

8th Grade Summer One-Pager Assignment – Religion Class

Topic: *Catholic Social Teaching – Living the Gospel in the World*

Due: MONDAY AUGUST 18, 2025

Total Points: 100

I. Why This Assignment?

In 8th grade, your Religion studies will focus on Church history, morality, and living out our faith in the modern world. One of the most important tools for doing that is **Catholic Social Teaching**—the Church’s guide to building a just, compassionate society based on Gospel values. This summer, you will create a one-page project that introduces the **7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching**, helping you understand how our faith calls us to love God and neighbor through action, justice, and service. This assignment will prepare you to become thoughtful leaders and faithful Catholics in your school, community, and beyond.

II. Instructions for Students:

Create a **one-page visual and written summary** that explains the **7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CST)** and what they mean in real life. Your one-pager should reflect both your understanding and your creativity.

III. Your One-Pager Must Include:

1. Title (5 points)

A meaningful and creative title for your one-pager (e.g., *“Faith in Action”*, *“Catholic Social Teaching: Love Made Visible”*, or *“Justice Through the Eyes of Christ”*).

2. Summary of the 7 Themes (50 points total)

For each of the **7 themes of CST**, write **1–2 sentences** in your own words explaining what it means.

The 7 themes are:

1. Life and Dignity of the Human Person
2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation
3. Rights and Responsibilities
4. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

5. The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
6. Solidarity
7. Care for God's Creation

3. Real-Life Examples (15 points)

Choose **2–3 of the CST themes** and give a **real-life example** of how people or organizations live them out.

Examples can include:

- A Catholic charity or saint
- A real event from history or the news
- Something you or someone in your community has done

4. Visual Elements (10 points)

Include **symbols, drawings, or meaningful images** to represent some of the CST themes. These can be hand-drawn or printed.

5. Faith Reflection (15 points)

Write a **short reflection** (3–5 sentences):

- Which CST theme speaks to you the most?
- How can you live that theme out in your own life—as a student, friend, or member of society?

6. Neatness, Organization & Effort (5 points)

Make sure your one-pager is **organized, colorful, and easy to read**. Use your best effort!

IV. Grading Rubric (Total: 100 points)

Category	Points
Creative Title	5
7 Themes Explained (1–2 sentences each)	50
Real-Life Examples (2–3)	15
Visual Symbols/Drawings	10
Faith Reflection	15
Neatness, Organization, and Effort	5
Total	100

USCCB – Catholic Social Teaching:

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>

This page from the **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)** clearly explains each of the 7 themes.

Late Work Policy – Summer Assignment

1. Due Date: Monday, August 18, 2025

All summer assignments must be turned in on or before the due date. Late submissions will receive point deductions based on how many days late they are.

2. Late Work Penalty:

- **1 day late (Aug 19):** –5 points
- **2 days late (Aug 20):** –10 points
- **3 days late (Aug 21):** –20 points
- **4 days late (Aug 22):** –30 points
- **After Friday, August 28: 0 points (no credit will be given)**