Contents

Foreword by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez xiii
Introduction xvii

Part I: Exploring the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person 3
Brothers and Sisters to Us: Pastoral Letter on Racism 4
Statement on Capital Punishment 7
Evangelium Vitae (*The Gospel of Life*) 10
Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 20
Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love—A Pastoral Letter Against Racism 21
Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 24
Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 24
Dilexi Te (*To All Christians on Love for the Poor*) 25
Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 26
For Reflection and Dialogue 27

2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation 29
Rerum Novarum (*On the Condition of Labor*) 30
Quadragesimo Anno (*On Reconstructing the Social Order*) 30

Centesimus Annus (*On the Hundredth Anniversary of* Rerum Novarum) 31
Evangelium Vitae (*The Gospel of Life*) 32
Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 32
Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 38
Amoris Laetitia (*On Love in the Family*) 38
Christus Vivit (*To Young People and to the Entire People of God*) 39
Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 40
Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 40
Laudate Deum (*To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis*) 42
Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 42
For Reflection and Dialogue 42

3. Rights and Responsibilities 45
Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the US Economy 46
Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines 50
Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 54
Evangelii Gaudium (*The Joy of the Gospel*) 55
Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 56
Amoris Laetitia (*On Love in the Family*) 57
Christus Vivit (*To Young People and to the Entire People of God*) 58
Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 58
Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 59

Laudate Deum (*To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis*) 60

Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 61

For Reflection and Dialogue 61

4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable 63

Mater et Magistra (*On Christianity and Social Progress*) 64

Populorum Progressio (*On the Development of Peoples*) 71

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (*On Social Concern*) 74

A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of All God's Children 80

For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers 82

Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 82

Evangelii Gaudium (*The Joy of the Gospel*) 86

Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 90

Amoris Laetitia (*On Love in the Family*) 90

Gaudete et Exsultate (*On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*) 91

Christus Vivit (*To Young People and to the Entire People of God*) 91

Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 92

Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 92

Laudate Deum (*To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis*) 93

Dilexi Te (*To All Christians on Love for the Poor*) 93

Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 95

For Reflection and Dialogue 96

5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers 99

Rerum Novarum (*On the Condition of Labor*) 100

Quadragesimo Anno (*On Reconstructing the Social Order*) 105

Laborem Exercens (*On Human Work*) 106

Centesimus Annus (*On the Hundredth Anniversary of* Rerum Novarum) 110

For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers 118

Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 120

Evangelii Gaudium (*The Joy of the Gospel*) 122

Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 122

Amoris Laetitia (*On Love in the Family*) 122

Christus Vivit (*To Young People and to the Entire People of God*) 123

Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 123

Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 123

For Reflection and Dialogue 124

6. Solidarity 127

Pacem in Terris (*Peace on Earth*) 128

The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response 133

Deus Caritas Est (*God Is Love*) 141

Spe Salvi (*Saved in Hope*) 143

Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 144

Evangelii Gaudium (*The Joy of the Gospel*) 146
Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 147
Amoris Laetitia (*On Love in the Family*) 147
Christus Vivit (*To Young People and to the Entire People of God*) 148
Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 148
Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 148
Laudate Deum (*To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis*) 149
Dilexi Te (*To All Christians on Love for the Poor*) 149
Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 150
For Reflection and Dialogue 151

7. Care for God's Creation 153
Renewing the Earth: An Invitation to Reflection and Action on the Environment in Light of Catholic Social Teaching 154
Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good 159
For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Catholic Reflections on Food, Farmers, and Farmworkers 160
Caritas in Veritate (*On Integral Human Development in Charity and Truth*) 161
Laudato Si' (*On Care for Our Common Home*) 162
Querida Amazonia (*The Beloved Amazon*) 167
Fratelli Tutti (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*) 167
Laudate Deum (*To All People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis*) 168
Magnifica Humanitas (*On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*) 168

For Reflection and Dialogue 169

Part II: Integrating Social Teaching into the Everyday Life of the Church: Six Pastoral and Educational Tools

1. Preaching and Catechetical Message Guide 173
2. Sample Penance Service for Justice and Peace 183
3. Chart of Historical Milestones 189
4. Key Papal Biographies 195
5. List of Magisterial Documents and Key Terms 203
6. Additional Reading 211

Sources Cited 213
Index 217