

Calling Society to Justice Web Quest

The focus of this Web quest is a unique Web site for high school and college students offered by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. The Web site is all about putting our faith into action, particularly through works of service and justice. Follow these steps to complete the Web quest.

1. Start the Web quest at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/index.cfm>. The title of this page is "Catholic Social Teaching." This page contains a brief explanation of Catholic social teaching and links to additional resources.
2. Your next step is to begin to fill in the chart on the handout "Our Catholic Faith in Action." This chart will further deepen your understanding of the three justice concerns introduced in the student book. Scroll down the Catholic Social Teaching home page until you see the links for "Resources on Catholic Social Teaching." Click on the link for "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching." This will take you to a page with explanations for each of the seven themes.
3. Your first task is to explore four of the themes related to the particular issues addressed in the reading: rights and responsibilities, worker rights, solidarity, and care for creation. Read the paragraph for each of these themes and click the "More On" link and read the additional information supplied on that page. Then fill in the chart on the handout with the information you discover: (1) find and record the key statement for the theme; (2) read and summarize one of the Scripture passages for the theme (when you click the particular Scripture passage, the link will lead you to the full reading); (3) read and summarize one of the teachings from the "Tradition" section, citing the document the quote was taken from. Do this for all four of the themes on the chart.
4. Now mouse over the "Issues and Actions" item in the top menu, and click the link for "Human Life and Dignity". On this page, the left-hand menu has many links for information on a variety of social justice issues. You will now explore the links for the three social justice concerns addressed in this unit of study: labor, environment, and global (international) Issues.
5. Begin by clicking the link for "Environment." Read about one of the special projects. Identify the title of the article you selected, and summarize information about the project on part 2 of the handout.
Next click the link for "Labor." Read about one of the documents, letters, or statements of the USCCB from the most current year available. Identify the article and summarize this information on the handout.
Next click the link under global Issues for "Trade." Read one of the articles listed. Identify the article and summarize this information on the handout.
6. Returning to the top menu, again mouse over the item "Issues and Actions" and click on the link for Take Action Now. On that page click on the link for the "USCCB Action Center." Review the listed actions that can be taken in response to social concerns. Pick one way you might respond to one of the issues studied in this unit. On part 3 of the handout, summarize the action and how it addresses the issue with which you are concerned. How might you combine the two feet of social action—charity and justice—on this issue to make a plan for social action?

