

MAJOR DOCUMENTS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



Your Mission



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- 1891
- RERUM NOVARUM (Of New Things)
- Leo X111

Exploitation and Poverty European and North American workers.

The first comprehensive Catholic document of social justice. Brings the subject of workers rights to light.



1931 QUADRAGESIMO ANNO
(Reconstruction of the Social Order)
Pius XI

World Wide Economic Depression

Talks about the concept of subsidiary –
people should have as much control over
the running of their own lives and their own
communities as possible.



1961 MATR ET MAGISTRA (Christianity and Social Progress)

John XX111

Importance of Laity applying church social teaching of Vatican 11

Address the plight of non-industrialized nations



- 1962
- PACEM IN TERRIS (Peace on Earth)
- John XXIII
- *After Cuban Crisis in 1962*
- *Threat of Nuclear War*
- Pointed out that the only way to ensure peace is to ensure a foundation that consists of specific social rights and responsibilities.



- 1964
- GAUDIUM ET SPES (Church in the Modern world)
- *After Vatican Two*
- *Increasing economic inequalities*
- Catholics must scrutinize the great technological and social changes that have transformed the world. Explores the relationship between the church and wider society. Looks at the place of the family in society.



- 1967
- POPULORUM PROGRESSIO
- (The development of Peoples)
- Paul VI
- Looks at issues related to international development.



- 1971
- OCTOGESIMA ADVENIENS
- A Call To Action
- Paul VI
- *Problems of the modern economy*
- Address the role of the individual Christian in responding to injustice.



- 1971
- JUSTICE IN THE WORLD
- Synod of Bishops
- * *Arms Race*
- Explores the dynamics of 'oppression' and 'liberation' and God as 'liberator of the oppressed'. Says the Church must be a witness for justice.



- 1975
- EVANGELII NUNTIANDI
- (Evangelisation in the Modern World)
- Paul VI

- Challenging injustice and preaching liberation are essential components of evangelisation.



- 1981
- LABOREM EXERCENS
- (On Human work)
- John Paul 11
- Work is the key to making life more human is a measure of human dignity.



- 1986
- SOLLICITUDO REI SOCIALIS
- (On Social Concern)
- John Paul 11
- *World Recession*
- Revisits the issue of development of nations. Decries the growing gap between the 'first world' and 'third world'. Addresses the burden of third world debt, unemployment and underemployment.



- 1991
- CENTESIMUS ANNUS
- The Hundredth Year
- John Paul 11
- Marks the 100th anniversary of Catholic Social Teaching.



Centesimus Annus (The Hundredth Year)

- Pope John Paul II
- Marks the 100th anniversary of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Discusses Communism and Capitalism.
- Looks at the errors and benefits of both economic systems.
- Talk of the need for respect for the dignity and responsibility of the human person to underpin the way in which we order our economic systems and society.



THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL TEACHING

- Each person is sacred (Human Dignity)
- Each person is a social being (Common good)
- Each person's rights are complemented by each person's responsibilities (Human Rights & Duties)
- Work has an economic, social and spiritual character (Dignity of Work)
- Those with the greatest needs require the greatest and most urgent response (Option for the Poor)
- We are mutually dependent and responsible for all (Solidarity)



- Social Teaching gives:

Principles of Reflection

Criteria for Judgments

Directives for action



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