

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) refers to the corpus of authoritative ecclesiastical teaching, usually in the form of papal encyclicals, on social matters, beginning with Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (1891) and running through Pope Francis. CST is not a social science and its texts are not pragmatic primers for social activists. It is a normative exercise of Church teaching, a kind of comprehensive applied – although far from systematic – social moral theology.

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Abbreviations

Ecclesiastical Documents of Catholic Social Teaching

- AAS** *Acta Apostolicae Sedis* (Official Acts of the Holy See)
AP *Aeterni Patris* (On the Restoration of Christian Philosophy) Leo XIII (1879)
AM *Africae Munus* (On the Church in Africa) Benedict XVI (2011)
ASS *Acta Sanctae Sedis* (Official Acts of the Holy See pre-1908)
AV *Amantissima Voluntatis* (To the English People) Leo XIII (1895)
AL *Amoris Laetitia* (On Love in the Family) Francis (2016)
AS *Annum Sacrum* (On Consecration to the Sacred Heart) Leo XIII (1899)
AM *Quod Apostolici Muneris* (On Socialism) Leo XIII (1878)
AA *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (Decree on the Apostolate of Laity) Vatican II (1965)
AD *Arcanum Divinae* (On Christian Marriage) Leo XIII (1880)
AQ *Auspicia Quaedam* (On Public Prayers for World Peace and Solution of the Problem of Palestine) Pius XII (1948)
CV *Caritas in Veritate* (On Integral Human Development in Charity & Truth) Benedict XVI (2009)
CC *Casti Connubii* (On Christian Marriage) Pius XI (1930)
CA *Centesimus Annus* (On the 100th Anniversary of *Rerum novarum*) John Paul II (1991)
CCC *Catechism of the Catholic Church, editio typica*, John Paul II (1997)
CL *Christifideles Laici* (On the Vocation and the Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World) John Paul II (1988)
CID *Communium Interpretes Dolorum* (Appealing for Prayers for Peace During May) Pius XII (1945)

- CSDC** *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2004)
- DN** *Datis Nuperrime* (Lamenting the Sorrowful Events in Hungary and Condemning the Ruthless Use of Force) Pius XII (1956)
- DF** *Dei Filius* (On the Catholic Faith) Vatican I (1870)
- DCE** *Deus Caritas Est* (On Christian Love) Benedict XVI (2005)
- DH** *Dignitatis Humanae* (On Religious Liberty) Vatican II (1965)
- DP** *Dignitas Personae* (Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (2008)
- DR** *Divini Redemptoris* (On Atheist Communism) Pius XI (1937)
- DIM** *Divini Illius Magistri* (On Christian Education) Pius XI (1929)
- D** *Diuturnum* (On the Origin of Civil Power) Leo XIII (1881)
- DV** *Donum Vitae* (Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1987)
- DC** *Dominicae Cenaе* (On the Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist) John Paul II (1980)
- EA** *Ecclesia in America* (On the Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America) John Paul II (1999)
- EE** *Ecclesia in Europa* (On Jesus Christ, Alive in His Church, the Source of Hope for Europe) John Paul II (2003)
- EJFA** *Economic Justice for All* (U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter) (1986)
- EG** *Evangelii Gaudium* (On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World) Francis (2013)
- EN** *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (On Evangelization in the Modern World) Paul VI (1975)
- EV** *Evangelium Vitae* (On the Value and Inviolability of Human Life) John Paul II (1995)
- EF** *Exsul Familia* (Apostolic Constitution on Migration) Pius XII (1952)
- FC** *Familiaris Consortio* (On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World) John Paul II (1981)
- FR** *Fides et Ratio* (On the Relationship between Faith and Reason) John Paul II (1998)
- FCo** *Firmissimam Constantiam* (On the Religious Situation in Mexico) Pius XI (1937)
- GC** *Graves De Communi Re* (On Christian Democracy) Leo XIII (1901)
- GE** *Gravissimum Educationis* (Declaration on Christian Education) Paul VI (1965)

- GS** *Gaudium et Spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) Vatican II (1965)
- HV** *Humanae Vitae* (On the Regulation of Birth) Paul VI (1968)
- HG** *Humanum Genus* (On Freemasonry) Leo XIII (1884)
- FP** *Il Fermo Proposito* (On Catholic Action in Italy) Pius X (1905)
- ID** *Immortale Dei* (On the Christian Constitution of States) Leo XIII (1885)
- IDC** *Inscrutabili Dei Consilio* (On the Evils of Society) Leo XIII (1878)
- IMC** *In Multiplicibus Curis* (On Prayers for Peace in Palestine) Pius XII (1948)
- LA** *Laetamur Admodum* (Renewing Exhortation for Prayers for Peace for Poland, Hungary, and the Middle East) Pius XII (1956)
- L** *Libertas* (On the Nature of Human Liberty) Leo XIII (1888)
- LC** *Libertatis Conscientia* (Instruction on Christian Freedom and Liberation) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1986)
- LE** *Laborem Exercens* (On Human Work) John Paul II (1981)
- LG** *Lumen Gentium* (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) Paul VI (1964)
- LN** *Libertatis Nuntius* (Instruction on Certain Aspects of the “Theology of Liberation”) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1984)
- LS** *Laudato Si’* (On Care for Our Common Home) Francis (2015)
- LEV** *Luctuosissimi Eventus* (Urging Public Prayers for Peace and Freedom for the People of Hungary) Pius XII (1956)
- LF** *Lumen Fidei* (On Faith) Francis (2013)
- MCC** *Mystici Corporis Christi* (On the Mystical Body of Christ) Pius XII (1943)
- MI** *Mirabile Illud* (On the Crusade of Prayer for Peace) Pius XII (1950)
- MBS** *Mit Brennender Sorge* (On the Church and the German Reich) Pius XI (1937)
- MM** *Mater et Magistra* (On Christianity and Social Progress) John XXIII (1961)
- MP** *Miranda Prorsus* (On Motion Pictures, Radio and Television) Pius XII (1957)
- NEN** *Nostis et Nobiscum* (On the Church in the Pontifical States) Pius IX (1849)
- NMI** *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (At the Close of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000) John Paul II (2001)
- OA** *Octogesima Adveniens* (On the 80th Anniversary of *Rerum novarum*) Paul VI (1971)

- OP** *Optatissima Pax* (On Prescribing Public Prayers for Social and World Peace) Pius XII (1947)
- PDMP** *Pacem, Dei Munus Pulcherrimum* (On Peace and Christian Reconciliation) Benedict XV (1920)
- PT** *Pacem in Terris* (On Establishing Universal Peace in Truth, Justice, Charity, and Liberty) John XXIII (1963)
- PH** *Persona Humana* (Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics) Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1975)
- PP** *Populorum Progressio* (On the Development of Peoples) Paul VI (1967)
- PGP** *Praeclara Gratulationis Publicae* (The Reunion of Christendom) Leo XIII (1894)
- QA** *Quadragesimo Anno* (On Reconstruction of the Social Order: 40th Anniversary of *Rerum novarum*) Pius XI (1931)
- QC** *Quanta Cura* (Condemning Current Errors) Pius IX (1864)
- QAS** *Quarto Abeunte Saeculo* (On the Columbus Quadricentennial) Leo XIII (1892)
- QPr** *Quas Primas* (On the Feast of Christ the King) Pius XI (1925)
- Qe** *Quemadmodum* (Pleading for the Care of the World's Destitute Children) Pius XII (1946)
- QP** *Qui Pluribus* (On Faith and Religion) Pius IX (1846)
- QAM** *Quod Apostolici Muneris* (On Socialism) Leo XIII (1878)
- QID** *Quod Iam Diu* (On the Future Peace Conference) Benedict XV (1918)
- QM** *Quod Multum* (On the Liberty of the Church) Leo XIII (1886)
- RP** *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia* (On Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church Today) John Paul II (1984)
- RM** *Redemptoris Mater* (On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church) John Paul II (1987)
- RN** *Rerum Novarum* (On the Condition of the Working Classes) Leo XIII (1891)
- SC** *Sapientia Christiana* (On Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties) John Paul II (1979)
- SL** *Sertum Laetitiae* (On the Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hierarchy of the United States) Pius XII (1939)
- SQ** *Singulari Quadam* (On Labor Organizations) Pius X (1912)
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- SM** *Summi Maeroris* (On Public Prayers for Peace) Pius XII (1950)

- SP** *Summi Pontificatus* (On the Unity of Human Society) Pius XII (1939)
- TBN** *Testem Benevolentiae Nostrae* (Concerning New Opinions, Virtue, Nature and Grace, With Regard to Americanism) Leo XIII (1899)
- UADC** *Ubi Arcano Dei Consilio* (On the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ) Pius XI (1922)
- VS** *Veritatis Splendor* (On Fundamental Questions of the Church's Moral Teaching) John Paul II (1993)
- VC** *Vita Consecrata* (On the Consecrated Life and Its Mission in the Church and the World) John Paul II (1996)