

<b>Title:</b> Catholic Social Teaching	<b>Author:</b> Augustine Institute
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<b>Subject</b> (e.g. Prayer, Family Life, Sacraments, Saints, Bible Study, Moral Conduct, Social Justice) Catholic Social Ministry	
<p><b>1. What is this book about? (describe briefly)</b>  The various capacities by which we care for others are key to being disciples of Christ. Living only to serve ourselves, being autonomous, is contrary to the love which Christ modeled for mankind to emulate. We are to be socially responsible, giving caring attention to those who need it, much like Mother Teresa did, who later was made a saint. She stated that, "we all hunger for love." Whether that love is shown within the family or to the outer community, there remains always a need for mercy to be given to each other, and in doing so, our society has a chance to manifest what he wants us to be, which is all encompassing love like our Savoir. This is contrary to the Devil's desire for us to be mean-spirited and selfish, aloof to the pain of others.</p>	
<p><b>2. What main message does the author convey?</b>  Our good intentions to serve the Lord are frequently derailed by the many distractions in our lives. Our personal desires then take preference to God's desires. We are charged with protecting the most vulnerable in society rather than rationalizing our selfishness. Pope John Paul II stated that we live in a "culture of death." It is up to mankind to change this destructive way of life. With prayer we begin to counter this death culture. We begin to become pleasing to God. We do his will. That is the main message.</p>	
<p><b>3. What inspired you the most about this book, and why would you recommend it?</b>  This DVD was presented by the religious scholars at The Augustine Institute. They presented the material in a question and answer format understandable to the average person. It gave much food for thought. I feel that many people will be intrigued by the subject matter and that it may spark positive changes as discussion ensues subsequent to group viewing by interested parties.</p>	
<p><b>4. Who would benefit from reading this book?</b>  Who wouldn't benefit?</p>	
<p><b>5. Any other impressions:</b>  Some people don't care to read books. DVD format can present a lot of material without a great expense of time.</p>	