amount of Catholic teaching into easily digestible summaries, each carefully referenced to its primary source and correlated to pressing issues making today's headlines. The book includes crucial teachings of the popes from Louis XIII through Francis as well as from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and dialogue and appendices provide tools for parishes and study groups. This practical and thorough guide remains a perennial favorite for study and reference in Catholic parishes, universities, and ministry formation programs.

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us - Catholic Church. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2000

Designed for both ordained and lay ministers at the diocesan and parish levels, this document challenges us to prepare to receive newcomers with a genuine spirit of welcome.

Peacebuilding and Catholic Social Teaching - Theodora Hawksley 2020-09-30

The Roman Catholic Church, with its global reach, centralized organization, and more than 1.4 billion members, could be one of the world's most significant forces in global peacemaking, and yet its robust tradition of social teaching on peace is not widely known. In *Peacebuilding and Catholic Social Teaching*, Theodora Hawksley aims to make that tradition better known and understood, and to encourage its continued development in light

of the lived experience of Catholics engaged in peacebuilding and conflict transformation worldwide. The first part of this book analyzes the development of Catholic social teaching on peace from the time of the early Church fathers to the present, drawing attention to points of tension and areas in need of development. The second part engages in constructive theological work, exploring how the existing tradition might develop in order to support the efforts of Catholic peacebuilders and respond to the distinctive challenges of contemporary conflict. *Peacebuilding and Catholic Social Teaching* is one of the first scholarly monographs dedicated exclusively to theology, ethics, and peacebuilding. It will appeal to students and academics who specialize in Catholic social teaching and peacebuilding, to practitioners of Catholic peacebuilding, and to anyone with an interest in religion and peacebuilding more generally.

Option for the Poor and for the Earth: Catholic Social Teaching - Donal Dorr

Living Justice - Thomas Massaro, SJ 2011-10-16

For over a decade *Living Justice* has introduced readers to Catholic social teaching. The second classroom edition has been revised and updated throughout to better meet the needs of students today. Key updates include further reflection on the use of the just-war theory in light of events in Iraq and Afghanistan, the revival of terrorist threats, the papacy of Benedict XVI, the social encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, the recent financial crisis, business ethics today, and ongoing environmental concerns.

Catholic Social Activism - Sharon Erickson Nepstad 2019-08-27

A history of Catholic social thought Many Americans assume that the Catholic Church is inherently conservative, based on its stances on abortion, contraception, and divorce. Yet there is a longstanding tradition of progressive Catholic movements in the United States that have addressed a variety of issues from labor, war, immigration, and environmental protection, to human rights, women's rights, exploitive development practices, and bellicose foreign policies. These Catholic social movements have helped to shift the Church from an institution that had historically supported incumbent governments and political elites to a Church that has increasingly sided with the vulnerable and oppressed. This book provides a concise history of progressively oriented Catholic Social Thought, which conveys the Catholic Church's position on a variety of social justice concerns. Sharon Erickson Nepstad introduces key papal encyclicals and other church documents, showing how lay Catholics in the United States have put these ideas into practice through a creative and sometimes provocative political engagement. Nepstad also explores how these progressive movements have pressured the religious hierarchy to respond to pressing social issues, such as women's ordination, conscription, and the morality of nuclear deterrence policies. *Catholic Social Activism* vividly depicts how these progressive movements have helped to shape the religious landscape of the United States, and how they have provoked controversy and debate among Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching - Marvin L. Krier Mich 2011

This work offers readers the insight and inspiration to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ, the 'glad tidings to the poor,' here and now. Mich weaves together the biblical tradition and the wisdom of Catholic social teaching with the stories of saints and spiritual leaders, contemporary and historical.

The Church Emerging from Vatican II - Dennis Michael Doyle 1992

"This clearly presented introduction to Catholicism is ideal for the adult reader interested in an academic, yet lively approach to their faith. It answers the question of what it means to be a believing, practicing Catholic today in terms of Vatican II ecclesiology and contemporary theology. ..[from back cover]

The Catholic Social Imagination - Joseph M. Palacios 2008-11-15

The reach of the Catholic Church is arguably greater than that of any other religion, extending across diverse political, ethnic, class, and cultural boundaries. But what is it about Catholicism that resonates so profoundly with followers who live under disparate conditions? What is it, for instance, that binds parishioners in America with those in Mexico? For Joseph M. Palacios, what unites Catholics is a sense of being Catholic—a social imagination that motivates them to promote justice and build a better world. In *The*

Catholic Social Imagination, Palacios gives readers a feeling for what it means to be Catholic and put one's faith into action. Tracing the practices of a group of parishioners in Oakland, California, and another in Guadalajara, Mexico, Palacios reveals parallels—and contrasts—in the ways these ordinary Catholics receive and act on a church doctrine that emphasizes social justice. Whether they are building a supermarket for the low-

income elderly or waging protests to promote school reform, these parishioners provide important insights into the construction of the Catholic social imagination. Throughout, Palacios also offers important new cultural and sociological interpretations of Catholic doctrine on issues such as poverty, civil and human rights, political participation, and the natural law.