

An Annotated Bibliography on Catholic Social Teachings (CST)

The following bibliography can be found on pp. 113-115 of *Responses to 101 Questions on Catholic Social Teaching*, by Kenneth R. Himes, O.F.M. (New York: Paulist Press, 2001). Four additional references published since 2001 have been added to the end of his list.

Bokenkotter, Thomas. *Church and Revolution: Catholics in the Struggle for Democracy and Social Justice* (New York: Image Books, 1998)

Through a series of historical vignettes of key individuals the author recounts much of the story of CST. Not intended as a synthesis or analysis of the documents of CST, it is a collection of telling portraits of people who have embodied the teaching. For serious adult readers.

Dorr, Donal. *Option for the Poor: A Hundred Years of Catholic Social Teaching* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1992)

Although not comprehensive in its coverage of the tradition, this is a well-done historical account and analysis of modern CST. While not difficult to read, it does go into more detail than a casual reader might want.

Dwyer, Judith, ed. *The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought* (Collegeville, Minn.: The Liturgical Press, 1994)

Not a dictionary in the ordinary sense. Written by a number of scholars, it is more like an encyclopedia with articles arranged alphabetically that cover just about all the key figures, documents and ideas of CST. Scholarly, but still accessible to educated adults.

Himes, Michael. *Doing the Truth in Love: Conversations about God, Relationships and Service* (New York: Paulist Press, 1995)

A collection of talks given to college students that make the connection between faith and social commitment. Provides a fine foundation for a spirituality of social justice. With many examples and stories, accessible to any adult.

Himes, Michael and Kenneth Himes. *Fullness of Faith: The Public Significance of Theology* (New York: Paulist Press, 1993)

After an opening chapter that explains the discussion among scholars on what is called "public theology," there are six chapters that demonstrate public theology: how basic symbols of our faith have implications not only for personal life but for social existence. For educated adults with an interest in theology.

Kammer, Fred. *Doing Faithjustice: An Introduction to Catholic Social Thought* (New York: Paulist Press, 1991) – Editorial note: a revised edition was published in 2004

After two nicely done chapters on the biblical foundations, the third provides a brief historical summary followed by a schematic outline of each of the major documents of CST. The final chapters are reflections on what a commitment to the poor entails, how to act with justice as well as charity and guidance for implementing CST at the local level. Written for a general audience.

Land, Phillip. *Catholic Social Teaching: As I Have Lived, Loathed and Loved It* (Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1994)

An autobiographical account of a Jesuit scholar's involvement in the promotion and formulation of CST. It is an intellectual history not only of CST but also of the author's personal journey. Presumes more than basic knowledge of the tradition.

(See the reverse side for the remainder of the bibliography.)

Massaro, Thomas. *Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching in Action* (Franklin, Wisconsin: Sheed and Ward, 2000)

An easy-to-read introduction to CST that is less concerned with the history and details of the documents and more with reflecting upon how to enact the lessons of the teaching. A good companion to an adult discussion group on how to respond to the message of CST.

Mich, Marvin. *Catholic Social Teaching and Movements* (Mystic, Conn.: Twenty-Third Publications, 1998)

A fine telling of the story of CST; not only the key documents but also many of the grass-roots movements inspired by the tradition are covered. Can be read by those interested in the history at a popular level.

O'Brien, David and Thomas Shannon, eds. *Catholic Social Thought: The Documentary Heritage* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1995)

One of the best collections of the documents of CST ... Short introductions accompany each text. Although not light reading, these are the primary texts that give expression to the social mission of the church.

Four additional books published since 2001:

Evans, Bernard F. *Lazarus at the Table: Catholics and Social Justice* (Collegeville, Minn.: The Liturgical Press, 2006)

This is the book around which discussion groups will be organized at both the Church of Nativity and St. Mary of Sorrows this year. According to John Carr, Secretary, Department of Social Development and World Peace, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "*Lazarus at the Table* is an exceedingly faithful, insightful, and helpful articulation and application of the principles at the heart of Catholic social teaching."

Himes, Kenneth R. O.F.M., Editor, and Lisa Sowle Cahill, Charles E. Curran, David Hollenbach, S.J., and Thomas Shannon, Associate Editors *Modern Catholic Social Teaching: Commentaries & Interpretations* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press 2004)

This is what two reviews said about this excellent book:

America Magazine, September 4, 2006:

"A superb contribution to Catholic social ethics and will undoubtedly serve as a basic text, providing a synthetic statement of the last century of the Catholic social tradition...It has no peer."

Catholic Library World, September 2006:

"An invaluable contribution...Until now there has been no comprehensive text on the history, development and content of the social teaching of the Catholic Church."

Mich, Marvin L. Krier. *The Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching* (Louisville, Kentucky: Sowers Books & Videos, a division of JustFaith, Inc., 2005)

From back cover of the book:

"The author weaves together the insights of the biblical tradition and the wisdom of Catholic social teaching with the stories of saints and spiritual leaders – contemporary and ancient."

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2004)

From USCCB website: <http://www.usccbpublishing.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=505>

"This is a unique, unprecedented document in the history of the Church, which serves as a tool to inspire and guide the faithful, who are faced with moral and pastoral challenges daily. It is divided into five sections: an introduction, three parts, and a conclusion entitled "For a Civilization of Love." The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church is a must-have resource for leaders of social ministry at the diocesan and parish level as well as those in religious education, schools, and youth and young adult ministry."