

Catholic Social Teaching

Two great commandments

Matthew 22:37-40 - Love of God and love of neighbor

1 John 4:20 - How can we love God whom we haven't seen if we don't love our neighbor?

Matthew 25:14-30 - using our talents for God no matter how many or few we have

Living in union with one another

Exodus 5:1,3 - Moses speaking to Pharaoh to let people go so they can worship

CCC 302 - "Creation did not spring forth complete from the creator . . ."

Exodus 20:22-24 - God tells people not to neglect widows and orphans

Corporal works of Mercy

1. Feeding the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Shelter the homeless
4. Visit the sick
5. Visit the prisoners
6. Bury the dead
7. Give alms to the poor

Spiritual works of mercy

1. Counsel the doubtful
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Admonish the sinner
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Forgive injuries
6. Bear wrongs patiently
7. Pray for the living and the dead

Principles

1. Society (note - CCC 1789 - must not do evil to accomplish a good)
2. Common good
3. Civil authority and participation in governance (CCC 2240,2242)
4. Solidarity and subsidiarity
5. Preferential option for the poor (Matthew 25:31-46)

Notes on immigration - CCC 2241, 1910 and a helpful article by Msgr Charles Pope:

<http://www.ncregister.com/blog/msgr-pope/is-there-a-catholic-view-on-the-border-wall>

Goods to protect

1. Human life
2. Family (1 Titus 5:8, CCC 2221, 2223)
3. Creation (*Laudato Si* - encyclical by Pope Francis, CCC 2415-2418)
4. Work and the rights of workers (2 Thessalonians 3:10, CCC 2434)
5. Private property (see CCC 2402 - 2406 on universal destination of goods; 2 Corinthians 9:7, *Rerum Novarum* - encyclical by Pope Leo XIII, 1 John 3:17)

Book/media recommendations

Citizens of the Heavenly City by Arthur Hipler (may be difficult to find)

Reclaiming Catholic Social Teaching by Anthony Esolen

Also - *Catholic Social Teaching* - Msgr. Stuart Swetland (DVD series, not a book)