

Catholic Social Teaching

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12 Lectures (5 CDs) Including Electronic Study Guide

What do you most want to know about Catholic Social Teaching?

Religion has always wrestled with issues of social order. Both the Old and New Testaments are rich with tales of justice and injustice. Yet religion is often portrayed as a private affair of the heart. This series is about social engagement and the Christian tradition.

With Fr. Tom Massaro as your guide, you will:

- explore our Church's special tradition,
- understand the dialogue between religion and society,
- today's efforts at an advancing "public church" stance.
- gain a deep understanding of the history and application of Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

Catholic Social Teaching connects faith to the topics that affect us the most in our daily lives. Deeply rooted in thousands of years of tradition and scripture, Catholic Social Teaching serves to teach us more about the world we live in, how to help the people around us and how to better ourselves as Catholics.

About the Presenter: Thomas Massaro, S.J., Ph.D. is Professor of Moral Theology and Director of the S.T.L. program at the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College.

After education at Regis High School in Manhattan, New York, and Amherst College, he entered the Society of Jesus in Boston in 1983. His years of formation included philosophy studies at Fordham University, regency at Bishop Connolly High School, and theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge. He was ordained a priest in 1993. He completed a doctorate in Christian social ethics at Emory University in 1997 and began teaching at Weston. As Professor of Moral Theology, he teaches courses in social ethics, Christian political thought and the role of religion in public life.

He has authored or edited five books, has published many articles, and lectures frequently on topics including Catholic social teaching and the moral evaluation of public policies regarding domestic and international issues, including foreign policy, anti-poverty efforts and globalization.

Topic Titles

- Religious Contributions to Public Life
- Church and Culture: How to Understand the 'Public Church' Approach
- The History of Catholic Social Teaching
- The Four Major Sources of Catholic Social Teaching
- Three Fundamental Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
- Three Sets of Principles for Social Institutions
- Three Key Areas of Contemporary Concern
- Catholic Social Principles and their Applications
- Catholic Critiques of Capitalism and Socialism
- The Future of Catholic Social Teaching: Four Continuities to Expect
- Two New Challenges: The Environment and Globalization
- Spreading the Word about Catholic Social Teaching