Catholic Social Thought

Catholic Social Thought (CST) is a tradition of thinking which strives to foster a living faith that leads to loving action. The foundation of CST is the belief in the inherent dignity of all human beings. Created by God, all human life is sacred; this conviction is the basis for a vision of society that is more just, humane and sustainable.

Seven core themes characterize the essence of CST. In addition to human dignity, these include the call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; the dignity of work and the rights of workers, preferential option for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity, and care for God’s creation.

As we continue to learn about the death and destruction caused by the hurricane on the East Coast and the typhoon in the Philippines, the principle of solidarity is especially relevant.

According to Pope St. John Paul II, solidarity is “not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people… It is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, because we are all really responsible for all.”

Solidarity means that we are one human family, inherently and inescapably dependent on and responsible for one another. Thus, we can achieve the fullness of our graced humanity only by entering into the lives of others – including the lives of our family, friends, classmates, and others who are similar to us, as well as those who seem quite different from us; those who live in distant lands; those who lack resources who we too often take for granted; and especially those impacted by recent natural disasters.

USD offers many ways to grow in solidarity: TJ Day Trips, Rachel’s Night Shelter, the East LA and San Diego Immersions and Tijuana Spring Breakthrough. Each one of these, and so many others, are opportunities to see the world with new eyes, to be people of solidarity, and thereby to become the people God has created us to be.
This week’s St. Didacus collection will be offered to the community of La Morita, Mexico. Each month, a group of approximately 20 students spends a day in the community, interacting with members of a youth group, visiting those living with HIV and AIDS, and learning about the community from the priests of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The priests of that order staff a parish and a number of satellite churches throughout the area. The funds collected tonight will be used by the priests to address the most pressing needs of the community.

Last week’s collection raised $463.66 for Catholic Charities USA. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Hour

Take a break from studying and join others who are looking to grow in faith. The night will include Eucharistic Adoration, Scripture, praise and worship and silence.

Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm in Founders Chapel

Search Retreat

“Come as you are. Leave transformed by love.”
Registration is now open until Sunday, September 23rd, TONIGHT, at 11:59 p.m.
Applications available online at: www.sandiego.edu/searchretreat.
For more information, please contact Reanna Labya, rlabya@sandiego.edu

Help at Mass!

Interested in helping at Founders Chapel Masses?
New Students: An easy and wonderful way to be of service at USD is to help at Sunday Masses. Stop by the table in the vestibule after Mass to get information on helping in a variety of ministries. Be sure to sign up for a training session.
Returning Students: Welcome Back! You have been missed! Stop by the table to touch base, update contact information on Ministry Scheduler Pro and to sign up for September/October Masses.
If you have any questions, contact Mary at (619-260-5903) or kruerm@sandiego.edu.

Romero Immersion Program: East Los Angeles

October 18-21, 2018
Applications due Sunday, September 23, TONIGHT, by 11:59pm
*Priority given to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors
Come meet the people of Dolores Mission, a faith community in East LA established by immigrants, impacted by gang violence in the 1990s, struggling with poverty, and committed to hope. Experience home stays with host families of Boyle Heights while we get to know the neighborhood and reflect on our experience. Visits to community organizations include Homeboy Industries, Dolores Mission School, Skid Row, among others.
For the application and more information, visit www.sandiego.edu/eastla
For questions, please contact Student Coordinator Ian Lewenhaupt at rlewenhaupt@sandiego.edu or Resident Minister Jesus Espinosa at jesusespinosa@sandiego.edu

Last Call for the Fall, Sacraments of Christian Initiation.

Have you thought about a journey of faith that includes the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation?
Fr. Gino will guide a reflection on the search for God and how you might encounter the divine this coming Sunday, September 30th, from 5pm-6:30pm in Camino 111.
Please call or email Fr. Robert prior to Sunday at 619-260-7419 or rcapone@sandiego.edu to register.

Students for Life invites you to make baby blankets for mothers in need here in San Diego and Tijuana! No experience or supplies needed - just YOU! Join us in UC Forum B on Friday, Sept. 28th from 2-4 pm for a service project full of music, friends and fun!

UM Small Groups

Make great friends. Experience God’s love. Discern God’s call.

UM Small Groups are student-led faith communities around campus. We come together to build relationships, share in this college journey and explore our faith lives.
The schedule for our residential small groups is available on the back of this bulletin. Please contact us if you have any questions at universityministry@sandiego.edu.

Baptism and Eucharist

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Choir

Interested in joining Founders Chapel Choir?
Rehearsals Wednesdays at 5:45pm in Founders Chapel
Make up sessions available on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 12:20pm in Camino 153.
For more information, please contact Annette at welsha@sandiego.edu

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