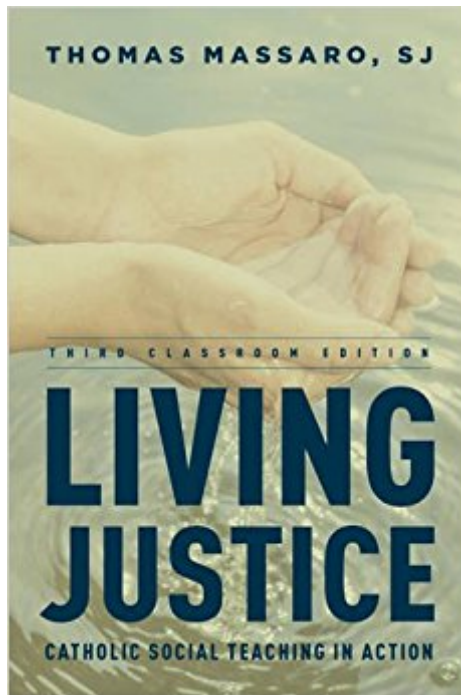




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Living Justice: Catholic Social Teaching In Action



Synopsis

Now in its third edition, *Living Justice* is an ideal introduction to Catholic social teaching. Thomas Massaro introduces readers to the history and basics of Catholic social teaching while highlighting new developments and helping readers understand how to apply this teaching to life today. *Living Justice* leads readers step-by-step through the building blocks of Catholic social thought, including its central themes, sources, and methods. Along the way readers encounter great heroes of social change and prophets of peace and justice. The third edition features significant updates throughout, including extensive coverage of Pope Francis and his two major social teaching documents: *Evangelii Gaudium* on gospel-grounded justice and *Laudato Si'* on the environment. It also looks at the Pope's contributions to peace and justice efforts around the world, including his advocacy for diplomacy, simplicity of lifestyle, and healthy family life. The third edition includes two new case studies in the dynamics of globalization—the global migration crisis and the scourge of human trafficking. It also contains expanded sections on globalization, the environment, and issues of peace and war. With its accessible and reader-friendly style, the third edition of *Living Justice* includes new discussion questions, revised topics for further study, and an updated list of resources that make the book an excellent resource for students or parishes.

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This new, updated edition of *Living Justice* will be enthusiastically welcomed by all who want to give their students an accurate, comprehensive, and reader-friendly introduction to Catholic social

teaching. (Jon Nilson, Loyola University Chicago) I am grateful for this updated edition of Massaro's Living Justice. I have used the earlier edition for several years now, and my students have found it a clear and accessible presentation. However, as Fr. Massaro notes, Pope Francis has changed Catholic social teaching forever, not only with his writing but especially in his action. This new edition nicely integrates reflections on the Pope's personal way of living justice, as well as exploring his written contributions in *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Laudato Si*. I continue to find particularly helpful the questions for reflection provided at the end of each chapter, as well as the quite useful section on Applying Catholic Social Teaching in the Real World, always the challenge for my students and for all of us in the Church. (James R. Stormes, SJ, Hekima University College, Nairobi, Kenya)

I enthusiastically endorse the text for the following reasons: 1. The text balances and integrates very well the historical development of Catholic Social Teaching, the core values of CST, and its application to present day and future societal issues. 2. The "Questions for Reflection" at the end of chapters is an excellent pedagogical feature. I will recommend to my students that they read the questions first in order to provide them a context in which to read the specific chapter. 3. For courses and programs that require a strong writing component, Massaro's suggestions contained in the 'Topics for Further Research' provide a valuable assistance for both students and instructor. 4. The interdisciplinary nature of the text would be an excellent requirement for a 'Learning-Community' project which links a Catholic Social Teaching course with an appropriate course in Political Science, Sociology or History or as a supplemental text in any course exploring Social Justice regardless of the discipline. 5. The text is extremely accessible to undergraduates, parish adult education programs and at the same time quite appropriate for the graduate level course. (Peter H. Beisheim, Stonehill College)

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