

Catholic Social Action Committee

DEDICATED WEBPAGES

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The mission of OLQM's ***Catholic Social Action Committee*** is to affirm and protect the inherent dignity of each person as a beloved child of God

- (1) by educating parishioners on Catholic social teaching,
- (2) by promulgating the prayerful study of Catholic social teaching as a primary tool in the forming of our Catholic conscience and identify,
- (3) by advising ways of organizing, advocating and working for social change in ways consistent with human dignity and the social teaching of the Church, and
- (4) by identifying threats to human dignity facing our parish, diocese and Church., and
- (5) by evangelizing by being Salt and Light to our community via Catholic ministries of social change and social witness during a time of increasing agnostic/atheistic secularization of society.

If you are interested in Catholic social teaching in action, please consider joining our committee. Contact Bishop Sanchez or Fr. Passenant in person, by phone (718-268-6251), or email them at rectoryolqm@aol.com. OR join us in the rectory for our next meeting.

Primary Resources for Catholic Social Teaching

The foundational documents for Catholic social teaching are based on Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the teaching authority of the Magisterium. The Vatican site and the US Conference of Catholic Bishop site have the following:

Bible

The New American Bible revised edition (NABRE), the one used in the liturgy, is available on several sites, including the Vatican and the USCCB websites.

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/_INDEX.HTM

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/index.cfm>

Vatican Documents

1. Documents of the Second Vatican Council

The sixteen major documents are available via several sites. The official Vatican site is http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/index.htm

2. Catechism of the Catholic Church

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM

<http://ccc.usccb.org/flipbooks/catechism/files/assets/basic-html/page-I.html#>

2.1. Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

This is a summary of the Catechism. Pope Benedict XVI described the Compendium as "a faithful and sure synthesis of the Catechism of the Catholic Church." Available online at:

<https://bit.ly/1nqfsBd>

2.2. United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults is an adaptation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and it is presented to Catholics of the United States” by the USCCB. It is available online, at: <https://bit.ly/31Miet9>

3. Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church

<https://bit.ly/IHnkOw>

4. Papal Encyclicals and Documents Post Compendium of the Social Doctrine

For all papal writings, go to the Holy See.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

“The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is an assembly of the Catholic Church hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands”

1. USCCB Catholic Social Teaching

This is the USCCB’s comprehensive overview of Catholic social teaching, and a good place to start. It is a rich resource, with numerous PDF’s, group guides, lesson plans, multimedia files, etc.

<https://bit.ly/2HetFBV>

2. Sharing Catholic Social Teaching

This has the Summary Report of the Task Force on Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education

<https://bit.ly/1I0xjGC>

3. Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish

“This statement offers a basic resource for pastors, parish leaders, and all Catholics seeking to strengthen the social ministry of their local community. The bishops’ reflection represents neither major new teaching nor a new national program. Rather, it brings together the principles of our social teaching and local pastoral experience in a framework for vibrant Catholic communities” (USCCB)

<https://bit.ly/2syEwQk>