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Social Justice Web Quest

The focus of this web quest is a unique website offered by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The website 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 www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/catholic-social-teaching. The title of this page is "Catholic Social Teaching." This page contains a brief explanation of the Church's social doctrine and links to additional resources.
2. Your next step is to begin to fill in the chart on the handout "Our 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" page until you see the link for "Resources on Catholic Social Teaching." Click on this link for a list of resources, including the "Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching." Click on this link to open 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 "Our Faith in Action" handout with the information you discover:
 - a. Find and record the key statement for the theme.
 - b. Read and summarize one of the Scripture passages for the theme.
 - c. 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 find the "Issues and Actions" tab at the top of the screen. Within this tab, click "Topics." This page has many links for a variety of topics, including social justice issues. You will now explore the links for two social justice concerns addressed in this unit of study: environment and international Issues (policies).
5. Begin by clicking the link for "Environment." Read one of the "Environmental Justice Advocacy" statements by the U.S. bishops. Identify the title of the article you selected, and summarize information about the project on part 2 of the "Our Faith in Action" handout.

Next, click the link for "International Policy." You will be able to search for articles by region of the world or by topic. Choose and read one of the articles listed. Identify the article and summarize the information on the handout.
6. Returning to the top menu, click on the "Issues and Actions" tab again, and then select "Take Action." 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 "Our Faith in Action" handout, summarize the action and how it addresses the issue you are concerned about. How might you combine the two feet of social action—charity and justice—on this issue to make a plan for social action?

