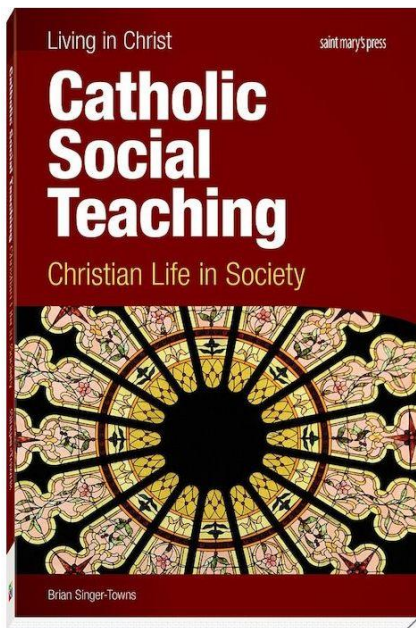


**“...A RICH TREASURE OF WISDOM ABOUT BUILDING A JUST SOCIETY AND LIVING LIVES OF HOLINESS AMIDST THE CHALLENGES OF MODERN SOCIETY.”<sup>1</sup>**

## **WHAT IS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING?**



Catholic Social Teaching, or CST for short, is a body of doctrine which the Church has developed on issues of human dignity and human rights, social and economic justice, the loaded relationship between poverty and wealth, the role of the state and civil authorities, and latterly, matters concerning ecological justice and care for the environment. The CST guidelines are particularly relevant and helpful when we discern our moral obligation to actively participate in society and of going to the polling station to cast our vote. We can draw on some of the principles of CST to decide which parties or candidates to vote for. We can measure the value of their political manifestos and promises by keeping in mind those principles of CST that are dealt with in this feature.

The fundamental question that we can set is:

**Which points of promises and political manifestos of political parties reflect Gospel values?**

To watch an informative video on CST, use <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0z52jyAcjhg>

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<sup>1</sup> SEVEN THEMES OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, USCCB