

# Resources for Reading, Reflecting and Studying “Caritas in Veritate—Charity in Truth”

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## Personal Study:

*Caritas in Veritate—Charity in Truth* by Nick Wagner

Clearance price \$4.99

Includes PDF and PPT versions of study guide.

From *Team RCIA* [<http://teamrcia.com/bookstore/02-003nw/>]

This reader's guide helps you understand the main points of Pope Benedict XVI's latest encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*. This guide takes the Pope's important contribution to the line of papal encyclicals on Catholic social teaching and puts it in plain, simple language. Designed as a supplement to reading the Pope's letter, the guide includes reflection questions for each chapter of the encyclical.

## *Individual Reflection Guide*

Published by the USCCB

Free—available at: [www.usccb.org/jphd/caritasinveritate](http://www.usccb.org/jphd/caritasinveritate)

This guide includes twelve short reflections, each of which can be completed in 5 to 10 minutes.

Arranged by theme.

## Group Study Resources:

*Group Study Sessions: Caritas in Veritate*

Published by the USCCB

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Description: This site includes the 4-part group study guides, an overview outline, action guide, and *Unpacking Caritas in Veritate*. (A slideshow presentation with presenter's notes on the encyclical.) Each session can stand alone if you want to explore just one or two themes. Each session also includes the “Social Encyclical Primer” that might be a good starting point for those unfamiliar with the history of social teaching in the church. Themes include: Charity, Justice and the Common Good; Human Rights and Dignities; Morality in Economic Life; The Unity of the Family and Global Solidarity.

## *Catholic Updates:*

Published by St. Anthony Messenger Press, available at

<http://catalog.americancatholic.org> [link at the top of the page for “Catholic Updates”]

*Key Themes of Charity in Truth (C1009x)*

*5 Virtues for Hard Economic Times (C0809)*

## Resources for Elementary/Jr Hi Students

<http://Generationsoffaitth.org>

<http://fashioningfaith.org>

These are subscription resource sites with intergenerational/age-appropriate resources for general justice education topics. Not specific to the pope's letter.

<http://Pastoralplanning.com>

[bookstore, follow link on left to books/posters, etc./elementary]

2 resources available from Anne Neuberger:

*To Love Tenderly: Teaching Compassion and Justice* contains thirty-two short, absorbing stories about children and families from many different countries and cultures: from Tanzania to El Salvador, from the United States to Croatia, from Sweden to China. Some are based on real-life situations, others on folk tales. But they all introduce children to the realities of poverty, injustice, and abuse of national resources to help them develop a strong sense of identification with children all over the world. The stories are grouped according to age levels (from kindergarten to fourth grade).

### *To Act Justly: Introducing Catholic Social Teaching for Children*

Ages 7-10

This engaging and easy-to-read book will help catechists and teachers open the eyes of their students to Catholic social teaching and to new ways of looking at and being involved in the world around them. In this must-have resource guide, Anne E. Neuberger provides a way to teach youngsters how to think, feel, and act with justice, using stories that illustrate the seven social justice principles, the teachings of Vatican II, and the beatitudes. She includes creative activities that help children apply what they have learned in enjoyable, concrete ways.