



The Church's social doctrine is an integral part of her evangelizing ministry. . . With her social teaching, the Church seeks to proclaim the Gospel and make it present in the complex network of social relations.

Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* (Vatican City:2004. no. 66, 62).

A Unique Resource for Pastoral Leaders and Educators

What is the Catholic Collaborative for Justice Education?

In 1998, the U.S. Catholic Bishops issued a statement on *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions*, which declared that the promotion of Catholic Social Teaching was “one of the most urgent challenges for the new millennium.” This statement prompted national Catholic organizations to develop their educational and outreach efforts focused on Catholic Social Teaching (CST).

In order to collaborate more intentionally on promoting Catholic Social Teaching, educational staff of several national faith-based groups met together in 2002 in Washington, DC, to discuss issues of social concern and to share resources on the Church's social teaching. Energized by the discussions and excited about the possibilities of collaboration, the group agreed to continue working together. In 2004, they formally organized as the Catholic Collaborative for Justice Education (CCJE). CCJE has presented joint workshops at national and regional conferences and has worked with many Church-related ministries to promote CST.

How can the CCJE assist you in your ministry?

CCJE is ready to support you by:

- Consulting on the substantive aspects of Catholic Social Teaching and on issues of social concern;
- Generating ideas for creatively integrating Catholic Social Teaching into your group's conferences, workshops or other educational programs and meetings;
- Identifying possible speakers on topics concerning Catholic Social Teaching and social justice;
- Developing presentations on particular topics and serving as speakers and/or facilitators for such presentations;
- Helping to prepare and coordinate liturgical prayer that is woven into your group's conferences and/or workshop days;
- Identifying and/or providing quality educational resources and materials, including print resources and other media).

What organizations make up the CCJE?

CCJE includes:

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Catholic Relief Services
- The Center of Concern
- The Georgetown Center for Liturgy
- Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- National Catholic Education Association
- NETWORK
- U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace

The Church's social teachings are deeply integrated in her vision of Christian morality. They cannot be treated as if they were peripheral or optional.

United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, *National Directory for Catechesis*
(Washington, DC: 2005, p. 171).

What are the goals of the CCJE?

The Catholic Collaborative for Justice Education seeks to ensure that:

- Catholic Social Teaching becomes integrated in all aspects of the life of the Church in the U.S.;
- All Catholics have access to introductory and continuing education on this essential element of the faith;
- Effective resources on Catholic Social Teaching and social justice issues are developed and widely disseminated.

The Catholic Collaborative for Justice Education also:

- Promotes best practices for sharing Catholic Social Teaching;
- Develops and presents workshops and panels on all aspects of CST;
- Consults with groups, parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations to ensure that CST is integrated into all aspects of evangelization, formation, education and communications;
- Works to ensure that the educational work of major Catholic organizations is complementary.

CCJE also affirms the centrality of liturgy, prayer and spirituality in the Catholic responses to social injustice and the transformation of unjust structures.

How can you work with the CCJE?

If you are interested in any of CCJE's services and want to learn more about how we can assist you, please contact Jane Deren at The Center of Concern (jderen@coc.org; 202 635-2757).

Note: Fees and expenses are negotiable, depending on your needs, budget and the communities you serve.

Education demands a renewal of the heart, a renewal based on the recognition of sin in its individual and social manifestations. It will also inculcate a truly and entirely human way of life in justice, love and simplicity. It will likewise awaken a critical sense, which will lead us to reflect on the society in which we live and on its values. . .

This education is deservedly called a continuing education, for it concerns every person and every age. It is also a practical education: it comes through action, participation and vital contact with the reality of injustice.

Vatican Synod of Bishops, *Justice in The World* (Vatican City: 1971, no. 51, 53).

CCJE Members

The **Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)** is the domestic anti-poverty, social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works in collaboration with local dioceses to partner with poor and low-income people in the search for lasting solutions to poverty in the United States. Through CCHD, people of all faiths and economic levels share their resources, expertise and energies with people living in poverty as they strive to empower themselves and change the structures of society that made and keep them poor. This mission is implemented through grants, education and public awareness programs that are funded through an annual collection in Catholic parishes and by direct contributions.

CCHD offers print, video, and internet materials, justice education and action programs, as well as resources designed specifically for youth and young adults. For further information, visit the web sites www.povertyusa.org and www.usccb.org/cchd.

CCHD's CCJE contact: Mike Poulin, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was founded in 1943 by the U.S. Catholic Bishops to assist the poor and disadvantaged outside of the U.S. The fundamental motivating force in all activities of CRS is the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it pertains to the alleviation of human suffering, the development of people and the fostering of charity and justice in the world. CRS educates U.S. Catholics to fulfill their moral responsibilities toward the human family by helping the impoverished, working to remove the causes of poverty, and promoting social justice. Catholic Relief Services also seeks to influence U.S. decision makers in order to transform American policies, practices and institutions that contribute to international justice.

For further information and/or to order materials, please contact the Constituency Relations and Support Department at: 1-866-608-5978 and/or check the CRS web site: www.crs.org.

CRS's CCJE contacts: Christine Smith, Church Relations Manager and Ted Miles, Relationship Manager, Religious Education

The **Education for Justice Web Site (EfJ Web Site)**, a project of the **Center of Concern**, is a membership site that is both a forum for dialogue and an online publication that provides materials and resources to promote and teach Catholic Social Teaching and social justice issues. Interactive material and fact sheets are downloadable in PDF format, and are ready to take into the classroom, parish meeting, service activities, campus retreats, etc. The EfJ Web Site features calendar items, lectionary reflections, prayers and prayers services, "In The News" from a CST perspective, pedagogy reflections, classroom units, bulletin inserts, signs of hope, and articles on popular culture and CST, as well as general CST resources and social justice curricula.

For further information about EfJ or to take a tour of the EfJ web site, go to www.coc.org/ej/tour. EfJ's CCJE contacts: Jane Deren (Program Director) and Jill Rauh (Program Assistant)

The Georgetown Center for Liturgy, a joint project of Georgetown University and Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Washington, D.C.) since 1981, is a national education, research, and consultation center dedicated to transforming American Catholic parishes through the liturgical renewal initiated by the Second Vatican Council. To accomplish this mission, GCL offers a range of services: consultation on liturgical matters in parishes, religious communities and schools; conference and meeting planning; preparation of liturgies for conferences, meetings, and conventions; Q & A: Liturgy Help for parish pastoral leaders and catechists; and resources and presentations on the liturgy-justice relationship.

For further information, visit GCL's web site at www.georgetown.edu/centers/gcl. GCL's CCJE contact: Anne Koester, Associate Director

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns represents the Maryknoll Sisters, Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers and the Maryknoll Lay Missioners. The Office for Global Concerns provides information on and analysis of critical global justice issues such as peace-building initiatives; practical new relationships with Creation; transparency and participation in political and economic arenas; and just economic alternatives. It collaborates with various institutions and organizations working for peace, social justice and the integrity of creation, on strategies for advocacy, public statements, educational materials, conferences, meetings and public witness.

Resources include NewsNotes, a 26-page bimonthly newsletter of information and analysis, and an email/fax action alert network. For further information, visit the Maryknoll Office for Global Concern web site at www.maryknollogc.org.

Maryknoll's CCJE contact: Judy Coode, Communications Manager

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is the largest private, professional educational association in the world. Founded in 1904, the association's institutional, individual, and affiliate members represent 200,000 Catholic educators serving 7.6 million students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, religious education programs and seminaries throughout the United States. Catholic Social Teaching is an important focus for the NCEA.

For further information on available resources and services, visit the NCEA web site at www.ncea.org. NCEA's CCJE contact: Chris Scalise, Director for Special Projects

NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, educates, lobbies and organizes to influence the formation of federal legislation to promote economic and social justice. NETWORK currently has over 12,000 members, both lay and religious. Members are kept informed about critical legislation that Congress is considering through NETWORK's magazine, issue updates, Web Site and action alerts. In turn, NETWORK members communicate with their elected officials on critical economic issues: access to health care, a living wage, affordable housing and child care, fair taxation, trade and development policies that respect workers and communities, foreign policy that promotes diplomacy and peace, and a federal budget that values human beings over military power.

Through faith-based educational resources and programs related to public policy, NETWORK engages people in envisioning and working toward a just and equitable society. For further information, visit the NETWORK Web Site at www.networklobby.org.

NETWORK's CCJE contact: Michael Culliton, Education Coordinator

The Department of Social Development and World Peace of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops assists the bishops in sharing Catholic Social Teaching, applying this teaching to domestic and international issues that have significant moral and religious dimensions, advocating for the poor and vulnerable and for justice and peace in the public policy arena, and helping to build the capacity of the church at the national, diocesan, and parish levels to act effectively in defense of human life, human dignity and human rights and in pursuit of justice and peace. SDWP works with bishops as they develop statements on a wide range of peace and justice issues, and provides resources and support for dioceses, parishes, and schools.

For further information on available resources, visit the web page of the Department of Social Development and World Peace at www.usccb.org/sdwp/index.htm.

Department of Social Development and World Peace CCJE contact: Joan Rosenhauer, Coordinator of Special Projects