

Lesson 5
EPIC Action Project: Identifying Community Needs
Additional Resources

The first three sites on the below list can help you locate additional materials related to Catholic social teaching. The remaining sites can assist you in identifying community needs and contacting CCHD Directors and locally funded groups.

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development
www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/

This Department works to share and apply Catholic social teaching on domestic and international issues. The “Catholic Social Teaching” section of this page includes basic information, foundational documents, and educational resources. The “Domestic Issues” section includes more detailed background information on the Church’s position on many issues related to the root causes of poverty.

- Justice Peace and Human Development Resources and Tools
www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/resources-and-tools.cfm

This web page provides a large array of downloadable and outside resources for sharing Catholic social teaching with various audiences.

- Office for Social Justice, Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis
www.osjspm.org/page.aspx?pid=491

This site includes an overview and the texts of major social documents of the Catholic Church, quotations by issue from these documents, and helpful handouts and PowerPoint presentations.

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development Current Grantees
www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/cchd-funded-groups.cfm
www.povertyusa.org/the-state-of-poverty/poverty-map-state/

This site identifies current CCHD grantees. These organizations can provide insight into local issues and how they are able to respond. These organizations may be able to provide speakers for your group. Alternately, you can use the Poverty Map on the PovertyUSA website to see a map of all CCHD grantees across the country, including those in your own state.

- Catholic Campaign for Human Development Diocesan Directors
www.usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/diocesan-coordinators-catholic-campaign-for-human-development.cfm

This site provides contact information for CCHD Directors for your (arch)diocese. The Directors can provide insight into local issues and provide additional information regarding current grantees.

- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States.*
www.faithfulcitizenship.org

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship.pdf

The *Faithful Citizenship* Web site contains resources, materials, and activities based on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, a statement that outlines the responsibility that all Catholics share to participate in the discussion of public policy issues. This statement challenges people of faith to advocate on behalf of the poor and vulnerable, human life and dignity, and to work to address the root causes of injustice.