

## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

### **AV Materials in the AV Library at the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin**

This annotated bibliography was developed to provide parishes in the Diocese of Madison with a variety of programs on VHS tape or DVD that speak on the many topics included in Catholic Social Teachings. Near the end, there are several programs that the Office of Justice and Pastoral Outreach possesses, and a few that are not owned by either office.

#### **Bioethical Issues: Ethics at the Edge of Life**

**V0830C**      25 min.      Audience: Adult

Corpus Video, 1996

Paulist priest and moral theologian, Richard Sparks, provides insights into living Christian values. This program explores: Core Christian bioethics principles, the sanctity of human life, medical decision-making, ordinary and extraordinary means of treatment, advance directives, and numerous health care issues seen from a Christian perspective.

#### **Blessed are the Peacemakers**

**V0864**      60 min.      Audience: Adult, Senior High

U.S. Catholic Conference, 1998

Living in a violent society paralyzes some with fear; others, it motivates to take action. Three communities and individuals who are taking action to stop the violence on the streets, among young people, and in families, are portrayed. In New Orleans, a multi-denominational organization called ACT (All Congregations Together) is determined to purge the neighborhoods of drugs, guns, and delinquent landlords. Then travel to Los Angeles, where two projects work to keep young people from joining gangs by providing one-on-one counseling, positive role models, and educational support. In Appleton, Wisconsin, a group of women who have experienced domestic abuse in their own lives is working to help other victims of family violence. This program delivers a powerful message of hope--as seen through the actions of everyday peacemakers, who are working to make their communities better. Study guide.

#### **Bring Down the Walls**

**V0393**      12 min.      Audience: Adult, Senior High

U.S. Catholic Conference, 1991

This program from the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, commemorating the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*, focuses on the heritage, principles and practice of Catholic social teaching. Hunger, discrimination, conflict, prejudice and indifference are walls which block the growth of every human being. This video can be used in the Church's continuing effort to educate and motivate Catholics about the social dimensions of their faith.

#### **Communities of Salt & Light: The Social Mission of the Parish**

**V0702**      17 min.      Audience: Adult

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2004

The U.S. Bishops' November 1993 pastoral reflection "Communities of Salt and Light" challenges believers to put the social teachings of the Church into practice in every parish. Using hundreds of images illustrating social justice needs and work as well as interviews from church, parish and community leaders, this program challenges viewers to put their faith into action and seek justice and peace in their homes, parishes, local communities and beyond. A Parish Resource Manual, a practical hands-on resource, provides the text, assessment tools, models and a variety of resources for parishes to integrate.

### **Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death, A**

**DV1126** 15 min. Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006

The Catholic Bishops of the United States are urging Catholics and others to work for an end to the use of the death penalty in the United States. This DVD provides an overview of Catholic teaching on the death penalty and encourages viewers to join the Catholic Campaign Against the Use of the Death Penalty. Discussion guide.

### **Cutting Through the Spin on Stem Cells and Cloning**

**DV1076** 77 min. Audience: Adult, Young Adult, Senior High

Donum Vitae Center for Bioethics, 2005

Rev. Dr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, examines the science and ethics of stem cell research and cloning. Embryonic stem cell research is considered in the light of morally acceptable alternatives. A careful consideration of the various media myths surrounding this area of science is also presented. Therapeutic cloning and reproductive cloning are examined both scientifically and morally. The need to carefully protect and safeguard embryonic humans is stressed and highlighted. The video is introduced by Archbishop Sean O'Malley of Boston, and includes participation with a live studio audience followed by a question and answer session.

### **Death Penalty: Right or Wrong?**

**V0856** 15 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High

Knowledge Unlimited, 1997

Is it legalized murder or rightful justice? This video looks at all sides of the argument as well as Supreme Court rulings that give constitutional focus to this complex issue. The legal framework of capital punishment in America is reviewed and then the following questions are posed: Does the death penalty deter crime? Is the death penalty applied fairly? Featured are comments from students on both sides of the issue. The Teacher's Guide is designed to encourage students to question and contemplate the death penalty debate.

### **Earth is the Lord's, The**

**V0859** 13 min. Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Young Adult, Adult

U.S. Catholic Conference, 1995

Together we are all called to accept responsibility in Christ to contribute to the restoration and protection of a healthy society and environment. With vivid images of the natural gifts of the earth, which reveal the Creator's wisdom and beauty, this video calls us to be accountable for what we do (or fail to do) to respect, preserve, and care for God's presence in human life and all creation. The seven themes offered by the U.S. bishops in their pastoral statement, "Renewing the Earth," are presented in this video to help us recognize, embrace, and build communities to champion a faith-filled vision of the Lord's earth and ecological responsibility. Building peace, preserving a just and sustainable environment, society, and world are not optional ideals but matters of faith and practical necessities for human life.

### **Everyone, Everywhere**

**V0424** 11 min. Audience: Adult, Junior High, Senior High

Franciscan Communications, 1979

"Do we really know the poor in our own house, in our family, in our own community?" Mother Teresa challenges us to recognize the poor in all those who are abandoned, unwanted, and alone. The words and the voice of Mother Teresa bring depth and compassion to the camera's impressions: first, of India's poor and the Sisters of Charity who share their lives; second, of our own destitute and elderly in the West. We are reminded that we are all called to be missionaries of charity right where we live and work. Study guide.

### **Exploring the Faith: Program 24: Why Should Christians Be Concerned with the Environment?**

**V0520WX** 30 min. Audience: Adult

Videos with Values, 1992

Fr. James Bacik presents the reasons we should be responsible stewards of the earth.

### **Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility**

**V1123** 10 min. Audience: Senior High Adult

U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003

The 2003 Catholic Bishops' statement Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility encourages Catholics in the United States to be active in public life and challenges parishes and other church institutions to promote participation in the political process. This video is designed to help communicate the bishop's message to parish and school groups, and other Catholic gatherings. See [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship) for a wide range of related lesson plans and other resources. Discussion guide.

### **Global Solidarity: A Framework for Parishes**

**V403** 14 min. Audience: Adult

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998

A compelling and concise video version of the bishops' statement Called to

Global Solidarity, designed for use by parish councils, social concerns committees, education programs, and other groups wishing to explore church teaching on global solidarity. Study guide

### **Gospel and the Environment, The**

**V0299** 11 min. Audience: Junior High, Intermediate, Primary  
Iconographics, 1994

Our children should be learning more about our environmental problems. This video demonstrates ways that they can do something about this problem each day of their lives, including recycling. It can be correlated with a session on "God and Creation" to help children learn how their actions are rooted in gospel values and the message of Jesus.

### **Gospel is a Social Message: Justice in the Christian Tradition**

**V0830D** 25 min. Audience: Adult  
Corpus Video, 1996

Paulist priest and moral theologian Richard Sparks provides insights into living Christian values. This program explores: Why churches must speak out on issues like racism, militarism and economic justice; "Social sin" and who is accountable for it; the meaning of "common good"; Why Christians ought to be present and active with both immediate aid and long-term reform whenever life and human dignity are threatened.

### **Great Warming, The**

**DV1140** 85 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
Stonehaven Productions, 2006

The Great Warming is a 2006 documentary film directed by Michael Taylor. The film was hosted by singer, Alanis Morissette and actor, Keanu Reeves. It is the anchor for a broad, pro-active coalition ranging from Friends of the Earth to Union of Concerned Scientists to Churches of Christ. Featuring elements of the 2005 Public Broadcasting Service special Global Warming: the Signs and the Science, The Great Warming talks to key researchers and reports on social justice and day-to-day impacts as well as emission statistics. We must recognize our moral responsibility to be stewards of the Earth today and for all future generations. This secular production includes over an hour of bonus footage.

### **Helping People Help Themselves**

**V0862** 15 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
U.S. Catholic Conference, 1999

Employing the powerful biblical imagery of water, this program travels across the country chronicling the spirit of Catholic social teaching lived out through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The journey starts in Texas where low-income residents working together have succeeded in bringing water to over 50,000 homes. Then travel to Iowa where Ag Connect pairs beginning farmers with those who are retiring in an effort to stabilize rural communities. In Portland, Oregon, meet parishioners who are partnering with residents of a neighboring

migrant labor camp to improve community life for all. Finally, in New York meet the workers at Cooperative Home Care Associates, a home health care agency that has helped hundreds of low-income women trade public assistance for high quality jobs. Study guide.

### **Hope for a Renewed Earth**

**V0969** 58 min. Audience: Adult

U.S. Catholic Conference, 1994

This program reviews major environmental concerns from the Church's perspective. Hosted by Walter Grazer, this program may seem a bit dated, but demonstrates that environmental issues have been important to the Church for quite a while.

### **I Am Only a Child**

**V0408** 14 min. Audience: Adults, Parents

U.S. Catholic Conference, 1992

Families today face enormous pressures and economic hardships. This compelling video reflects on the situation of children in our homes, nation, and world; and on the bishops' challenge "to make children and families our first priority." The presentation promotes Catholic social teaching, introduces the bishops' statement "Putting Children And Families First," and inspires viewers to take part in the bishops' ongoing Catholic Campaign for Children.

### **I Was Hungry...A Caring Response**

**V0357** 23 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High

Franciscan Communications, 1990

St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco started as a dining room to feed the street people one meal a day and now has a dozen programs which include a medical clinic, job training, housing, and an addiction recovery program. This documentary captures the efforts of the people at St. Anthony's to address the physical, emotional and spiritual hungers of those living in poverty. It sounds the call to change the priorities and structures of a society that creates and tolerates such poverty and indignity.

### **In the Footsteps of Jesus: Catholic Social Teaching at Work Today**

**V1024** 28 min. Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult, RCIA

U.S. Catholic Conference, 2003

How does God call you to make a difference in the world? That is the central question of the video. All Catholics are challenged to respond to it. Part 1 provides a brief but compelling overview of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching and a summary of the scriptural and historical context for their development. (9 min.) In part 2, each theme is highlighted through the living examples of six extraordinary individuals and a couple who offer insight and inspiration as they share their own commitments to promoting justice and peace in the world today. (19 min.)

**Invisible Chapel, The**

**DV1113** 31 min. Audience Senior High, Young Adult, Adult  
Gatekeeper Productions, 2007

For over twenty years a migrant chapel remained invisible to the wealthy residents of a San Diego, CA neighborhood. Every Sunday parish volunteers provided humanitarian assistance and held a church service for over 100 impoverished agricultural, construction and service industry workers from Mexico. Local neighbors, along with the San Diego Minutemen and a talk-radio host clashed with the mostly undocumented immigrant congregation. The ensuing conflict forced the migrants and volunteers out of their sacred space and ultimately caused the demolition of their place of worship. Award-winning filmmaker, John Carlos Grey captures the enduring story of faith and perseverance pitted against fear and the heated immigration debate. Bonus features include interviews with Bishop Gerald Barnes, Amanda F. Susskind, Attorney Claudia Smith, Daniel Groody and Michael Akong.

**Keeping the Earth: Religious and Scientific Perspectives on the Environment**

**DV1139** 27 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Union of Concerned Scientists, 1996

Quoting from the Old Testament, James Earl Jones narrates this inspirational and beautifully filmed video that calls on all Americans to serve as good stewards of the natural world. Prominent scientists and religious leaders offer their perspectives on the need to protect our environment and the diverse species that share it. Nature is God's gift to existence. A partnership between science and religion is needed to respond to these problems.

**Line in the Sand, The: Stories from the U.S./Mexico Border—**

**DV1128** 49 min. Audience: Senior High, Young Adult, Adult  
Catholic Relief Services, 2006

Below the headlines and between the borders, this film reveals the gripping dramas played out every day and night along the border. In August, 2005, Catholic Relief Services sent a team of writers and actors to the Arizona-Mexico border to study migration. The group spoke to a variety of people affected by the issue, and turned those interviews into this powerful stage performance.

**Marketplace Prophets: Voices for Justice in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

**V0465** 60 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
U.S. Catholic Conference, 1991

Voices For Justice In The 20th Century, a documentary reviewing 100 years of Catholic social teaching, examines how that teaching has developed and been implemented since *Rerum Novarum*. Highlighting the social, economic and industrial upheavals in Europe and the United States, this presentation shows a Catholic Church that separated its concerns from those of the world. It also features the organizations of the institutional Catholic Church that currently work to break the cycle of injustice here and abroad. Through its profiles, the program

demonstrates that for the Catholic Church the "marketplace" includes the halls of Congress, the streets of the city and the fields of third world countries. Study guide.

### **Mouse's Tale, The**

**V0810** 9 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Australian Catholic Relief, undated

This animated video presents the story of a well-fed cat confronted by his "conscience," a mouse, as he reads in a newspaper that cats are starving in Africa. The mouse challenges the cat with some of the basic issues involved in food crises, such as rights to land, jobs, income, education, literacy, credit, health, hygiene, government aid and community development.

### **Operation Rice Bowl**

**V0493** 9 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
Catholic Relief Services, 1997

"For I was hungry and you gave me food." Through Operation Rice Bowl and Catholic Relief Services, programs are provided to assist those less fortunate. Operation Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program of prayer, fasting, education, and almsgiving. Children of different age levels compare what they have with what the poor must exist on. Through the image of the rice bowl, we are reminded of the unity of the human family and the dignity of each and every person.

### **Outside the Lucky**

**V0612** 20 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Phoenix/BFA, 1991

C.P., a homeless person, lives by panhandling outside a supermarket called Lucky. When a representative from the World Hunger Organization is assigned to solicit donations outside the same market, C.P. suddenly finds his meager source of income threatened. The ensuing turf battle becomes a battle of wills, as C.P. stands his ground and the World Hunger rep comes to understand the true meaning of charity and sacrifice.

### **Rebuilding Hope after the Tsunami**

**DV1130** 10 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Catholic Relief Services, 2008

The tsunami that struck Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India on December 26, 2004 left coastal areas of these nations devastated. Within six weeks, Catholic Relief Services had committed to an effort that was the biggest in its 65-year history. A 5-year plan was developed to accomplish the reconstruction and replacement of homes, hospitals and vital services such as water and sanitation systems and to "build back better." Millions of dollars in aid poured into CRS. In Dec. 2007, their efforts to date were celebrated.

### **Richest Dog in the World, The**

**V0811** 10 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Australian Catholic Relief, undated

This animated video is about a very wealthy dog named Fido who is challenged by a flea named Felicity. She challenges him to re-evaluate his thoughts on the plight of the world's poor and to examine ways in which we can effectively assist them to overcome their poverty and oppression. The major issues dealt with are aid imbalance, interdependence, empowering the poor, and limits to growth.

### **Romero**

**V0534 or DV0534** 105 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
Rare Movie Imports, 1989

Romero, starring Raul Julia, is a compelling and deeply moving look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who made the ultimate sacrifice in a passionate stand against social injustice and oppression in his country, a stand that led to his assassination in 1980 at the hands of the right-wing death squads of El Salvador. DVD is close captioned for the hearing impaired with English or Spanish subtitles.

### **Strangers No Longer**

**DV1125** 16 & 22 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003

This program invites us to open our hearts and minds and identify with today's immigrants. It invites us to look into our past and notice the similarities that exist between ourselves and our ancestors when they came to this great land, and those who are arriving now. We are made aware of the many global implications that cause people to migrate to the USA, including our need for more workers. It reminds us of our moral responsibility to actively live our faith and our obligation to be a voice of change so that newcomers are strangers no longer. Discussion guide. Two versions. Both versions with Spanish subtitles.

### **Talking about the Death Penalty**

**V0920** 10 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High  
Indiana Catholic Conference, 1999

This short program takes a look at the teachings of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* on the death penalty.

### **We Are Called: Catholic Social Teaching for Today**

**V0941** 22 min. Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Young Adult  
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis, 2001

Clear and concise explanations of the principles of Catholic Social teaching are provided by Fr. John Forliti and others. Everyday people share their stories of how they live by these principals. Good background music.

### **What Catholics Believe About...Rights, Freedoms, and Responsibilities (revised)**

**DV1077R** 26 min. Audience: Adult, RCIA, Senior High

DARA Publications, 2007

Questions pertaining to God's gifts to us and the responsibilities that accompany those gifts are answered. There are also answers to questions about freedom and the Church's position on life, liberty, happiness, discernment, conscience, and authority. Host, Fr. Jeff Vomund asks questions about various aspects of Catholic belief on the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults and invites the viewer to pick the correct answer from several possibilities. Candid "people in the pew" provide their responses. Some of their answers are incorrect, so Fr. Joe Classen follows with a concise correct explanation. Study guide.

### **Who Are My Sisters and Brothers?**

**V1124** 30 min. Audience: Senior High, Adult

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1998

This is the story of three Catholic parishes including one in Green Bay, WI, that have discovered in the newcomer, the face of Christ, in the immigration debate in our nation. Who are these people and how is the Church reaching out to them? A personal look at some of the human faces behind the immigration debate in our nation, this video examines why people are on the move around the world, who they are, and how our Church is reaching out to them. Today, more than a million immigrants and refugees continue to come to our shores each year. They come to reunite with family, to find suitable work, or to escape persecution and civil unrest. 30 min. Discussion guide.

### **Whose World Is It? (Questions of Faith IV Series)**

**V0256C** 22 min. Audience: Adult

EcuFilm, 1992

Theologians and others respond to the questions: What should be our attitude toward nature? What can we do about the environment?

### **Yo Trabajo la Tierra (I Work the Land)**

**V0880** 12 min. Audience: Adult, Senior High, Junior High, Spanish

U.S. Catholic Conference, 2000

This is a visual meditation about the dignity of work and the serenity of faith. With almost no dialogue, this intimate portrait of a farm-working family reveals the toils and pleasure of summer work in the American Midwest.

### **Other Resources:**

#### **“Why Catholics Care for Creation”**

*Catholic Update*, October 2008. St. Anthony Messenger Press.

## **Videos available from the Office of Justice and Pastoral Outreach:**

### **Among the People: Facing Poverty in America**

VHS 53 min.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002

Among the People is a journey of hope and a moving portrayal of how the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is helping projects in impoverished communities throughout the United States to break free of the brutal cycle of poverty. This 2002 video was originally broadcast on the Hallmark Channel and on many NBC-TV affiliates.

### **Many Faces in God's House**

VHS 17 min. Audience: Adult

U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2002

This colorful and inspiring video leads viewers on a journey of discovery to the many hidden riches present within our culturally diverse communities. In on-camera interviews, parish, diocesan, and national leaders share their insights on how to bring unity out of diversity, rejoicing in our different languages and cultures yet proclaiming the same faith and one reign of God. Ideal for use by parishes and dioceses to open dialogues and train leaders in multicultural ministry. Closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

### **Our Global Family: Solidarity in Action**

VHS 18 min.

Catholic Relief Services

### **Africa Rising: Hope and Healing**

VHS

Catholic Relief Services

### **Journey of Hope**

VHS Audience: High School, Adult

Catholic Relief Services

This video highlights the lives and work of three Africans, all of whom have dedicated their lives to improving their communities challenged by HIV/AIDS, poverty and lack of education.

### **HIV/AIDS: Hope and Dignity in the Developing World**

DVD

Catholic Relief Services

### **AIDs Relief: Providing Treatment, Restoring Hope in Zambia**

DVD

Catholic Relief Services

## **AV Materials NOT in the AV Library:**

### **All or Nothing: A Parable of Hope for the Earth**

VHS            11 min.            Audience: Senior High, Adult

Franciscan Communications, no date

This video depicts the days of Creation, when Adam and Eve desert God. They and their descendants plunder the Earth, making weapons and exploiting the world's resources only to adorn and satisfy themselves. Finally a child recognizes the cruelty around her and seeks to restore harmony to the Earth.

### **Church Without Borders**

VHS            60 min.            Audience: Junior High, Senior High, Adult

U.S. Catholic Conference, 2001

This video examines the experiences of young people from the United States and Latin America who share their faith through creative inter-American missionary programs. During the last five centuries, missionaries have dedicated their lives to bringing Christianity to the Americas. As a result of their efforts, churches were built, schools begun, and entire communities formed. *Church without Borders* also illustrates the need for all Catholics to appreciate the traditions and cultures that every Catholic brings to the faith and shows how each has a connection in Christ.

### **Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey**

DVD            33 min.            Audience: Senior High, Young Adult, Adult

Groody River Films Production, 2006

This program takes a profound look at the human face of the migrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, church and congressional leaders, activist, musicians, and the immigrants themselves, this film explores the places of conflict, pain and hope along the U.S.-Mexico border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of it all.

### **Let Justice Flourish: A Reflection on Catholic Social Teaching**

VHS            18 min.            Audience: High School, Adult

Catholic Health Association, 1999

This reflection on Catholic Social Teaching blends the words of the Hebrew prophets with the words of Jesus and the teachings of the Popes and United States Bishops. It includes discussion questions and a prayer service.

### **Lives for Sale: A Documentary on Immigration and Human Trafficking**

DVD            58 min.            Audience: Adult

Maryknoll World Production, 2006

This harrowing film on immigration and human trafficking goes beyond the rhetoric to show why immigrants are willing to risk everything—even virtual slavery—for the American Dream. While politicians, activists and the media wrestle with the thorny issue of immigration, this new investigative documentary

exposes the painful, rarely seen human side of illegal immigration; especially the growing black market trade in human beings.

**Ties That Bind, The**

VHS            56 min.            Audience: Adult

Maryknoll World Production, 1996

This film looks at the human dramas behind the debate over U.S. immigration policy. The one-hour program roams both sides of the Texas-Mexico border to present the human face of immigrants and their families. Includes: Good Neighbors and Tall Fences, Just Between Us, and The Common Bond.

**Treasure Revealed, A: Migrant Workers in our Midst**

VHS

Diocese of Rochester, MN, 2004

This documentary won the 2004 Telly Award for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

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