

**SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND RELATED  
SOCIAL ISSUES**

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### **PART II : SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT**

**Part II provides annotated bibliography on individual documents and their key social ethical themes and principles.**

- 1 *Rerum Novarum* : The Condition of Labor (Leo XIII, 1891)
  - Condition of labor; right of private property; socialism rejected; right use of money; dignity of labor; living wage for workers; right of labor to organize; the state and poverty; the workman’s rights; hours of labor; child labor; workmen’s associations; church and the poor.
- 2 *Quadragesimo Anno*: After Forty Years (Pius XI, 1931)
  - Solidarity with the cause of workers; condemning worsening disparities between the rich elite and a large suffering majority; clarifying the rights and mutual duties of poor and wealthy, labor and capital; pointing out a “safe road” for repairing socio-economic ills that eschews the errors of liberal individualism and fascist or community collectivism; a spiritually grounded “reconstruction of the social order” along corporatist lines, hand in hand with a “reform of Christian morals.
- 3 *Mater et Magistra*: Christianity and Social Progress (John XXXIII, 1961)
  - Growing complexity of social relationships; social dimensions of private property; just wage and workers’ participation; economic development and social progress; issues of developing nations; population growth and economic development; international order and cooperation.
- 4 *Pacem in Terris*: Peace on Earth (John XXXIII, 1963)

- Church's role on politics; ecumenism; world peace; human rights and political communities; human dignity; order of love; correlation of rights and duties; common good; universality of rights and the attenuation of sovereignty; international relations; the world community; disarmament; principle of subsidiarity; Catholics and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 5 *Dignitatis Humanae*: Declaration on Religious Freedom (Vatican II, 1965)
- Religious freedom is the right of every human being; no one must be forced to act against his conscience in religious matters; no one must be restrained—in those same religious matters—from acting in conformity with his conscience, whether privately or publicly, whether alone or in association with others within due limits; this right has its foundation in the dignity of the human person as this dignity can be known in the light of revelation as well as through reason; this right demands recognition and sanction in the constitutional law whereby society is governed.
- 6 *Gaudium et Spes*: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Vatican II, 1965)
- Signs of the times; dignity of the human person; dignity of the moral conscience; universality through dialogue; common good and solidarity; interdependence of person and society; faith and culture; justice and human rights; human rights and interdependence; just war and nonviolence; restrain war through limits on its means; fostering of peace and promotion of a community of nations.
- 7 *Populorum Progressio*: On the Development of Peoples (Paul VI, 1967)
- Development, culture, and modernity; option for the poor; development rooted in Christian humanism; development as a spiritual task; social purpose of material possession; development, industrialization, and work; development and population; equity in trade relations; collaboration, ideology, and action; threats to development; development and peace; development of the human race in the spirit of solidarity; development is the new name for peace.
- 8 *Octogesima Adveniens*: A Call to Action on the Eightieth Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum* (Paul VI, 1971)
- New social problems; human aspirations to equality and decision making; pluralism of Christian options; Christian meaning of political activity; elements of theological innovation; distinction between the historical and the natural/revealed; ambivalence in women's roles; visionary document.
- 9 *Justitia in Mundo*: Justice in the World (Synod of Bishops, 1971)
- Crisis of universal solidarity; right to development; connection between Christian faith and justice; strategies for acting on justice in our time.

- 10 *Familiaris Consortio*: Apostolic Exhortation on the Family (John Paul II, 1981)**
- Family as domestic church; gender roles; sexual and marital ethics; equality of women; marriage and family structures; social, cultural, and economic factors.
- 11 *Laborem Exercens*: On Human Work (John Paul II, 1981)**
- The preeminence of the subjective dimension of work; work and personal dignity; priority of labor over capital; rights of workers; importance of unions; right to a just wage; right of association; economism and materialism; elements for a spirituality of work; personalist philosophy of John Paul II; challenges for the future.
- 12 *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*: On Social Concern (John Paul II, 1987)**
- Obstacles to development; false meanings of development; authentic vision of development; guidelines for implementing the vision; basic meaning of solidarity.
- 13 *Centesimus Annus*: On the Hundredth Anniversary of Rerum Novarum (John Paul II, 1991)**
- The human person; private property and the universal destination of material goods; principles of subsidiarity and solidarity; society, the state, and the common good; capitalism and the markets; consumption, the goal of life and a commitment to transformation.
- 14 The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response (U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1983)**
- Peace in the modern world; nature of peace; presumption against war and the principle of legitimate self-defense; just-war criteria; value of non-violence; war and peace in the modern world: problems and principles; religious leadership and the public debate; the use of nuclear weapons; deterrence in principle and practice; moral assessment of deterrence; promotion of peace: proposals and policies; specific steps to reduce the danger of war; efforts to develop non-violent means of conflict resolution; the superpowers in a disordered world; the church as a community of conscience, prayer, and penance.
- 15 Economic Justice for All (U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1986)**
- U.S. economy today: memory and hope; urgent problems of today; the need for a moral vision; Christian vision of economic life; poverty, riches, and the challenge of discipleship; a community of hope; ethical norms for economic life; responsibilities of social living; overcoming marginalization and powerlessness; human rights: the minimum conditions for life in community; moral priorities for the nation; selected economic policy issues: scope and effects of unemployment; poverty

(children in poverty, women and poverty, racial minorities and poverty); economic inequality; guidelines for action.

**References for Official Catholic teachings on issues of racism, environment, and interreligious dialogue are provided in the bibliography of part III.**

### **Part III: SELECTED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND RELATED SOCIAL ISSUES**

**Part III provides bibliography on Catholic Social Thought and Related Social Issues. The list includes books and articles which deal explicitly on Catholic Social Thought in relation to social issues and others which make no reference to Catholic Social Thought but are consistent with its ethos and may be related to the social ethical principles of individual documents in Part II. For the purpose of the Paluse Mission-Related Research award, it is recommended that books and articles of both kinds be used for a rich research on social issues from the perspective of Catholic Social Thought and from the lens of human sciences.**

- 1** Common Good
- 2** Ecclesiology and Social Justice
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