

FR. RICHARD V. PALUSE MISSION- RELATED RESEARCH AWARD

THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR FACULTY RESEARCH AWARDS

From an endowment funded by a gift from the late Fr. Richard V. Paluse, these awards are awarded in support of the mission of the Center in fostering the study of social issues which are consistent with the ethos of Catholic Social thought from various perspectives of academic expertise. Up to four awards will be awarded annually.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION:

This program is open to all faculty, except those who are current recipients of other University Research Awards

Applications for the research grant must contain the following,

1. Title of the Research Proposal
2. Abstract
3. Research Plan
 - a. Statement of the Problem
 - b. Significance
 - c. Methodology
 - d. Related Study
 - e. Bibliography of Key Sources
4. Allocation of Time for Research and Writing (12 months)
5. Projected Budget Allocation

The Center has prepared an *Annotated Bibliography of Catholic Social Thought and Related Topics* that is available through the Center's website and will be continually updated.

Proposals should be 7-10 pages in length, double spaced, using 12 point font

Deadline: March 31, 2008

**Submit to: Dr. Christina A. Astorga, Director
Fisher Hall, 300-D**

THE TEN KEY THEMES (PRINCIPLES) OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

While it claims a vision of the world informed by its specific religious ethos, Catholic social thought is accessible to everyone, evoking a moral resonance in all earnest inquirers of the truth and seekers of justice. The ten key themes (principles) of Catholic social thought are the following:

The Dignity of Every Person and Human Rights
Solidarity, Common Good, and Participation
Family Life and Gender Relations

Subsidiarity and the Proper Role of Government
Property Ownership, Rights and Responsibilities
Dignity of Work, Rights of Workers, and Support of Labor Unions
Colonialism and Economic Development
Peace and Disarmament
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Stewardship and Care for God's Creation

SOME GENERAL TOPICS

Poverty, Racism, Interreligious Dialogue, Faith and Culture, Religion and Politics, Politics and Ethics, Law and Human Rights, Race and Class in the Criminal Justice System, Law and Religion, Poverty, Race, and the Educational System, War and Peace, Violence Against Women, and Children, Liberation Theology, Feminist Ethics, Economic Justice, Poverty Global Agenda, Population and Development, Culture and Poverty, Globalization and Justice, Environmental Justice, Global Health Ethics, Justice and Faith, Justice and Peace, and many other social issues that can be related to Catholic Social Thought.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Consistency with the Ethos of Catholic Social Thought
2. Clarity of Presentation of the Research Proposal
3. Significance of the Research

QUALITY OUTCOMES

1. Research papers, which are expected to be approximately 30 pages in length, must be completed no later than June 30, 2009. Failure to meet this deadline will disqualify a recipient from applying for future grants.
2. Grant recipients will present their research papers in a Lecture Series sponsored by the Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought.
3. Grant recipients are expected to publish their research papers in a professional journal or book, or to present their work at a national or international conference.

The Awardees will be announced on May 2, 2008.

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