

Catholic Social Teaching Links

Nov. 1, 1986 - [Economic Justice for All](#) - Pastoral Letter on Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy

The challenge for us is to discover in our own place and time what it means to be “poor in spirit” and “the salt of the earth” and what it means to serve “the least among us” and to “hunger and thirst for righteousness”.

Nov. 1, 1979 – [Brothers and Sisters to Us](#) – Pastoral Letter on Racism

Racism is a sin that divides the human family, that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of races. All of us in some measure are accomplices. The absence of personal fault from an evil does not absolve one of all responsibility. We must seek to resist and undo injustices we have not ceased, lest we become bystanders who tacitly endorse evil and so share in the guilt of it.

Nov. 12, 2003 – [For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food](#) – Reflection on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers

Focus on ethics of how food is produced, how land is protected and how agriculture is structured, compensated and regulated to serve the common good. We seek to place the life and dignity of the human person at the center of discussions and decisions on agriculture.

Nov. 13, 2002 – [A Place at the Table](#) – a Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of God’s Children

Too often the call of the Gospel and the social implications of the Eucharist are ignored or neglected in our daily lives. As Catholics we must have a common conviction that we can no longer tolerate the moral scandal of poverty in our land. The Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching place our service of the poor and vulnerable and our work for justice at the center of Christian witness.

Nov. 15, 2000 – [Responsibility, Rehabilitation and Restoration](#) – a Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice

As Catholics we need to ask how we can restore our respect for law and life, how we can protect and rebuild communities, confront crime without vengeance and defend life without taking life?

Nov. 23, 1971 – [Justicia in Mundo: Justice in the World](#)

Calling attention to the structural roots of injustice affecting human relations, the Bishops declare that action in the pursuit of justice, and participation in the transformation of the world are constitutive elements in the Church’s mission of preaching the Gospel.

Nov. 24, 2013 - [Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel](#)

Pope Francis encourages the Christian faithful to embark on a new chapter of evangelization marked by joy. He speaks of a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, language and structure can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.