

Catholic Social Teaching Theme Overview				
What does a life of justice look like?				
Session Title	The Point	Learning Goals	Scripture	CCC
A Consistent Ethic of Life	Since each and every person shares in God's image and possesses equal human dignity, disciples are called to honor, respect, and defend all life.	Youth will examine Catholic social teaching, come to a deeper understanding of the inherent value and worth of all people, and identify the implications of living by a consistent ethic of life.	Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 30:19-20	1934-1937, 2270, 2276, 2319
Life in Community	All people have the right and the duty to participate in the various communities to which they belong, seeking together the well-being of all.	Adolescents will discover the meaning of the common good and the call to participation in family and the larger community. They will explore ways they can contribute to the communities (family, neighborhood, broader society) in which they live.	Proverbs 31:8-9; Acts 4:32-35	1879, 1905-1917, 1925
Meeting the Needs of All	Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Discipleship seeks to make those rights a reality for everyone.	Youth will become familiar with basic human rights, consider what responsibilities correspond to those rights, and explore how they can better balance between needs and wants in their own lives as a way to help ensure that others have their basic needs met.	Proverbs 31:8-9	1908, 1944-1945
A Commitment to the Poor and Vulnerable	We are called to put those who are poor and vulnerable first, to give them priority consideration, and to work to eliminate poverty and hunger.	Youth will reflect on what a preferential option for the poor entails, will identify with the experience of poverty, and will commit to actions that will lead to personal and social conversion.	Deuteronomy 24:17-22; Mark 10:17-25, 12:38-44, 14:3-9; Luke 4:14-19, 14:12-14	2443-2446, 2449, 2456
The Value of Work	Our work is a way that we take part in God's plan and contribute to the good of all people. The Church teaches that the rights of workers need to be upheld and supported.	Adolescents will become familiar with Catholic social teaching on the dignity of work and the need to promote and protect the rights of workers. They will consider how Fair Trade shopping is one of several ways to support the rights of workers all over the world.	Genesis 1:28	2427-2429, 2432-2436
One Human Family	We are all related and called to work for and with those in need throughout the world. Discipleship overcomes all borders and boundaries.	Youth will explore the meaning of solidarity and the concept of interdependence and consider what it means to work with our sisters and brothers in need beyond borders and boundaries.	Genesis 4:8-12; Romans 10:12; Galatians 3:28	1939-1942
Responsible Stewards	All creation is intended for the glory of God, and humans are responsible for making good use of all that God has given.	Youth will come to a deeper understanding of their role and responsibilities as stewards of God's creation.	Genesis 2:15; Psalm 24:1	2402, 2415-2416, 2456-2457, 2459
The ART of Catholic Social Teaching	Catholic social teaching calls for action, requires reflection, and leads to transformation based on Gospel values.	Adolescents will become familiar with a three-step process for deciding how to address unjust social issues.	Matthew 25:34-40	1807