

## SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CST TEXTS, REFERENCE WORKS, AND GENERAL COMMENTARIES

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34-41.

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- Winner of 2006 first Place Award for Reference Books from the Catholic Press Association. "No teacher of Catholic ethics should be without this extraordinary resource, which promises to be a standard reference in the field for many years to come. This volume represents a monumental achievement. Long have we awaited such a comprehensive treatment of Catholic social teaching from an American perspective." ( Thomas Massaro, S.J., Weston Jesuit School of Theology).*
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