

Books

- *50 Books about Peace and Social Justice*, compiled online by Megan Schliesman and underwritten by the Cooperative Children's Book Center. <https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=77>
- *Social Justice Books for Kids*, an online review of 50 social justice texts appropriate for children. It is published by Teaching for Change, a nonprofit that provides resources on social justice topics for teachers. <https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/>

Lesson Plans, Discussion Guides and Activities

- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, USCCB, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm> This document is designed to form the consciences of American Catholics in advance of our national elections.
- *Resources and Tools for Youth*. This portion of the USCCB's Justice, Peace and Human Development webpage shares materials designed specifically for young Catholics. <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/resources-and-tools.cfm#youth>
- *Stand Up for Social Justice: Books & Tools for Civic-Minded Families*. This online resource is published by Doing Good Together, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing tools to families and organizations that will help them raise compassionate, engaged children. <http://www.doinggoodtogether.org/bhf/blog/how-can-your-family-support-social-justice>
- *Social Justice: a Lesson Plan for 9-12 Grade*, published online by the World Affairs Council. <https://www.worldaffairscouncil.org/Attachments/SocialJusticeLessonPlan.pdf>
- *Forming Missionary Disciple*, published online by Catholic Relief Services. This valuable resource pertains specifically to school-based social justice programs of particular interest to CRS. <http://education.crs.org/resources/school>
- *Families*, published online by Catholic Relief Services. This valuable social justice resource pertains specifically to families and their needs. <http://education.crs.org/resources/school>
- *Ten Social Justice Activities to Try in Class*, published by Education World. http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/social-justice-activities-students.shtml
- *Making a Personal Social Plan*, a template developed by Beth Pagan. <http://www.soulrebels.com/beth/plan.html>
- *Social Justice in the Curriculum* by Meg Gorzycki, Ed.D., an online resource published by the Center for Teaching and Faculty Development at San Francisco State University to assist instructors in integrating social justice concerns into the college experience. <http://ctfd.sfsu.edu/content/social-justice-curriculum>

Service Opportunities

- *Innovative Ways to Give Back*, an app that features ways in which “people can spread kindness around the world.”
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/story/id1324254194>.
- *Volunteer Lake County*, published by Lake Area United Way. This website helps individuals to search for and commit to volunteer opportunities across Lake County.
<https://www.volunteerlakecounty.org/welcome>.
- *Volunteer Opportunities*, hosted by Porter County United Way. This website identifies volunteer opportunities open throughout Northwest Indiana. <http://www.nwivolunteer.org/>.
- *Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ethical Trade* can help parishes, schools, or individuals become involved global citizens by hosting “Fair Trade” Sales, Coffee Sales or Fund Raisers or by promoting individual catalog purchases. <http://Ethicaltrade.crs.org>.
- *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* is a Catholic lay organization of men and women committed to offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and/or suffering. National website: <http://www.svdpusa.org/>; local contact: garycouncilsvdp@att.net or call: 219-845-7531.
- *United Way Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Program* is hosted by Porter County United Way. RSVP is a volunteer network for people age 55 and over that offers participants the chance to learn new skills or utilize skills they already have to benefit local communities in Lake, LaPorte, Porter, or Starke Counties.
- www.createthegood.org At this website, people can both post and find volunteer/service opportunities. It also includes a project guide for creating successful volunteer projects as well as section that connects users with tools, articles and ideas to get users inspired.

Methods

- **See-Judge Act Method and Theological Reflection**
 - ✓ *See-Judge-Act* is a high-level overview to the see-judge-act method that was essentially endorsed at the Second Vatican Council. http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/files/Social-Teaching/Reading_the_Signs_of_the_Times.pdf.
 - ✓ *See, Judge, Act: A Reflection/Action Process for Decision Making*. Published by the Archdiocese of Perth, Australia and based on a document produced by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, this is another valuable overview to the see-judge-act method of theological reflection. <http://jedo.perthcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/20140415-Relection-Action-See-Judge-Act-booklet.pdf>.
 - ✓ *See, Judge, Act: Fifty years of Catholic Social Practice*. This document discusses the origin of the see-judge-act method in Catholic theological reflection. <http://www.cardijn.info/2011/05/see-judge-act-fifty-years-of-catholic.html>.
 - ✓ *Ministry: Theological Reflection and Christian Ministry* by James D. and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead, Rowman & Littlefield, 1995. This excellent text provided a solid introduction to theological reflection.
 - ✓ *Let Ministry Teach: A Guide to Theological Reflection* by Robert L. Kinast, Liturgical Press, 1996.
 - ✓ *Theological Reflection* by Robert L. Kinast, Paulist Press, 2000.
 - ✓ *Theological Reflection Worksheet*. (worksheet available under “Extra Materials” section of <https://www.garysynod.com/social-teaching>)
- **One Church, One Book Initiatives**
 - ✓ *One Book, One Community: Planning Your Community-Wide Read*. This comprehensive planning document pertains to library-facilitated, communitywide “one-book” initiatives, but nonetheless,

provides valuable guideline for “one-book” planning efforts.

<http://www.ala.org/tools/sites/ala.org.tools/files/content/onebook/files/onebookguide.pdf>.

- ✓ *One Book, One Church?* This resource focuses on Catholic “one-book” initiatives. Although not specific to Catholic social teaching, this resource could prove useful to parishes planning an effort of this kind. <https://www.thefreelibrary.com/One+book%2c+one+church%3f-a0109906631>.
- ✓ *One Church, One Book Aims to Jumpstart Discussions about Race*. This news release addresses an effort by the Presbyterian Church USA to launch a “one-book” initiative on the topic of race. <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2017/1/23/one-church-one-book-aims-jumpstart-discussions-abo/>.

▪ **Storytelling**

- ✓ *Storytelling and Social Change: A Strategy Guide*, published by the Northern California Grantmakers organization. This online toolkit is intended for nonprofits, social activists, and anyone else who wants to promote progressive change in their community. <https://ncg.org/resources/storytelling-and-social-change-strategy-guide>.

▪ **Public Policy Analysis**

- ✓ *Public Policy Process: An Overview* by Olutayo Fasipe, 2015. This online resource provides a succinct overview to the public policy process. <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/public-policy-process-overview-olutayo-fasipe>.
- ✓ *Public Policy Analysis Worksheet*, a tool for developing a “cross-walk” involving, on the one hand, the various stages of the public policy process and, on the other, issues of concern in Catholic Social Teaching. (worksheet available under “Extra Materials” section of <https://www.garysynod.com/social-teaching>)

▪ **Study Circles**

- ✓ *Organizing Study Circles*, an online resource published by the Community Tool Box. <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/advocacy/advocacy-research/study-circles/main>.

Speakers

Deacon Tom Gryzbek can give a presentation called, “Why is Abortion Wrong?” It is a discussion of legal, spiritual, ethical and moral objections to abortion.

Length: 1 hour

Format: lecture

Recommended Audience: Confirmation classes, adult continuing education

Recommended Audience Size: doesn’t matter

Recommended Season (if any): doesn’t matter

Preparatory Work: none

Presenter: Deacon Tom Gryzbek

Contact Information: (219) 789-5566

Equipment Requirements: none