

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING COURSE



CENTRE FOR FAITH
AND JUSTICE AND
THE PASTORAL
FORMATION
INSTITUTE

2007 - 2009

THE GOALS OF THE COURSE

- to familiarise the participants with the issues and how the Catholic Church has called for responses. Participants will be required to analyze issues, engage in critical thinking about the social situation and the role of the Church, and research the implementation of Catholic social tradition;
- to challenge the participants to consider their personal responsibility in addressing social issues and how they can integrate the Church's social teaching into their spirituality, their daily lives, ministries and professions.

TARGET GROUP

Leaders of groups and multipliers in the social, economic, cultural, political and educational field

COURSE FORMAT

6 modules of 14hrs each

Each module would consist of either:

- 7 sessions of 2hrs each - or
- 4 sessions of 2hrs each and a Saturday (6hrs) - or
- a full weekend starting from Friday evening up to Sunday noon

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays
from 6.30 – 8.30p.m.
at the Catholic Institute, Floriana

Textbook:

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church



REQUIREMENTS

1. Full attendance
2. The on time completion of written assignments (1000 words after each module)

Each topic would consist of:

- Definition of concepts
- Biblical Aspect
- Reference to Encyclicals and the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Case Studies
- Discussion



**Istitut ta' Formazzjoni Pastoral
Pastoral Formation Institute**



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At the end of the two-year course certificates issued by the Centre for Faith and Justice and the Archdiocese Pastoral Formation Institute will be awarded to the participants who will satisfy the course requirements.

Fee: Lm10 (23.29 euros) per module

More information is available on: www.maltapfi.org



MODULE 1 – 14 hours

Wednesdays – 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November 2007
Saturday – 1st December 2007

I. The Nature of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)

- a. What is CST, Where does CST come from, The Method of CST, Why the need to know about CST
- b. The Church's Mission
- c. The Church's evolving social message
- d. Evangelization and CST

II. The Human Person

- a. The Dignity of the Human Person
- b. Freedom and Truth
- c. The Social Nature of Man
- d. Human Rights
- e. Religious Freedom



III. The Family

- a. The first Natural Society
- b. Marriage, the Foundation of the Family
- c. The Social Subjectivity of the Family
- d. The Family as an Active Participant in Social Life
- e. Society at the Service of the Family
- f. Global Economy: The International Community



MODULE II – 14 hours

Wednesdays – 23rd, 30th January 2008, 13th, 20th, 27th February 2008, 5th, 12th March 2008

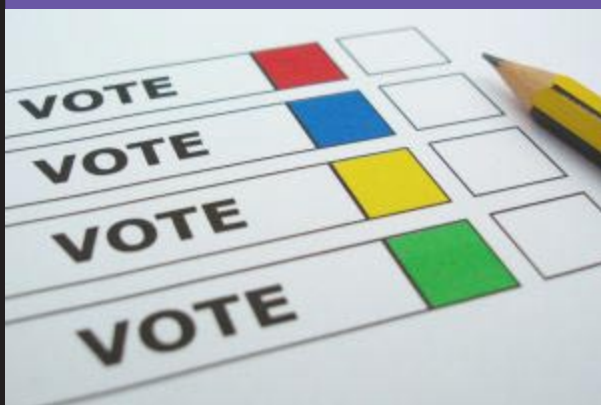
I. The Social Order

- a. The Centrality of the Human Person
- b. Society founded on Truth, Freedom and Justice
- c. The Principle of Solidarity
- d. The Principle of Subsidiarity
- e. The Principle of the Common Good
- f. Participation
- g. Genuine Human Development
- h. Social Sin



II. The Role of the State

- a. Foundation and Purpose of the Political Community
- b. Political Authority
- c. The role of Government
- d. Church and State
- e. Democracy
- f. The Political Community at the Service of Civil Society



MODULE III – 14 hours

Wednesdays – 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th April 2008

Saturday – 3rd May 2008

I. Human Work

- a. The Nature of Work
- b. The Dignity of Work
- c. The Right to Work
- d. The Rights of Workers
- e. Solidarity among Workers



II. The Economy

- a. The Universal Destination of Material Goods
- b. Morality, Justice and the Economic Order
- c. Private Initiative and Business Initiative
- d. State Intervention and the Economy
- e. Economism and Consumerism
- f. Global Economy: the International Community



MODULE IV - 14 hours

Wednesdays – 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November 2008
Saturday – 29th November 2008

I. The International Community

- a. The Fundamental Rule of the International Community
- b. Transnational and International Organizations
- c. Immigration
- d. Foreign Debt
- e. Nationalism and Ethnic Tensions



II. The Environment

- a. The Goodness of the Created Order
- b. Environmental Problems
- c. Environmental Stewardship

III. Peace

- a. Peace through Justice
- b. Issues of War and Peace
- c. War and Conflict, Peace and Social Justice



MODULE V - 14 hours

Wednesdays – 21st, 28th January 2009,
4th, 11th February 2009
Saturday – 21st February 2009



I. Reflection /Action Process

- a. The Theory and Practice of Social Analysis
- b. The Importance of Social Analysis
- c. The Benefits of Social Analysis
- d. A Model of Social Analysis
- e. The Current Concern of the Church with Faith and Justice
- f. Generating Relevant, Effective Gospel-based action

Second Year (2008-2009)



MODULE VI - 14 hours

Weekend – Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April 2009



I. CST and the Commitment of the Lay Faithful

- a. Political Responsibility (Faithful Citizenship)
- b. Addressing Global Issues – Poverty, Warming etc.
- c. Service in the various sectors of social life







“The lay faithful have as their own vocation to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according....”

The Catechism
of the Catholic Church

APPLICATION FORM

Please tick the Modules you wish to choose for 2007/2008

Module 1 []

Module 2 []

Module 3 []

The Fee for each Module chosen is Lm 10 (23.29 Euros)

Name and Surname _____

Address _____

ID Number _____

E-Mail _____

Date of Birth _____

Tel. Number _____

Mobile Number _____

Profession/ Work _____

Reasons why you are interested in the Course

Signature _____

Date _____

Please send your Application to:

The Jesuit Faith and Justice Centre

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You can scan the filled in form and send it by Email to:

cfcatholicsocialteaching@yahoo.co.uk or you can download application form from www.maltapfi.org