

Student Resources



BOOKS

“A Civilization of Love: What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World”

By Carl Anderson (2008)

A Civilization of Love offers a bold blueprint for the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church in the 21st Century. Supreme Knight Anderson uses his experiences as a former White House official, lawyer, educator and leader of the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization to show how Church teaching can inform and influence society for the better.

“Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life”

By Charles J. Chaput (2008)

Archbishop Chaput is an impassioned and forceful spokesman on many of today’s most challenging issues from abortion to immigration. In *Render Unto Caesar* he offers compelling arguments for why Catholics should become more engaged in political life than they currently are.

“Catholics, Politics, and Public Policy: Beyond Left and Right”

By Clarke E. Cochran and David Carroll Cochran (2003)

The Cochrans address many important social issues that should be considered before voting, including; health care, welfare reform, education and more.

“With Jesus Every Day: How Believing Transforms Living”

By Christoph Cardinal Schoenborn (2007)

How can Christians meet the challenge of living a faith-filled, joyful life in today’s world? That’s just one of the questions Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn answers in his book.

“10 things Pope Benedict XVI Wants You to Know”

By John L. Allen, Jr. (2007)

Veteran Vatican observer John L. Allen Jr. draws from the writings and speeches of the pope to share with readers in a concise way what he believes are the touchstones of Pope Benedict’s pontificate.

Books are available through the

Supreme Knight’s Book Club Web site:

www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/publications/sk_bookclub/index.html

LINKS

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20051225_deus-caritas-est_en.html

Pope Benedict XVI’s first encyclical (2005), *Deus Caritas Est*, explores the subject of Christian love. For example, Pope Benedict writes “... A just society must be the achievement of politics, not of the Church. Yet the promotion of justice through efforts to bring about openness of mind and will to the demands of the common good is something which concerns the Church deeply.”

<http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/>

The Faithful Citizenship Web site has links to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ statement on the 2008 election, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, and media resources that are relevant to the election.

<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/>

The United States Conference for Catholic Bishops’ Publishing Catalogue offers printed resources for sale.

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/column.php?n=439>

A link to the article “Participation in Civic Life is Moral Responsibility for Catholics,” written by Bishop George Lucas.

http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/leadership_institute/resources/handbooks/Essay.pdf

The Resource Book previously used for the Essay Contest contains an introduction by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the Essay Contest topic and papal documents issued by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II.

http://www.johncarrollsociety.org/archives/C5/supreme_knight_carl_a_anderson_annual_dinner_talk/

A link to the Supreme Knight’s remarks to the John Carroll Society in 2009 on faith in the public square.

These links may be accessed through the Order’s Web site www.kofc.org/essay and then clicking the Resources link.