Catholic Social Teaching has been part of the historical unfolding of Christianity through the centuries as the Church responded to the needs of the human community. In 1891, the Catholic Church began to formalize a conceptual framework for social concerns through the publication of a papal encyclical, the Condition of Labor. Throughout the last century, the Church has responded to social, economic and political events throughout the world by addressing in a normative framework such concepts as solidarity, the common good, a just wage, human rights, private property, a free economy, subsidiarity, the preferential option for the poor, and the dignity of human work.

The Church’s Social Teaching can be translated into social legislation and other normative regimes only if the contemporary legal structure of nations impacted significantly by the Church are compared and contrasted and supra national and international influences are considered. United States law, European Community law, regional and international law will be addressed in light of the encyclicals, where relevant.

The seminar is designed to address thirteen topics in thirteen sessions. The format will be discussion of distributed materials in two hour weekly seminar sessions. You will be required to submit a paper at the end of the seminar on a topic related to course material. Enrollment will be open to law students as an elective and will satisfy the seminar requirement.

Texts of most encyclicals can be obtained at: 
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/doclist.htm

An Excellent Bibliography on Catholic Legal Education: 
http://www.law.cua.edu/bibliography/catholic.pdf

Class Schedule - (Subject to change)

**January 11**

a) Historical and Intellectual Origins of CST

*Rerum Novarum – On the Condition of the Working Classes*  
http://osjspm.org/cst/rn.htm  
Leo XIII (1891)

b) Natural Law in Catholic Social Teaching

**Recommended Reading**


January 18

a) Quadragesimo Anno – On Reconstruction of the Social Order  
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/qa.htm  
Pius XI (1931)

b) Compatibility of Church/State Relations – possibilities and concerns  
Dignitatis Huamanae – Declaration on Religious Freedom  
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/chr.htm  
Paul VI (1965)

c) Separation of Church and State  
First Amendment to the United States Constitution

Recommended Reading


January 25

a) The Common Good in Catholic Social Teaching

The first two of the following four readings will be the main focus of class discussion.

Mater et Magistra – Christianity and Social Progress  
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/mm.htm  
John XXIII (1961)

Gaudium et Spes – Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World - Part I  
Second Vatican Council (1965)

Also see:

Solicitudo Rei Socialis – On Social Concern  
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/srs.htm  
John Paul II (1987)

The Common Good and the Catholic Church’s Social Tradition  
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/british.htm  

b) The Common Good in the Legal Tradition:

– Canon law and scholastic sources of the common good
– Civil law applications of the common good
– Common law applications of the common good
– Equity and the common good
Recommended Reading


See the following:
- Charles E. Curran, "The Common Good and Official Catholic Teaching"
- Ralph McInerny, "The Primacy of the Common Good"
- Michael Novak, "Free Persons and the Common Good"
- Charles C. West, "The Common Good and the Participation of the Poor"
- J. Philip Wogaman, "The Common Good and Economic Life"


February 1

Environment

Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good
http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/international/globalclimate.htm
U.S. Catholic Bishops (2001)

A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge
http://www.catholicearthcareoz.net/socialjustice.html
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2002)

"International Solidarity Needed to Safeguard Environment,"
Address by John Paul II to the European Bureau for the Environment,
L'Osservatore Romano (June 26, 1996)

The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility
John Paul II, 1990

Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/renew.pdf
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1992

What's Happening to Our Beautiful Land
http://www.aenet.org/haribon/bishops.htm
Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, 1988

Encyclical References

Rerum Novarum (11-12; 57)
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/rn.htm

Gaudium et Spes (9; 12; 57; 63)
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/gs.htm

Mater et Magistra (189)
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/mm.htm

Centesimus Annus (37-38)
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/ca.htm
Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (106-108)
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/e&w.htm

Legal References

– Endangered Species Act
http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c105:H.R.2351:

– Clean Water Act
http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode33/usc_sec_33_00001251----000-.html

– Law of the Sea

http://www.worldpolicy.org/globalrights/environment/envright.html

Mark Wallace's Religion and Ecology Links (Dr. Wallace is Chair of the Religion Department, Swarthmore College)
http://www.swarthmore.edu/Humanities/mwallac1/mark.links.html

Recommended Reading


Sean McDonagh, SSC, To Care for the Earth: A Call to a New Theology, (Santa Fe, NM: Bear and Company Books, 1987).


February 8

Human Rights in Catholic Social Teaching

Fundamental human rights and the economic, political, legal and social structures to achieve these rights

Pacem in Terris – Peace on Earth
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/pt.htm
John XXIII (1963)

Rerum Novarum – On the Condition of the Working Classes
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/rn.htm
Leo XIII (1891)
Paragraphs 31-39, 46-49, 51-62- and 71
Quadragesimo Anno – On Reconstruction of the Social Order
http://www.osispw.org/cst/qa.htm
Pius XI (1931)

Also see:

The Church and Human Rights
Vatican's Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace (1975)

Justice, Peace, and Human Rights: American Catholic Social Ethics in a Pluralistic Context

Recommended Reading


February 15

Human Rights in the Legal Tradition
Guest: Prof. Beth Lyon

http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/child.htm

- The United States Constitution and human rights: the rights of citizens and persons. The Due Process Clauses, the Privileges and Immunities Clause, economic rights and the Commerce Clause
  – State Constitutional protections of human rights
  – Federal legislative responses to human rights guarantees; labor laws, workplace regulation, civil rights, prohibitions on status discrimination, sex discrimination, age discrimination, discrimination against persons with disabilities, affirmative action
  – Regional supra national law and human rights: the European Economic Community, the Organization of American States
  – International human rights regimes: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Web Resources:

Amnesty International
http://www.amnestyusa.org/

Human Rights Watch
http://www.hrw.org/

Human Rights USA Resource Center
http://www.hrusa.org/
February 22

Property Rights

The following text will be the primary focus of class discussion:

Centesimus Annus – On the Hundreth Anniversary of Rerum Novarum
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/ca.htm
John Paul II (1991)

Also see:

Rerum Novarum – On the Condition of the Working Classes
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/rn.htm
Leo XIII (1891)

Quadragesimo Anno – The Reconstruction of the Social Order
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/qa.htm
Pius XI (1931)

– Common Law property principles, real and personal. Restrictions on the ownership and use of property. Dedication of property to public and social purposes
– Civil Law property principles. Restrictions on use and alienation
– Socialist law and ownership of property
– European Community regimes in relation to property
– International law and property rights

Recommended Reading


March 1

CST and Public Policy Initiatives

Guest: Fr. Andrew Small, J.D.
Policy Advisor, Economic Development for the USCCB, Office for International Justice and Peace

Readings / Handouts forthcoming

March 15

Human Work

The following text will be the primary focus of class discussion:

Laborem Exercens – On Human Work
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/le.htm
John Paul II (1986)
Also see:

*Mater et Magistra – Christianity and Social Progress*
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/mm.htm
John XXIII (1961)

*Solicitude Rei Socialis – On Social Concerns*
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/srs.htm
John Paul II (1988)

- Just remuneration for work done (just wage)
- Dignity of work/spirituality of work / priority of the worker
- Organized Labor Unions
- Rights to Health Care - work benefits
- European Comprehensive Health Law
- Access to Health Care
- National Labor Relations Act and United States labor regimes
- Supra National regulation of labor unions: The European Economic
Community: the International Labor Organization

**Recommended Reading**


**March 22**

Economic Structures and CST

Guest: Dr. Robert DeFina
Professor of Economics, Villanova University

The following text will be the primary focus of class discussion:

*Economic Justice for All – Pastoral Letter on the U.S. Economy*
http://www.osjspm.org/cst/eja.htm
U.S. Catholic Bishops (1986)

- Tax structures and justice, the goal of distributive justice
- United States tax theory and progressive taxation; tax as redistribution;
tax as an instrument of political policy; tax structures and tax
avoidance; extraterritorial taxation and international policy.
- Regional tax structures
- Tax treaty as an instrument of national or international policy
- The planned economy and the free economy and the regulated economy,
political structures and social goals

**Recommended Reading**


See the following:
- Ernest Burtell, CSC, "Private Goods as an Effective Moral Norm for the United States: Another Look at Economics and Ethics in Catholic Social Teaching"
- Gerald F. Cavanaugh, SJ," The Common Good as Effective Moral Norm for the U.S."
- Charles K. Wilber, "Economic Theory and the Common Good."
- David Vogel, "The International Economy and the Common Good."

March 29

Rights of Women

"Rerum Novarum and Its Critics on Social and Sexual Hierarchies"

"Women and Children Last: The Social and Economic Consequences of Divorce Law Reforms"

- Feminization of Poverty
- The Catholic Community and women; feminist theology
- The Church and women
- United States - differentiation and discrimination on the basis of sex, Title IX, Title VII
- Supra national regimes and the rights of women: the European Economic Community
- International human rights: the United Nations, Declarations, international human rights regimes and women
- Affirmative Action Public Policies
- Social Security reform for all women
- Equal Pay for Equal Work

Recommended Reading


Web Resources:

Women Watch
http://www.un.org/womenwatch/

Women’s Human Rights Database Group (DIANA)
http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana/

Women’s NET
http://www.igc.org/

Women INK
http://www.womenink.org/
United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women
http://www.un.org/Conferences/Women/

– Principles underlying Federal and State rights related to work, compensation and terms and conditions of employment
– Supra national legal regimes; the European Economic Community and work, compensation and terms and conditions of employment

International Labor Rights Fund
http://www.laborrights.org/

National Labor Committee for Worker and Human Rights
http://www.nlcnet.org/news/

Sweatshop Watch
http://www.sweatshopwatch.org/

Child Labor Coalition
http://www.stopchildlabor.org/

Child Labor Coalition – USA
http://www.natlconsumersleague.org/clc.htm

April 5 and 12

Concerns of the Developing World

The Medellin Conference Documents
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/medellin.htm
Second meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (1968)

The Puebla Conference Document
http://www67.homepage.villanova.edu/barbara.wall/cstdocs/puebla.pdf
Third meeting of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (1979)

Justice and Evangelization in Africa
Statement of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (1981)

Evangelization in Modern Day Asia
First Planning Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conference (1974)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
United Nations adopted in 1979

– International norms and equality of status; economic, political, religious, and social recognition of rights

Recommended Reading


See the following:

- Marcos McGrath, "The Impact of Gadium et Spes, Medellin, Puebla and Pastoral Creativity"
- Juan Carlos Scannone, "Evangelization of Culture, Liberation, and Popular Culture: The New Theological Pastoral Synthesis in Latin America."
- Bryan J. Hehir, "The Peace Pastoral and Global Mission: Development Beyond Vatican II.


April 19

Presentations