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Fordham University

Analysis for Ministry  
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Course Description

This course assists ministers of the Gospel to reflect on their pastoral practice in the context of the social doctrine of the Church and current political and economic analyses. Topics of analysis include urban poverty, economic inequality, democratic participation, immigration reform and global development.

Course Objectives

1) Critically appropriate the historical trajectory of Catholic Social Teaching from Pope Leo XIII to Pope Francis.  
2) Understand the dynamic relationship between Catholic Social Teaching and contemporary political and economic analyses.  
3) Analyze the context of your pastoral ministry from an integrated theological, political and economic perspective.

Course Requirements

Completion of each reading assignment and full participation in class discussion.

Submission of eight response papers due at the start of the respective class meeting.

One class presentation in which you summarize and critique the assigned readings.

Submission on or before May 5, 2016, of a position paper written to the Archbishop of New York regarding a specific local application of any theological, political or economic issue addressed in this course.

Deadlines will not be extended.
Required texts

Documents of the Second Vatican Council and Papal encyclicals, exhortations and letters are available at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).


Secondary sources


Schedule of Meetings

Week  1  Fitzpatrick, J. *New Directions in the Social Apostolate*  
*Gaudium et Spes* [1,40]  
Schloesser, S. *Jesuit Hybrids, Catholic Modernities, Future Pasts*

Week  2  Compendium, 1: God’s Plan of Love for Humanity  
*Gaudium et Spes* [1-45]  
Kozol, chapters 1-3

Week  3  Compendium, 2: The Church’s Mission and Social Doctrine  
Leo XIII, *Rerum Novarum*  
Kozol, 4-6
Week 4  *Compendium*, 3: The Human Person and Human Rights
Pius XI, *Quadragesimo Anno*
Pierson and Hacker, Introduction, 1-3

Week 5  *Compendium*, 4: Principles of the Church’s Social Doctrine
John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*
Pierson and Hacker, 4-6

Week 6  *Compendium*, 8: The Political Community
Paul VI, *Populorum Progressio*
Pierson and Hacker, 7-10.

Week 7  *Compendium*, 11: The Promotion of Peace
Paul VI, *Octogesima Adveniens*
*Evangelii Nuntiandi*

Week 8  *Compendium*, 10: Safeguarding the Environment
Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*

Week 9  *Spring Break*

Week 10  Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

Week 11  Francis, *Laudato Sí*

Week 12  *Compendium*, 5: The Family, The Vital Cell of Society
Heyer, Intro, 1-2

Week 13  *Compendium*, 9: The International Community
Heyer, 3-5

Week 14  *Compendium*, 6, Human Work
Chang, 1-3

Week 15  *Compendium*, 7: Economic Life
Chang, 4-6

Week 16  Chang, 7-9