



Glossary

Anawim	A word which originally meant “overwhelmed by want” in Hebrew but which became a part of religious vocabulary denoting those aware of their dependence upon God. ⁱ
Catechism	A popular summary, usually in book form, of Catholic doctrine about faith and morals and commonly intended for use within programs of formal catechesis. The official and most authoritative Catholic catechism is the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> . ⁱⁱ
Catholic Social Teaching	The Church's teachings about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. These teachings are based on Scripture, as well as papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. Key elements of Catholic social teaching include: The Life and Dignity of the Human Person, Call to Family, Community and Participation, Rights and Responsibilities, Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, Solidarity, and Care for God's Creation. ⁱⁱⁱ
Charism	<p>Charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world.^{iv}</p> <p>There are ... special graces, also called charisms after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning “favor,” “gratuitous gift,” “benefit.” Whatever their character—sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues—charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church. ”</p>
Complacency	An instance of usually unaware or uninformed self-satisfaction. ^{vi}
Disciple	A word which means “learner,” it is used to describe those who hear and follow the teaching of Jesus, not only in New Testament times but in every age. ^{vii}
Discernment	The process of choosing the best loving action, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...Consciously inviting God into major decisions. ^{viii}
Evangelization (Catholic context)	<p>A term referring to the comprehensive process in which the Gospel is announced, the message is accepted, and the recipient becomes a member of the believing community.</p> <p>The witness to the Christian message offered by the life of the evangelizer is more than a mere preparation for the Gospel; it is a part of the evangelization process itself... The evangelizing process does not end with the establishment of the Church but with the sending out of a new generation of apostles.^{ix}</p> <p>The proclamation of Christ and his Gospel by word and the testimony of life, in fulfillment of Christ’s command. ^x</p>



Laity	The faithful who, having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, are made part of the people of God, the Church. The laity participate in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ. Laity are distinguished from clergy (who have received Holy Orders) and those in consecrated life. ^{xi}
<i>Lectio Divina</i>	A way of praying with Scripture through divine or sacred reading of the text. A method of experiencing God's presence in and through the inspired word. <i>Lectio divina</i> involves reading a passage from Scripture prayerfully and reflectively multiple times. Each new reading allows listeners to sink deeper into the heart of God's word. ^{xii}
Marginalized	People who are relegated to a powerless position within a society or group. ^{xiii}
New Evangelization	<p>The new evangelization is the Church's ability to renew her communal experience of faith and to proclaim it within the new situations which, in recent decades, have arisen in cultures.</p> <p>The new evangelization responds to a demand that the Church have the courage to rise to the occasion in order to take bold steps in revitalizing her spiritual and missionary vocation. Christian communities, affected by the strong social and cultural changes taking place, need once again to find the energy and means to ground themselves solidly in the presence of the Risen Christ, who animates them from within. They must allow themselves to be guided by his Spirit so that they can newly experience the gift of communion with the Father which is theirs in Jesus Christ, and, in turn, offer to others this same experience as the most precious gift that can be possessed.^{xiv}</p>
Preferential Option for the Poor	<p>An option for the poor is a commitment by individual Christians and the Christian community at every level to engage actively in a struggle to overcome the social injustices which mar our world. To be genuine it must come from a real experience of solidarity with the victims of our society. This means that one aspect of an option for the poor has to do with sharing in some degree in the lives, sorrows, joys, hopes, and fears of those who are on the margins of society. Without this, the attempt to serve the interests of “the poor” will be patronizing—and it will make them feel more powerless and dependent than ever.</p> <p>An option for the poor is a commitment to resist the structural injustice which marks our world. The person who makes such an option is undertaking to work to change the unjust economic, social, and political structures which determine how power and resources are shared out in the world—and also in the Church.^{xv}</p>
Social Justice	The respect for the human person and the rights which flow from human dignity and guarantee it. Society must provide the conditions that allow people to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and vocation. ^{xvi}



Solidarity	Not just a vague feeling of compassion but a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good. Solidarity must be practiced between individuals, professions, classes, communities, and nations, as all must be committed to the common good and to overcoming the alienation and injustice oppressing so many. ^{xvii}
Vocation	A call from God to all members of the Church to embrace a life of holiness. Specifically, it refers to a call to live the holy life as an ordained minister, as a vowed religious sister or brother, in a Christian marriage, or in a single life. ^{xviii}

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ⁱⁱ Singer-Towns, Brian, Janet Claussen and Clare Vanbrandwijk. The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth. Winona, MN: Saint Marys Press, 2004. Print.

ⁱⁱⁱ Sharing Catholic Social Teaching; Challenges and Directions. USCCB. Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference, Inc., 1997.

^{iv} Church, Catholic. Catechism Of The Catholic Church, Second Edition. Promulgated By Pope John Paul II.. USCCB, 2000. Print. #799.

^v Ibid., #2003.

^{vi} Mish, Frederick C. Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary. Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2009. Print.

^{vii} The Essential Catholic Handbook: A Summary Of Beliefs, Practices, And Prayers : With A Glossary Of Key Terms And Cross-Referenced to the Catechism of the Catholic Church.. Rev. & updated ed. Liguori, Mo.: Liguori Publications, 2004. Print.

^{viii} Singer-Towns, Brian, Janet Claussen and Clare Vanbrandwijk. The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth. Winona, MN: Saint Marys Press, 2004. Print.

^{ix} Dwyer, Judith A and Elizabeth L Montgomery. The New Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1994. Print.

^x Church, Catholic. Catechism Of The Catholic Church, Second Edition. Promulgated By Pope John Paul II.. USCCB, 2000. Print. (Glossary)

^{xi} Ibid., (Glossary)

^{xii} JustFaith Ministries. Good News People Participant Binder. Louisville, KY: JustFaith, Inc. 2013.

^{xiii} Mish, Frederick C. Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary. Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2009. Print.

^{xiv} The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith, Instrumentum Laboris

^{xv} Dorr, Donal. Option For The Poor. Maryknoll (New York): Orbis Books, 2005. Print.

^{xvi} Church, Catholic. Catechism Of The Catholic Church, Second Edition. Promulgated By Pope John Paul II.. USCCB, 2000. Print. (Glossary)

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