

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Session Description:

This session presents an overview of the seven major themes of Catholic Social Teaching. It promotes understanding of the connections between the social message of the Gospel and our identity as Catholics to be leaven for transforming the world.

Focus of the Session:

"Society ought to promote the exercise of virtue, not obstruct it. It should be animated by a just hierarchy of values (CCC #1895)."

Content:

In conducting this session the instructor will:

1. Present the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
2. Describe the sources of the Church's social teaching.
3. Identify several Biblical passages related to social justice and peace.
4. Distinguish between charity and justice as responses to the Church's social mission and social sin in the world.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of this session, the catechist will:

1. Understand the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
2. Have some familiarity with major Catholic documents on the social message of the Gospel.
3. Develop an understanding of social sin and social empowerment to effect systemic change.
4. Discuss classroom strategies for students of varying ages. Understanding the instructor would help expose different ways of teaching.

References:

- A Catholic edition of the Holy Bible: Genesis 4:8-9, Exodus 22:20-22, Isaiah 58:5-9, Micah 6:8, Amos 5:21-24, Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 1:46-51, James 2:17, and 2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: #1928-1948, 2426-2449
- *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, USCC, 1998.
- *Leader's Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching*, U.S. Catholic Bishops, USCC, 2000
- *National Directory for Catechesis*: pp. 170-72, 179-181