

## Resources for Further Study of Catholic Social Teaching

### **Overview of Catholic Social Teaching:**

*Catholic Social Teaching Collection*, Word on Fire Institute, foreword by Bishop Robert Barron

[Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church](#)

### **Care for God's Creation:**

[Laudato Si](#) (encyclical, Pope Francis: essential reading for the present ecological predicament)

[Caritas in Veritate](#) (encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI)

*The Theological and Ecological Vision of "Laudato Si" Everything is Connected*, edited by Vincent Miller

*Sex, Economy, Freedom & Community*, Wendell Berry (an American commentator who shares the concerns of *Laudato Si*; given the commonality of perspective, his occasional misunderstandings of Catholicism can be overlooked)

[Thomas Berry: The Great Story](#): (documentary, the story of the Catholic 'Berry,' religious historian, environmentalist, and Dominican monk)

### **Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable:**

*The Prophets*, Abraham Joshua Heschel (describes how the prophets assimilate the "divine pathos" in their appeals to justice and to truth)

[Sollicitudo Rei Socialis](#) (encyclical, Pope John Paul II)

*No Greater Love*, Mother Teresa

### **Community, Family, and Participation:**

[Lumen Gentium](#), Second Vatican Council, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (the Church looks in)

[Gaudium et Spes](#), Second Vatican Council, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (the Church looks out)

*The Difference God Makes*, Francis Cardinal George (covers wide territory, but nevertheless demonstrates an outlook that invariably returns to communion)

### **Life and Dignity of the Human Person:**

*Resisting Throwaway Culture: How a Consistent Life Ethic Can Unite a Fractured People*, Charles Camosy

*Losing Our Dignity: How Secularized Medicine is Undermining Fundamental Human Equality*, Charles Camosy

[Evangelium Vitae](#) (encyclical, Pope John Paul II)