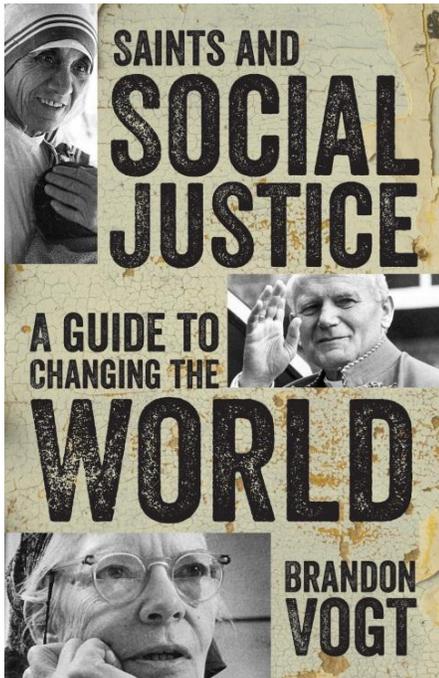


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The saints' game-plan for authentic social justice

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, June 16, 2014 – Societies live and die by their social teaching – history has shown it repeatedly. How they value human life, protect the family and rights of workers, assist the poor, and preserve and care for creation all ultimately make or break their legacy. Though the Catholic Church has consistently held social-justice guidelines, those truths have been largely distorted, misinterpreted, or forgotten. And the world today is paying a high price for that.

The lives of 14 saints -- and how their example relates to modern social justice -- are examined in-depth by award-winning author, blogger and speaker, Brandon Vogt, in **Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World** (Our Sunday Visitor, 2014). In keeping with the call to extend mercy and care to the poor, Vogt will donate 100 percent of the book's royalties to Catholic Charities, USA.

“Depending on whom you talk with,” states Vogt, “Catholic social teaching is either too liberal, too conservative, too outdated, too modern, too idealistic, too political, or in some cases, all of the above.” Though Catholic social teaching has been handed on through a wide variety of sources in tradition, it is perceived as abstract in nature, and has been misrepresented by various factions, both inside and outside the Church – all contributing to a state of confusion. **Saints and Social Justice** takes a clear-eyed look at the seven major themes of Catholic social teaching as defined by the U.S. bishops, and explores the lives of 14 saints who embodied them.

The saints featured include:

- Bl. Teresa of Calcutta
- St. Peter Claver
- St. Frances of Rome
- St. Roque Gonzalez
- Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
- St. Damien of Molokai
- St. John Paul II

“A triumph! One of the best presentations of the Church's social teaching.” - *Father Robert Barron*, Word on Fire Catholic Ministries

“Brandon Vogt reminds us that ‘social justice’ is not a dirty word. Rather, it's firmly rooted in the Gospels, in the church's social teachings, and, as he artfully shows us, in the lives of the great heroes and heroines of our faith.” –
Fr. James Martin, SJ

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