
CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES (C.C.S.)

CCS-016 THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

COURSE OUTLINE

The Practice of Social Justice will teach participants how to integrate the key themes of Social Justice into their everyday lives.

General Course Objectives

1. The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.
2. Issues of Social Concern.
3. International Development.
4. Homelessness and Affordable Housing.
5. Poverty in Canada.
6. Human Work.
7. Right Relationships.

Course Structure and Highlights

Week 1: The Theological Foundations and Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

- Introduce Catholic Social Teaching.
- Learn the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

Week 2: Issues of Social Concern and International Development

- Consider Issues of Social Concern.
- Participate in an Action Project.
- Understand International Development.

Week 3: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, and Poverty in Canada

- Consider Homelessness.
- Understand the Challenges and Successes of Affordable Housing.
- Discuss Poverty in Canada.

Week 4: Human Work and Right Relationships

- To Learn about Human Work.
- Consider the Aboriginal Peoples.
- Work towards Right Relationships.

Week 5: Communities of Salt and Light and Parish Social Outreach

- Learn about the Communities of Salt and Light.
- Understand the Dimensions of Parish Social Outreach.

Textbooks

[Ryan, Michael. *The Social Attitudes of a Catholic*. Solidarity Books, 2005.](#)

References

Online Articles, Podcasts and Videos.

Assessment

The Practice of Social Justice consists of ten lessons and ten assignments, with each assignment weighted at 10% (percent) of the total grade.

Technical Skills and Equipment Requirements

1. You must have Internet access. A high-speed connection, either ADSL or cable, is recommended.
2. You should know how to use a web browser to navigate the web to locate educational resources and download files.
3. You will need the files management skills necessary to create directories, to save files and to retrieve files.