

Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching Living as a Disciple of Christ Scope and Sequence

The sequence of the course is arranged around the seven principles of Catholic social teaching. This scope and sequence highlights 1) the learning focus question for each chapter; 2) the summary or main idea for each section; 3) all references to the USCCB’s Secondary Level Protocol for his text; 4) Scripture passages quoted in each chapter; 5) primary source quotations taken from Church documents; 6) all references to saints.

	Focus Question	Main Ideas	Key SLP Points	CCC Reference s	Scripture References	Church Documents	Saints
Chapter 1 <i>Social Persons Called to Justice</i>	How does living as a social being lead you to pursue justice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only God can ultimately satisfy you. By looking to Christ and uniting your life to him, you can discover the fuller meaning of your existence. • Each person is a unique individual, and yet, being made in the image of a Trinitarian God gives one a naturally social nature as well. • Justice means “giving others their due.” The three main types of justice are 	IA1 IA2 IA3 IA3a IA3b IB1 IB2a IB2b IB2c IC1 IC1a IC1b 1C1c IC2a IC2b IC2c IC2d IIA9a IIA9b IIB IIB4 IIB6d IIB6e	789, 806, 1731, 1807, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1889, 1928, 2515	Gn 2:18 Ps 103:6 Mt 5:6 22:37 22:39 25: 31–46 Jn 12:32 15:4–5 17:21–22 1 Cor 12:12–31 12:27 13: 1–13 Jas 2:17 1 Jn 4:8	<i>Spe Salve, 40</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes, 22, 24</i> <i>Evangelium Vitae, 36</i> <i>Novo Millennio, 50–51</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes, 26, 69</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate, 2</i> <i>Quadragesimo Anno Rerum Novarum</i> <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 4, 36, 165, 199</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate 1-7</i> <i>Lumen Gentium, 1</i> <i>Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10</i> <i>Mater et Magistra, 1</i> <i>Summa Theologiae, 57</i>	St. Augustine St. John Paul II St. Paul St. John XXIII St. Francis de Sales St. Thomas Aquinas St. Vincent de Paul St. Louise de Marillac Bl. Frédéric Ozanam

		<p>commutative, distributive, and legal. Social justice is the overarching justice that ensures the other three.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice aims at the common good, which is the set of conditions that help the human person flourish. Charity is always essential to justice. Together justice and charity can combat social sin. 	<p>IIC2c IIC4a IIC5a IIC8 IIIA IIIA1c IIIA4c IIIA4ef IIIA7c IIIB IIIB1c6) IIIB4 IVA IVA4b IVA5g IVB IVB4 IVB9c VA1 VA2 VA3 VC1</p>				
<p>Chapter 2 Catholic Social Teaching: Definition and History</p>	<p>How can I participate in the Church’s ministry of service?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church is a guide in your pursuit of justice. The Church’s social teaching is based on the natural law. Salvation History, revealed in Scripture, clearly shows a God who is just and who calls on his people to act 	<p>IB2a IC1 IC1a IC2a IC2b IC2c IC2d IIA1a1) IIA3 IIB1c2) IIB2b IIB3 IIC</p>	<p>2421</p>	<p>Gn 1:1–5 2:15 4:9 Ex 3:7–8 Lv 25:35 Dt 10:18 10:19 14: 28–29 Ps 146:6–9 Prv 31:9 Sir 4:1–9 Is 1:16 Am 5:24</p>	<p><i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 28–29</i> <i>Summa Theologiae Sharing Catholic Social Teaching Rerum Novarum Gaudium et Spes, 1, 23</i> <i>Quadragesimo Anno Mater et Magistra Pacem in Terris</i></p>	<p>St. Francis of Assisi St. Thomas Aquinas St. John Paul II St. Ambrose St. Augustine St. Lawrence St. Elizabeth of Hungary Bl. Pier Giorgio</p>

		<p>in justice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church's mission of justice has continued through the centuries and is embodied in the lives of countless saints and holy people. • The Church has developed systematized Catholic social teaching to meet the particular needs of the modern world. 	<p>IIC2a IIC4b IIc10 IIC12 IIC14 IIc15 IIIA6 IVA4a VA2 VC2</p>	<p>Mi 6:8 Mt 5:3, 6 14:13–21 22:37–39 25:31–46 Mark 2:1–12 Lk 4:18–19 10:30–37 19:10 Jn 3:16 13:1–17 14:6 Acts 2:44–45 Rom 2:14–15 3:21–22 Phil 2:12 Jas 2:14–17</p>	<p><i>Lumen Gentium, 1</i> <i>Populorum</i> <i>Progressio, 41</i> <i>Justicia in Mundo</i> <i>Octogesima</i> <i>Adveniens</i> <i>Laborem Exercens</i> <i>Sollicitudo Rei</i> <i>Socialis, 38</i> <i>Centesimus Annus</i> <i>Evangelium Vitae</i> <i>Fides et Ratio</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate</i> <i>Veritatis Splendor,</i> <i>12</i> <i>Lumen Fidei</i> <i>The Challenge of</i> <i>Peace: God's</i> <i>Promise and Our</i> <i>Response</i> <i>Economic Justice for</i> <i>All</i> <i>Sowing Weapons of</i> <i>War</i> <i>Statement: To End</i> <i>the Death Penalty</i> <i>Culture of Life</i> <i>and the Penalty of</i> <i>Death</i> <i>Dignitatis Humanae</i> <i>Declaration on</i> <i>Religious</i> <i>Freedom</i> <i>Evangelii Nuntiandi</i> <i>Redemptor Hominis</i> <i>Dives in Misericordia</i></p>	<p>Frassati St. Martin de Porres St. Elizabeth Ann Seton St. Gaspar Bl. Frederic Ozanoam St. Katherine Drexel St. Gianna Beretta Molla Dorothy Day Bl. Mother Teresea of Calcutta St. John XXIII St. Peter Claver</p>
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						<i>The Participation of Catholics in Political Life</i> <i>Spe Salvi</i>	
Chapter 3 Life and Dignity of the Human Person	How do you witness to the dignity of every person?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic social teaching is rooted in the belief that every human person has immense dignity; this is the basis for all Catholic social teaching. A person is an end in and of himself or herself; never a means to another's gain. • Human life must be protected from the first moment of conception. Abortion, the direct killing of innocent unborn humans, is an assault on human dignity and is always seriously wrong. • Other beginning-of-life issues that must be considered in light of the Church's teaching 	IIA IIA1a1) IIA1a2) IIA1b IIA1b1)2) IIA1c IIA2a IIA2b IIA2c IIA3 IIA4 IIA5a IIA5b IIA5c IIA5d IIA5e IIA5f IIA6a IIA6b IIA7 IIA8 IIA9a IIA9b IIA9c IIA9d IIA9e IIA10a IIA10b IIB7a1)	1747, 1929, 1937, 2258 – 2283,	Gn 4:1–15 Ps 72 139 139:13–15 Prv 24:8–12 Jer 1:5 Mt 5:38–39 Lk 6:35–37 15:11–32 Jn 1:1–5 8:1–11 Rom 12:14–19 1 Jn 3:11–23	<i>Didache,</i> <i>Declaration on Procured Abortion, 3, 14</i> <i>Evangelium Vitae, 11, 12, 56, 73, 87, 99</i> <i>Dignitas Personae</i> <i>Stem Cell Research and Human Cloning: Questions and Answers</i> <i>Dignitas Personae, 30</i> <i>Donum Vitae</i> <i>Dignitas Personae, 29</i> <i>Living the Gospel of Life, 23</i>	St. John Paul II St. Thomas Aquinas St. Juan Diego

		<p>are embryonic stem cell research and cloning and genetic manipulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every human life has dignity, regardless of the stage of life. This includes those suffering or dying, and even those sentenced to capital punishment. 					
Chapter 4 Rewards and Challenges of Family Life	How can you live a life of chastity that serves the family as the foundation of society?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The human person is inherently social. This call to live as a social being is expressed most authentically within the family. It is thus a moral imperative to preserve the nature of marriage and family in today's world. • Chastity is essential to our sexual integrity and should guide us in all our relationships 	<p>IIB IIB1a1) IIB1a2) IIB1b IIB1c1) IIB1c2) IIB2a IIB2b IIB2c IIB3 IIB4 IIB5 IIB6a IIB6b IIB6c IIB7a2)3) IIB7b IIIA5bc IIIA6</p>	<p>221, 2206, 2207, 2331 – 2345, 2352, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2364, 2368, 2379, 2381</p>	<p>Gn 1:28 2:18 2:24 15:2 30:1 Ps 127:3 Sir 6:14 6:15 Mt 5:28 Lk 1:5-25 Jn 14:18 2 Cor 12:9</p>	<p><i>Caritas in Veritate</i>, 53 <i>Christifideles Laici</i>, 40 <i>Centesimus Annus</i>, 39 <i>Gaudium et Spes</i>, 48. <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>, 217– 218, 227, 228, footnote 461 <i>Humanae Vitae</i>, 12, 16 <i>Sharing Catholic Social Teaching Familiaris Consortio</i>, 1, 3, 6, 8, 11, 13–</p>	<p>St. John Paul II St. Ignatius of Loyola St. Francis Xavier St. Rose of Lima St. Martin de Porres St. John of the Cross St. Teresa of Avila St. Francis of Assisi St. Clare of Assisi St. Thérèse of</p>

		<p>and all our actions. Sins against chastity harm the individual and society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin and social injustices that strike at the root of conjugal love are not consistent with the nature of conjugal love and the call of spouses to be cooperators with God in creating new life. • God instituted the nature of Marriage; it cannot be altered by societal trends. The acceptance of both cohabitation and same-sex unions undermine the dignity of marriage and harm society. 				<p>15, 32 <i>Charter of the Rights of the Family</i></p>	<p>Lisieux Bl. Louis and Zélie Martin</p>
<p>Chapter 5 <i>Rights and Responsibilities</i></p>	<p>What are all people's fundamental human rights, and what are the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God bestows basic human rights—that is, the fundamental rights required for living with dignity. The 	<p>IIA5e IIB6c IIB6d IIB6e IIB6f IIB7a1)</p>	<p>1903, 2234– 2242, 2243</p>	<p>Lk 20:25 Rom 13:1–2 1 Pt 2:13–17</p>	<p><i>Centesimus Annus</i>, 47 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>, 186, 187, 214, 390,</p>	<p>St. John XXIII St. John Paul II St. Paul St. Thomas</p>

	responsibilities that go with them?	<p>most basic of all rights is the right to life. Corresponding to all rights are duties and responsibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principle of subsidiarity establishes a hierarchy of functions and responsibilities. • Government at all of its levels should be founded on the dignity of the human person and should uphold and protect the rights of the family. Just authority must be obeyed, while unjust authority must be resisted. • The Church does not necessarily promote a particular form of government, but acknowledges that those with democratic values are well-suited for 	<p>IIC IIC1a IIC1b IIC1c1) IIC1c2) IIC1x3) IIC1c4) IIC1c5) IIC1x6) IIC2a IIC2b IIC3ab IIC4a IIC4b IIC5a IIC5b IIC5c IIC5d IIC6 IIC7c IIC8 IIC9 IIC10b IIC10c IIC11a IIC11b IIC11c VD1ab VD2</p>			<p>396-398, 407 <i>Quadregesimo Anno</i>, 80 <i>Mater et Magistra</i>, 53 <i>Evangelium Vitae</i>, 71 <i>Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility</i> <i>Pacem in Terris</i>, 11-18, 21, 23, 25-26 <i>Quadragesimo Anno</i>, 79 <i>Charter of the Rights of the Family</i>, 44 <i>Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life</i>, 3 <i>Rerum Novarum Centesimus Annus</i>, 44, 46 <i>Gaudium et Spes</i>, 75</p>	<p>Aquinas St. Charles Borromeo Bl. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini Bl. Louis and Zélie</p>
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		<p>the common good.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to support human rights and promote the common good, Catholic citizens and politicians have a responsibility to follow their informed conscience in making decisions and then acting on them. 					
Chapter 6 Option for the Poor and Vulnerable	How do you serve Christ in the poor?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church gives preferential treatment to the most poor and vulnerable in society. All Christians are called to the “poverty of spirit” described in the first Beatitude, with complete dependence on God for all their needs. • The Old Testament established 	<p>IA1 IIC5b IIC6 IIC7a IIC13 IIIA IIIA1a IIIA1b IIIA1c IIIA2a IIIA2b IIIA2c IIIA3ab IIIA4ab IIIA4c IIIA4d IIIA4ef IIIA5a IIIA5bc</p>	<p>1033, 1397, 1931, 2401, 2443– 2449, 2547</p>	<p>Gn 1:28 Ex 20:15 22:21 Dt 15:7–8 Job 30:25 Ps 82:3–4 Prv 22:22–23 Is 1:17 Am 8:4, 10 Zec 7:9–10 Mt 5:1 7:12 8:20 9:35 25:31–46 25:40 26:11 Mk 6:30–44 10:17–31</p>	<p><i>Centesimus Annus</i>, 31, 32, 57 <i>Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the US Economy</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes</i>, 69 <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church</i>, 171 <i>Rerum Novarum</i>, 22 <i>Evangelii Nuntiandi</i>, 14 <i>Libertatis Conscientia</i>, 68 <i>World Hunger—A Challenge for All: Development in</i></p>	<p>St. John Paul II St. Rose of Lima St. Gregory the Great St. Thomas Aquinas St. John Chrysostom St. Gemma Galgani St. Ignatius of Loyola Blessed Mother Teresa</p>

		<p>standards for treating the poor. Through his words and example, Christ showed great compassion for the poor and called for all people to do the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World hunger is a result of social sin, not the world's inability to produce sufficient food supply. Catholic social teaching calls you as both an individual and as a member of society to work to eliminate the root causes of hunger. • A plan to eradicate poverty centers on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and includes bringing Christ to the world through the actions of almsgiving, sharing fairly the 	<p>IIIA6 IIIA6a IIIA7a IIIA7b IIIA8 IIIB VB1 VB2 VB3 VB4</p>		<p>12:38–44 12:41–44 Lk 4:18–19 7:11–17 8:3 10:30–3 12:13–21 16:19–31 Jn 6:1–13 6:35 19:23–24 Acts 2:44–47 4:32–35 2 Cor 5:14 8:9 Phil 2:6–8 2:7 Jas 2:15–16 1 Jn 4:8</p>	<p><i>Solidarity, 19</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate, 27</i> <i>Economic Justice for All, 91</i> <i>Centesiums Annus, 34</i> <i>Evangelii Nuntiandi, 31</i></p>	
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		<p>world's resources, and evangelization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your call to serve the poor begins with a simplicity of life and is graced by your participation in the Eucharist. 					
<p>Chapter 7 <i>The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers</i></p>	<p>How are the dignity of work and the rights of workers related to your own dignity as a person?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work itself has dignity. Work helps people to fulfill their human destiny and provide for themselves and their families. Work allows for a participation in Christ's suffering. Those who are able have both a duty and a right to work. The Church condemns any discrimination and abuses against workers. The Church insists that justice be applied to economic life, in whatever system. 	<p>IIC7b IIIA6 IIIB IIIB1a IIIB1b IIIB1c1) IIIB1c2) IIIB1c3) IIIB1c4) IIIB1c5) IIIB1c6) IIIB1c7) IIIB2a IIIB2b IIIB2c IIIB3 IIIB4 IIIB5 IIIB6 IIIB7 IIIB8 VE12 VE3</p>	<p>2185, 2252, 2427, 2427– 2436, 2458– 2462, 2535– 2536</p>	<p>Gn 1:28 2:2–3 2:15 3:19 Prv 6:6–11 Mt 13:55 25:14–30 24:45–51 Mk 2:27–28 Lk 10:41–42 Jn 5:17 6:28–29 1 Thes 4:12 2 Thes 3:10–12 1 Tm 6:10 6:17–19</p>	<p><i>Laborem Exercens, 4, 10, 19</i> <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 289, 301, 307,</i> <i>Centesimus Annus, 8, 853</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate, 37</i> <i>Deus Caritas Est, 28</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes, 63</i> <i>Sollicitudo Reio Socialis, 28</i></p>	<p>St. John Paul II St. Paul St. John Chrysostom St. Joseph St. Giuseppe Moscati St. Joseph the Worker Pope St. Pius X</p>

		<p>Essentially, the economy exists for the person, not the converse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work should not become an idol. In choosing a career, it is important to keep in mind what God wants you to do and what will fulfill you most as a human being. 					
<p>Chapter 8 Solidarity</p>	<p>How is my life interwoven with the lives of others?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solidarity is the realization that all people are interconnected as part of one human family. It is a mark of catholicity and a moral virtue. • A person has a right to emigrate to another country, especially if his or her rights are not being upheld. Society at large, on the other hand, has the right to regulate and enact laws regarding immigration. 	<p>IC2c IIC2b IIC3ab IIC9 IVA IVA1a IVA1b IVA1c IVA2a IVA2b IVA2c IVA3 IVA4a IVA4b IVA5a IVA5b IVA5c IVA5d IVA5e IVA5f IVA5g</p>	<p>831, 1939– 1942, 2241, 2259– 2262, 2265, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2433, 2438, 2441</p>	<p>Gn 4:9 Mt 5:9 5:39 5:46–47 18:6 Lk 6:35–36 Rom 12:2 1 Cor 12:25–26 Gal 5:22–23 Phil 2:1–4 2:8</p>	<p><i>Centesimus Annus, 10, 52</i> <i>Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 24, 38</i> <i>Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, 194, 196, 297, 494, 495</i> <i>Pacem in Terris, 171</i> <i>Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope</i> <i>Caritas in Veritate, 15</i> <i>Gaudium et Spes</i> <i>The Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace</i> <i>Brothers and Sisters to Us, 9</i></p>	<p>St. John Paul II St. Paul St. Francis of Assisi Bl. Franz Jägerstätter St. Radegund</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians are called to peace. This peace originates with Christ and begins in one's own heart, and should be the driving force of societal decisions. • Discrimination that denies the basic dignity of the human person is an offense against the virtue of solidarity. Discrimination can be manifest in attitudes of prejudice and the actions of racism. 	<p>IVA6 IVA7 IVA8a IVA8bc</p>				
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Chapter 9 Care for God's Creation	How are you a steward of God's creation?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All that God created is good. However, because of sin, humankind's relationship with the created world has been altered. This relationship can be restored only through conversion and the redemptive actions 	<p>IVB IVB1a IVB1b IVB1c1) IVB1c2) IVB2a IVB2b IVB3 IVB4 IVB5a IVB5b</p>	<p>2415– 2418</p>	<p>Gn 1:31 Gn 2:15 Gn 1:28 Ps 104:24–25, 27–30 104:30 Hos 4:1–3 Mt 10:5–15 Lk 12:48 19:11–17 Col 1:19–20</p>	<p><i>Renewing the Earth,</i> 4 <i>The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility,</i> 6, 10, 13 <i>Renewing the Earth,</i> 4 <i>Gaudium et Spes,</i> 69 <i>Sollicitudo Rei Socialis,</i> 34 <i>Compendium of the</i></p>	<p>St. John Paul II St. Joseph St. Francis of Assisi St. John the Baptist</p>
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		<p>of Jesus Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current environmental issues—many with origins in the nineteenth century—are related to other social concerns, such as the protection of human life, poverty, and consumerism. The virtue of solidarity is essential to protecting the environment. • The world is not your own. It has been entrusted to you by God to care for. You are called to be a steward and protector of creation. • The Church’s teaching on the environment can be summarized in ten commandments or guidelines that 	<p>IVB5c IVB5d IVB6 IVB7a IVB7b IBB7c IVB8 IVB9a IVB9b IVB9c IBB9d IVB10a IVB10b IVB10c IVB10d IVB10e</p>			<p><i>Social Doctrine of the Church, 466, 481–482, 486–487</i> <i>Centesimus Annus, 37</i> <i>Laborem Exercens</i> <i>Populorum Progressio</i></p>	
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		emphasize the primacy of the human person as the importance of creation leading one back to God.					
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