

SOME WAYS TO ENRICH OUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

LISTEN TO POPE LEO

Spend 15 minutes each Sunday or Wednesday praying the Angelus with Pope Leo XIV. You will hear his gospel message and his comments on current events. (Go to YouTube and Search “Angelus Vatican News English”.)

READ ENCYCLICAL LETTERS

Not ready to take on *Rerum Novarum* (Pope Leo XIII, 1891)? Try to read recent encyclicals and apostolic exhortations a few pages at a time, like *Laudato Si* (On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis, 2015), *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship, Pope Francis, 2020), or the brand new *Dilexi Te* (On Love for the Poor, Pope Leo XIV, 2025). All are available to read online.

PRAY EACH DAY FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

Use a prayer guide that reflects on daily scripture and offers inspiration from the lives of saints (e.g., *Give Us This Day* from Liturgical Press – you can subscribe to a monthly booklet or read it online).

EXPLORE THE BISHOPS’ KEY THEMES AND RESOURCES

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offers information on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching and several new resources: <https://www.usccb.org/sjp>

READ FROM CATHOLIC PERIODICALS

Look for and consider subscribing to a periodical that focuses on our Church and society. Examples include the magazines *America*, *Commonweal*, and *U.S. Catholic*, and the newspaper *National Catholic Reporter*.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONLINE SEMINARS

Hear church leaders and thinkers provide their perspectives on issues of our time (usually without cost). Get on the email lists for the Franciscan School of Theology, the Georgetown University Initiative on Catholic Social Thought & Public Life, and the Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University.

ENGAGE IN ACTION

Join one or more Catholic networks to learn about actions you can take on important issues of our time. Examples:

- Franciscan Action Network
- Ignatian Solidarity Network
- Network Advocates for Catholic Social Justice
- Catholic Climate Covenant
- Sisters of Mercy Justice Team
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Justice and Peace