



CATHOLIC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES — COURSE CALENDAR 2026-2027

Fall Semester — Mon · Wed · Fri · Begins September 9

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC
Wed Sep 9	CSP 1	Intro: Syllabus, expectations & introduction to Catholic Social Principles
Fri Sep 11	CSP 2	Intro: Catholic Action — sanctifying self, restoring society under Christ
Mon Sep 14	CSP 3	Foundations: Human dignity & the final end of man
Wed Sep 16	CSP 4	Foundations: The person is social — individualism, collectivism, common good
Fri Sep 18	CSP 5	Foundations: Rights & duties — natural law, obligations, state in life
Mon Sep 21	CSP 6	The Family: Restoration of marriage — its natural & sacramental ends
Wed Sep 23	CSP 7	The Family: Duties of husband & wife; complementary roles
Fri Sep 25	CSP 8	Social Virtues: Friendship, loyalty, cliques & belonging
Mon Sep 28	TEST 1 — Through CSP 8	
Wed Sep 30	CSP 9	Work: Pagan & Jewish views; Christ's sanctification of work
Fri Oct 2	CSP 10	Work: A duty & an honor; intro to Rerum Novarum
Mon Oct 5	CSP 11	Moral Responsibility: Accountability — voluntary acts, intention, amendment
Wed Oct 7	CSP 12	Poverty: Historical views; Christ dignified poverty
Fri Oct 9	CSP 13	Poverty: The Church & the poor; our duties to those in need
Wed Oct 14	CSP 14	Riches: Christ's teachings — Luke 6:38, Proverbs 19:17
Fri Oct 16	CSP 15	Riches: Rerum Novarum in detail; stewardship & generosity
Mon Oct 19	CSP 16	Property: False systems — Liberalism, Communism, Socialism
Wed Oct 21	TEST 2 — Through CSP 16	
Fri Oct 23	CSP 17	Property: Capitalism's flaws; private property & its social use
Mon Oct 26	CSP 18	Property: Luke 11:41; Quadregesimo Anno; Summa II-II q.66; Divini Redemptoris
Wed Oct 28	CSP 19	Property: Subsidiarity & Distributism — is there a good social system?
Fri Oct 30	CSP 20	Social Justice: Commutative, distributive, legal & social justice
Mon Nov 2	CSP 21	Social Justice: Just wages, cooperation, profit sharing; duties of employers & workers
Wed Nov 4	CSP 22	Charity: Justice vs. charity; the right order of love
Fri Nov 6	CSP 23-24	Social Virtues: Truth & the right to a good name; fraternal correction & difficult conversations
Mon Nov 9	TEST 3 — Through CSP 23-24	
Wed Nov 11	CSP 25-26	Social Virtues: Anger & conflict — righteous anger, meekness, peacemaking; forgiveness, reconciliation & trust
Fri Nov 13	CSP 27-28	Social Virtues: Apology, restitution & repairing harm; boundaries, manipulation & enabling; cooperation in sin
Mon Nov 16	CSP 29	Christian Society: The Social Kingship of Christ; Church & State
Wed Nov 18	CSP 30	Authority: Man as a social creature; kinds of authority
Fri Nov 20	CSP 31	Authority: Divine origin, ends & limits; duties of rulers & subjects
Mon Nov 23	CSP 32	Authority: Obedience, appeal & unjust commands — obey, question, resist, refuse
Wed Nov 25	TEST 4 — Through CSP 32	
Mon Nov 30	CSP 33	Liberty: Internal & external necessity; free will & moral freedom
Wed Dec 2	CSP 34	Liberty: Liberty vs. license; Libertas; the French Revolution & the USA
Fri Dec 4	CSP 35	Law: Human & natural law; justice, conscience & fear
Mon Dec 7	CSP 36-37	Law: The common good — eminent domain & capital punishment case studies
Wed Dec 9	CSP 38	Culture: Education, media habits, algorithms & digital life
Fri Dec 11	CSP 39	Patriotism: Duties of citizens — voting, participation, Catholic Action
Mon Dec 14	CSP 40	Patriotism: Americanism — legitimate patriotism vs. condemned errors
Wed Dec 16	CSP 41	Synthesis: Catholic social case lab & a personal rule of social life
Fri Dec 18	FINAL EXAM — Comprehensive (CSP 33–41)	