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Catholic Social Teaching

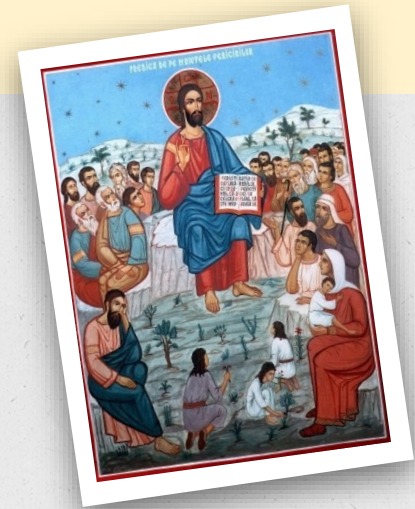
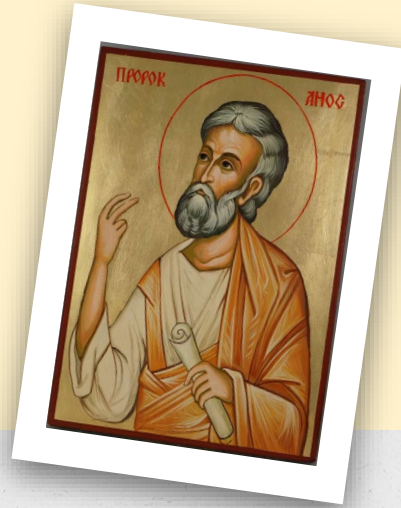
1. What is Catholic Social Teaching?
2. What are its origins?
3. What are the main themes?
4. What documents are considered Catholic Social Teaching?
5. Are we still working on Catholic Social Teaching?

What is Catholic
Social Teaching?

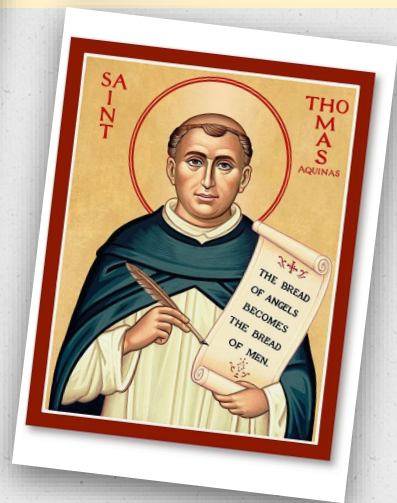
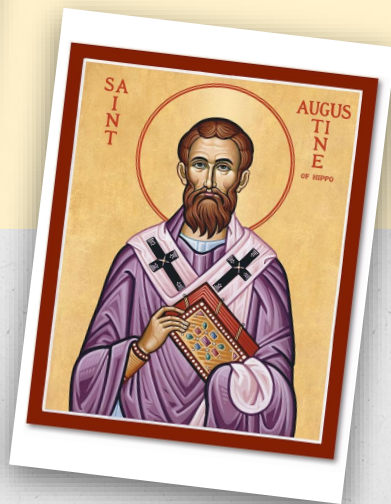
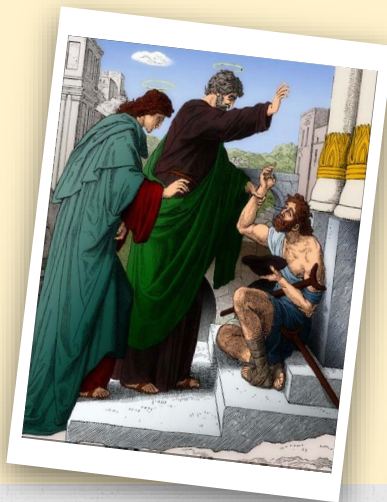
The social doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, which is articulated as she interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, in the light of the truth of Revelation.

What are its origins?

Scripture

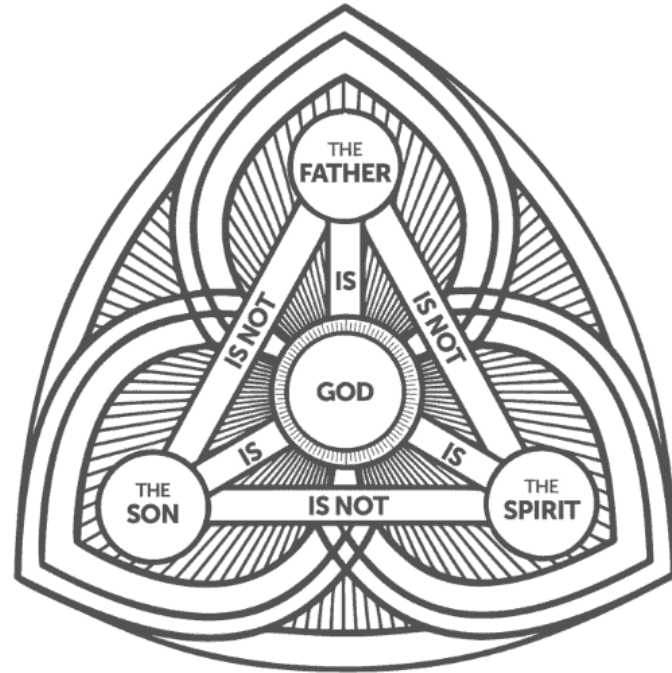


Tradition



What are the
main themes?

Our Experience of God



JUSTICE

“Justice is the moral
virtue that consists in
the constant and firm
will to give their due to
God and neighbor.”

- CCC 1807

Commutative

Distributive

Legal

**SOCIAL
JUSTICE**

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Life & Dignity of
the Human Person

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Call to Family,
Community, and
Participation

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Rights &
Responsibilities

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Option for the
Poor & Vulnerable

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

The Dignity of Work
& the Rights of
Workers

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Solidarity

Themes of
Catholic
Social Teaching

Care for
God's Creation

What documents are considered
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Papal Encyclicals:

- *Rerum Novarum (On Capital & Labor)* - Pope Leo XIII, 1891
- *Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)* - Pope John XXIII, 1963
- *Populorum Progressio (On the Development of People)* - Pope Paul VI, 1967
- *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)* - Pope John Paul II, 1995
- *Deus Caritas Est (God is Love)* - Pope Benedict XVI, 2005
- *Laudato Si (On Care for Our Common Home)* - Pope Francis, 2015

Social Justice Documents from the USCCB:

- *Brothers and Sisters to Us: US Catholic Bishops Pastoral Letter on Racism*, 1979
- *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise & Our Response*, 1983
- *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges & Directions*, 1999
- *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good*, 2001
- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, 2020

Apostolic Letters:

Octogesima Adveniens (A Call to Action) - Pope Paul VI

Apostolic Exhortations:

Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) - Pope Francis

Are we still working on
Catholic Social
Teaching?

“If you want peace,
work for justice.”

— Pope Saint Paul VI

