

Resources on Catholic Teachings and Viewpoints ~Regis University Libraries~

In the interest of scholarship and academic freedom, Regis University Libraries seek to provide resources that present fairly, and in a substantial way, the official and accepted teachings by the Roman Catholic Church on a variety of issues pertaining to social, ethical and moral concern.

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(This list, a “work-in-progress,” will be developed, edited and annotated as new information and resources become known and available. Input from members of the Regis community is welcomed, and can be directed to Ivan Gaetz, Dean of Libraries – igaetz@regis.edu.)

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Byron, William J. “Ten Building Blocks of Catholic Social Teaching” *America*, Vol. 179, no. 13 (October 31, 1998), 9-12. (4th Floor, Dayton Memorial Library, Bound Periodicals, alphabetical by title)

While brief, this article presents the philosophical/theoretical basis for Catholic positions on a number of ethical and social issues. These principles are: human dignity; respect for human life; the principle of association (persons achieve growth and development in various social relations, such as family); the principle of participation; the preferential protection for the poor and vulnerable; the principle of solidarity; stewardship; the principle of subsidiarity (concerning the responsibilities and limits of government and the roles of voluntary associations); human equality; the common good.

Dietzen, John J. *Catholic Q&A: Answers to the Most Common Questions About Catholicism*. New York: Crossroad, 2005. (on order).

Dietzen offers a comprehensive and current presentation of official Catholic teachings on many topics, and includes discussions of topics on which the Church

is silent. “Fr. Dietzen writes with an engaging and warm pastoral style to convey the joy and wisdom of the Catholic faith.”

Himes, Kenneth. Ed. *Modern Catholic Social Teaching: Commentaries & Interpretations*. Baltimore, MD.: Georgetown University Press, 2005. (on order 06/05)

An assemblage of opinion and interpretations by leading experts in the field of Catholic social teaching, the book provides not only authoritative treatments of the usual array of topics, but also creative and new insights on many issues. It is suggested that this book “will become a standard resource for scholars, students, and pastoral ministers seeking a deeper grounding in the historical context and development of Catholic social teaching texts.”

Kaufman, Philip S. *Why You Can Disagree and Remain a Faithful Catholic*. New Expanded and Rev. Ed. New York: Crossroad. 2000. 222 p. Call no.: BX 1751.2 .K335

This widely acclaimed book deals with the basis of ethical thought and decision-making (conscience, church teaching and infallibility, and options in moral standpoints) before treating the specific issues of birth control, divorce and remarriage, abortion, and democracy within the Catholic Church.

McBrien, Richard P. *Catholicism*. Completely rev. ed. and updated. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1994. Call no.: BX 1751.2 .M24 1994.

This is a standard reference work and textbook, systematically arranged, including an especially pertinent section, “Christian Existence—Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions” (Part 5), treating social and moral questions. This work is an in-depth, scholarly treatment of Roman Catholic positions.

Noonan, John Thomas. *A Church that Cannot Change: the Development of Catholic Moral Teaching*. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2005. 297 p. Call no.: BX 946 .N66 2005.

Pilarczyk, Daniel E. *Twelve Tough Issues and More: What the Church Teaches and Why*. Cincinnati, OH: St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2002. 94 p. Call no.: BX 1751.3 .P55 2002

Archbishop Pilarczyk offers a handy guide to the official church teachings on a number of issues, including: abortion; artificial contraception; prolonging life;

capital punishment; divorce and remarriage; contraception; homosexuality; social justice; warfare; church membership; priestly celibacy; ordination of women; authority in the Church; conscience. Written for the lay person, and in a very readable style, the book is made that much more useful by usually offering discussion questions after each topic is discussed, and listing additional resources for a more in-dept understanding. (Bibliographic references cited under “Topical” taken from Pilarczyk’s work are indicated by an asterisk).

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*. Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing, 2005. 446 p. Call no.: BX 1753 .C37713 2004.

In three parts, treating humanity in general, the family, and spiritual issues, the book addresses: God’s plan of love for humanity; the Church’s mission and social doctrine; the human person and human rights; principles of the church’s social doctrine; the family and the “vital cell” of society; human work; economic life; the political community; the international community; the environment; peace promotion; and social doctrine and ecclesial action. An extensive analytical index of over 160 pages provides topics access to the text on a host of issues.

TOPICAL

Abortion

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270-2275.*

Pope John Paul II. *Encyclical Letter. Evangelium Vitae*, 1995. nos. 58-63. (*Origins* 24:42).*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. “Resolution on Abortion.” November 1989. (*Origins* 19:24).*

Artificial Conception

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2374-2379.*

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Instruction on Respect for Human Life*, 1987. (*Origins* 16:40).*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Ethical and Religious Directive for Catholic*

Health Care Services, 2001. nos. 38-43. (*Origins* 24:27).*

Contraception/Birth Control

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2366-2372.*

Pope John Paul II. *Apostolic Constitution. Familiaris Consortio*, 1981, nos. 28-35. (*Origins* 11: 28 and 29).*

Cloning

Capital Punishment

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2265-1167.*

Pope John Paul II. *Encyclical Letter. Evangelium Vitae*, 1995, nos. 55-56. (*Origins* 16:40).*

United States Catholic Conference. *Statement on Capital Punishment*, 1980. (*Origins* 10:24).*

Divorce/Remarriage

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1621-1632, 1643-1654.*

Pope John Paul II. *Apostolic Exhortation. Familiaris Consortio*, 1981, nos. 79-84. (*Origins* 11:28 and 29).*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Faithful for Life*, 1995. (*Origins* 25:7).*

Health Care Issues

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2278-2279.*

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Declaration on Euthanasia*, 1980. (*Origins* 10:10).*

Pope John Paul II. *Encyclical Letter. Evangelium Vitae*, 1995. no. 65. (*Origins* 24:42).*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic*

Health Care Services, 2001. nos. 56-61. (*Origins* 31:9).*

Homosexuality

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2357-2359.*

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*, 1986. (*Origins* 16:22).*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Marriage and the Family. *Always Our Children: a Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children*, 1997. (*Origins* 27:17).*

Liberalism

Reproductive Technology

Salvation Outside the Church

Vatican Council II. *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, nos. 1-17.*

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. *Declaration on the Unicity and Salvific Universality of Jesus Christ and the Church*, 2000. (*Origins* 30:14).*

Sexual Ethics

Social Justice

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2426-2449.*

Pope John Paul II. *Encyclical Letter. Centesimus Annus*, 1991. (*Origins* 21:1).*

United States Catholic Conference Administrative Committee. *Faithful Citizenship*, 1999. (*Origins* 29:20). *

War/Nuclear War

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2307-2317.*

Vatican Council II. *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, 1965, nos. 79-82.*

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Pastoral Letter. The Challenge of Peace*, 1983. (*Origins* 13:1).*

Websites on Catholic Social Teaching:

www.nccbuscc.org/sdwp

The United States Catholic Bishops' web site on social development and world peace.

www.osjspm.org/cst/index.html

Byron Plumley: "Catholic Social Teachings from the Office of Social Justice, Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. A virtual expedition through the vision of Catholic Social Teaching—official documents, notable quotations, major themes, and a lot of provocative ideas to think about. This site offers a very comprehensive approach using pages that focus on key themes, documents, notable quotations, and educator's toolbox, a reading list and a useful research engine. The 'Educator's Toolbox' provides access to a 'PowerPoint' presentation on principles of the Catholic Social Teaching. The 'reading list' offers a selection of 22 major texts from American publishing houses."

www.uscatholic.org/cstline/tline.html

Byron Plumley: "The busy Christian's Guide to Catholic Social Teaching is copyrighted by Claretian Publications. For more information about this material or to seek reprint permission, contact: Claretian Publications, 205 West Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60606, or call 312-236-7782. A valuable presentation of Papal Documents with good layout and an interesting timeline of contemporary history with each document. Includes the 1971 Bishops Synod Statement and the American Bishops' Statement on Economics. A useful quick reference site."

www.mcgill.pvt.k12.al.us/jerryd/cm/cst.html

Byron Plumley: "Catholic social teachings from the theological library of Gerald Darring, writer, theologian and editor of one of the most extensive theological libraries on the www.101 links. Offers easy access to official documents and includes a good collection of journal articles from North American perspectives on many issues. A handy reference site."

Other Catholic Oriented Web Sites:

LINKS TO VATICAN WEBSITES:

www.vatican.va

Site offered by the Holy See

Official web site of the Holy See; The Holy Father; The Roman Curia;

News Services; Vatican City State; Liturgical Year and Celebration, Vatican archives; World Youth Day 2005.

LINK TO BISHOP'S CONFERENCE:

www.usccb.org *Site provided by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*
 "Purpose is to promote the greater good which the church offers humankind, especially through forms and programs of the apostolate fittingly adapted to the circumstances of time and place." Sidebars offer Latest News; Daily Readings; Movie & TV Reviews; New American Bible; Catechism; Bishops; Dioceses; Pope John Paul II; Departments and Activities of the USCCB; Statements; Church Facts; Bookstore; Child & Youth Protection.

LINK TO CATHOLIC NEWS:

www.catholicnews.com *site offered by U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*
 "Primary source of national and world news in U.S. Catholic press." Client/Member publications include international, national and diocesan publications; News Items; Special Items; Archives; and Origins journal.

www.cwnews.com *Site offered by Domus Enterprises, Inc.*
 "Catholic World News is a independent Catholic news dedicated to providing accurate world news, written from a distinctively Catholic perspective and viewed through the prism of the Catholic faith."

www.catholicpress.org *Site provided by Catholic Press Association*
 "Catholic Press Association(CPA) mission is to build and strengthen the value and worth of the Catholic press." Quick Links: Catholic Journalist October; CPA services; Member Services News.

www.ewtn.com *Site by Eternal Word Television Network and & Global Catholic Network*
 "Site provided to provide information to facilitate the user's understanding of the Catholic Church and its teachings." Links are: faith; television; radio; news; multimedia; religious catalogue; and pilgrimages.

www.natcath.com *Site by National Catholic Reporter Publishing and NCRonline.org*
 "The NCR reports, comments and reflects on the church and society working out of a Roman Catholic tradition and an ecumenical spirit. It understands that peace, justice and integrity of environment are goals and avenues of life." Publications include weekly NCR newspaper; Celebration-liturgy; Catechist's Connection newsletter; Eucharistic Ministries newsletter; Caring Community newsletter

www.osv.com *Site provided by Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.*
 "Serve the Church by providing Catholics with materials to strengthen their relationship with Christ, deepen their commitment to the Church and help them see the world through

the eyes of faith." Products include: newspaper; books, pamphlets; newsletters; prayer guides.

LINKS TO CATHOLIC MAGAZINES:

www.americancatholic.org *Site from Franciscans and St. Anthony Messenger Press*
 Saint of the Day; Minute Meditations; Daily Catholic Question; Catholic News; Prayer Requests; Catholic Movie Reviews; Seasonal Features; Update Your Faith; online editions of St. Anthony Messenger, Catholic Update; Youth Update and Scripture from Scratch.

www.americamagazine.org *Site supported by America Press, Inc.*
 "The online weekly Catholic magazine of news, opinion, book reviews and articles for the thinking Catholic and those who want to know what the Catholic people are thinking."

www.catholic.net *Site provided by Catholic.net, New Haven, CT*
 Access to Catholic magazines and newspapers; papal encyclicals; Church documents; devotional services; Catholic news from Rome-based Zenit News Service.

www.commonwealmagazine.org *Site provided by Commonwealth Foundation*
 "An independent journal of opinion edited and managed by lay Catholics concerning religion, politics, and culture." Editorials, columns, poetry, book reviews, movies and plays, the media are included.

www.crisismagazine.com *Site offered by Crisis Magazine, Washington, D.C.*
 "Mission is to bring wisdom of Catholic tradition into direct dialogue with contemporary politics and culture." Each issue includes columns, books, arts, and music reviews.

www.envoymagazine.com *Site provided by Envoy Communications, Ohio*
 Bi-monthly journal of Catholic apologetics and evangelization. Sidebars include: featured items; Planet Envoy; Apologetic booklist; WebLinks.

www.uscatholic.org *Site provided by the Claretians*
 "A forum for lay Catholics, covering issues of concern to Catholics in their everyday lives." Sidebars provide quick-links to Catholic sites; links to Claretian Publications- U.S. Catholic magazine, Salt of the Earth, homefaith.com, Busy Christian's Guide to Catholic Social Teaching, and Contextonline by Martin Marty.

LINKS TO CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS:

www.catholicculture.org *Site provided by Trinity Communications-EWTN*
 Liturgical Year; Web site reviews; New Church Document reviews....

www.opusdei.org *Site offered by Information Office of Opus Dei on the Internet*
 "A personal prelature of the Catholic Church introduced by the Vatican II, governed by general Church law and its own statutes, and it is an ecclesiastical structure established to

carry out specific pastoral tasks." It provides religious and spiritual formation to the faithful to promote the universal call to holiness by finding God in work and daily life.

LINKS TO CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATIONS:

www.nplc.org *Site by National Pastoral Life Center, New York*

"Serves the leadership of the church's pastoral ministry" via: Church magazine online; Catholic Common Ground; Public Discipleship; Small Communities; The Roundtable; Follow Me!; and publications.

www.catholicexchange.com *site made possible by Missionaries of Faith Foundation*
Global, National, Catholic News; columnists; community services; The Church Today; Catholic Exchange online store.

www.catholic-forum.com *Site content-Catholic Community Forum & Uturgical Pub.*
The Catholic Community Forum site offers web searches; news; Catholic reflections; daily E-pistles, links to Catholic supersites...

www.catholicweb.com *Site provided by CompBiz, 100 and CatholicWeb Support*
"Online resources for Catholics, Dioceses, Schools, Parishes, and organizations interested in the Catholic faith": classifieds; advertising; CatholicWeb singles; Catholic Services: Ask-a-Franciscan, e-Greetings, Catholic Calendar, Meet other Catholics, Prayer Intentions, Catholic gift; Weekly Scripture and Sunday Homilies.

LINKS TO CATHOLIC PORTALS:

www.catholicity.com *Site made possible by The Mary Foundation*
"World-leader in delivering true Catholic materials and providing daily Catholic content to your screen": Catholic newswire; commentaries; Catholic novels and CDs; screened Catholic links for faithfulness to Catholic teachings and Fr. John McCloskey, STD Opus Dei.

www.catholic.com *site from Catholic Answers*
Library; This Rock; Catholic Voter's Guide; Shopping; Catholic answers Live Radio; Chastity; Seminars.

www.catholicnet.org *Cyberfaith site made possible by William Sadlier, Inc.*
"Catholic resources for people of faith" - Weblinks-provides catechists with resources and technology; Proclaiming Faith-reflections on Sunday readings; Spirituality

Resources-offers weekly prayer activities; Witnessing Faith-seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching...

www.catholic.org *Site from Catholic Online*

"Welcome to the world's largest and most comprehensive Catholic Information service available. Catholic Online has taken the Catholic Church into the Information superhighway and beyond!" Offers news channels; featured channels; website hosting and development...

www.catholic-pages.com *Site provided by an Australian Catholic layman*

Categorized site providing links to Catholic websites. Sidebars include: Catholic web directory; Discussion Forum; Catholic Bookrack; Smiles; Catholic Family Life; Church-Pope, authority, history; Controversies in the Church; Documents; Evangelization; Media....

www.newadvent.org *Website maintained by layman, Kevin Knight*

Resource site for online Catholic encyclopedia; busiest 25 Catholic websites; sidebars offer Catholic goods.

CATHOLIC SEARCH ENGINES:

www.vatican.org/powersearch

Searches Documents of Vatican II; Sacred Scripture; the catechism of the Roman Catholic Church; Papal writings; Canon Law...

www.ewtdocumentslibrary.com

Searches Church documents and other Catholic publications.

www.esgiesia.org

An international Catholic search engine.

Journals held in Regis Libraries on, or relevant to, Catholicism:

AJCU Higher Education Report

America

American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly (formerly New Scholasticism)

Catholic Biblical Quarterly

Catholic Education Bulletin

Catholic Educator

Catholic Historical Review

Catholic Mind

Catholic School Journal

Catholic Worker
Catholic World
Christianity and Crisis
Commonweal
Communio
Company
Cross Currents
Denver Catholic Register
First Things
Human Development
Irish Ecclesiastical Record
Jesuit Educational Quarterly
Journal of Biblical Literature
Journal of Spiritual Formation
Jubilee (changes to U.S. Catholic and Jubilee)
Leaven: Bulletin
Method: A Journal of Lonergan Studies
National Catholic Reporter
New Scholasticism (changes to American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly)
Pope Speaks
Priest
Social Justice
Sojourners
Studies in Formative Spirituality (changes to Journal of Spiritual Formation)
Studies in Spirituality of Jesuits
Theological Studies
Theology Digest
Thomist
U.S. Catholic (formerly U.S. Catholic and Jubilee)
U.S. Catholic and Jubilee (changes to U.S. Catholic)