

Immaculate Church of Mary Church
Course of the Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church
Spring Course 2021

I. Course Description

This course offers a complete overview of the Social Doctrine of Catholic Church teaching. It describes the principles and major themes of the social doctrine and seeks to analyze the main challenges Catholics face in the present age.

II. Course Outcome

This course proposes a general study of the social teaching of the Church, emphasizing the importance of living and facing the different challenges that life presents us under the following moral values: truth, freedom, justice, mercy and love.

III. Course Outline and Goals

Students will learn the basic principles of the Catholic Social Doctrine: human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity.

Students will review the major themes in Catholic Social Doctrine:

- Human Life
- Promoting Peace
- Marriage and Family life
- Religious Freedom
- Preferential Option for the Poor and Economic Justice
- Health Care
- Migration
- Catholic Education
- Promoting Justice and Countering Violence
- Combatting Unjust Discrimination
- Care for Our Common Home
- Communications, Media, and Culture
- Global Solidarity, Secularism, Materialism, Individualism

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IV. Instructional Methods

- Lectures (9 weeks, dates attached)
- Discussion
- Weekly Homework

Note: Material provided in advance to discuss in the meetings

V. Textbooks Required

1. *THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*, The Didache Series, Midwest Theological Forum, by Mike Aquilina. (Provided with Registration)
2. *FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. Washington, DC, 2005. (Available on PDF)
3. Podcast, Discerning Hearts.com. Deacon Omar Gutierrez (Links below)

VI. Other Resources

1. COMPENDIUM OF THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH.

Week	Theme	Readings From Text 1 & 2	Podcast Links
04/13	Overview	Text 1 (pg 1-95) Pg (125-126)	
04/20	Principles of Social Doctrine	Text 1.(pg 97-116)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn27-regnum-novum-the-common-good-in-the-compendium-of-social-doctrine-chap-4-section-5-6/

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04/27	Human Life//Promoting Peace	Text 2 (pg 28-30) Text 1 (pg 119-122)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn38-regnum-novum-safeguarding-environment-compendium-social-doctrine-chap-11/
05/04	Marriage and family life Religious freedom	Text 2 (pg 30-32) Text 1 (pg 122-124)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn29-marriage-the-foundation-of-the-family-in-the-compendium-of-social-doctrine-chap-5-regnum-novum-w-omar-gutierrez-podcast/
05/11	Preferential Option for the Poor and Economic Justice/Health Care	Text 2 (pg 32-34) Text 1 (pg 126-128,129)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn33-regnum-novum-the-right-to-work-and-the-issue-of-immigration-in-the-compendium-of-social-doctrine-chap-6/
05/18	Migration/Catholic Education	Text 2 (pg 34-35) Text 1 (pg 131)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn32-regnum-novum-the-right-to-work-and-the-issue-of-immigration-in-the-compendium-of-social-doctrine-chap-6/
05/25	Promoting Justice and Countering Violence/ Combating Unjust Discrimination	Text 2 (pg 35-36)	
06/01	Care for Our Common Home/ Communication, Media and Culture	Text 2 (pg 36-37) Text 1 (pg 138-140)	https://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/rn37-regnum-novum-safeguarding-environment-compendium-social-doctrine-chap-10/
06/08	Global Solidarity. Today's challenges of secularism	Text 2 (pg 38-39) Text 1 (pg 189-195)	

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