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# Online Certificate in Social Justice

The **Institute for Pastoral Initiatives** designed the online **Certificate in Social Justice** by studying the common ground of certification requirements from across the USA to create a base from which dioceses may support their own Social Justice programs.

## The Certificate in Social Justice is intended for:

- ✓ Certified catechists
- ✓ Catholic school educators
- ✓ Persons working in Social Justice offices in dioceses and parishes
- ✓ Anyone working in a Social Justice ministry

## How do I Register?

- ✓ The registration process is online at [vlc.udayton.edu](http://vlc.udayton.edu)
- ✓ Click on "**Certificate Programs**" in the left margin of the web page to begin

## How much does it cost?

- ✓ The **application** for enrollment in the Certification Program is \$15.00 for persons in a partnering diocese, \$30.00 for persons in a non-partnering diocese.
- ✓ Each **course** within the Certificate Program costs \$40.00 each for persons in a partnering diocese, \$90.00 each for persons in a non-partnering diocese.
- ✓ See our website for a list of current (Arch)Diocesan Partners.

*"Far too many Catholics are not familiar with the basic content of Catholic Social Teaching. More fundamentally, many Catholics do not adequately understand that the social teaching of the Church is an essential part of Catholic faith. This poses a serious challenge for all Catholics, since it weakens our capacity to be a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel."*

United States Catholic Conference Introduction to:  
Sharing Catholic Social Teaching



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Applicants may substitute two diocesan courses that correspond to VLCCFF courses. See website for details.

## Required Courses

- ✓ Survey of Catholic Social Teaching – ***It is advised that you take this course before taking any of the courses listed below.***

**Please note that each course listed below is offered only once per year.**

- ✓ Advanced Catholic Social Teaching
- ✓ Scripture and Justice
- ✓ History of Catholic Social Action
- ✓ Poverty in the U.S. and Around the World

## Capstone Course – Parish and Social Action

The Capstone Course is an integration of all previous courses, requiring the student to demonstrate an understanding of the subject. All course work must be completed before taking Parish and Social Action.

## A Certificate of completion is awarded

- ✓ For each course
- ✓ Upon completion of the entire program

Upon completion of the Certificate in Social Justice, it is highly recommended that you work with your local parish to design a parish based or Catholic school social action plan.

***“We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”*** Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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