Lesson 2: The Causes of Poverty
Additional Resources

o *A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Respect the Dignity of All God's Children*, A Pastoral Reflection of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2002.
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/poverty/place-at-the-table.cfm

   Section IV: Analysis offers a brief reflection on some of the structural causes of poverty. *Section VI: Direction* describes the four legs of the table referenced in this lesson.

o United States Census Bureau, *Annual Demographic Survey, Poverty Tables*
www.census.gov/cps/

o United States Census Bureau, *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012.*
http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p60-245.pdf
The above two resources are for those who wish to pursue a sophisticated analysis of poverty rates throughout the U.S. They are the sources for current statistics and tables on poverty rates for various sub-populations.

o PovertyUSA website
www.PovertyUSA.org and www.PobrezaUSA.org
This website is an initiative of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty program of the Catholic bishops in the United States. These items are particularly relevant to this lesson:

   ❖ Poverty Map (www.povertyusa.org/the-state-of-poverty/poverty-map-county/) At the state level, you can find the poverty ranking, the overall poverty rate, deep poverty rate, and the poverty rate for children, seniors, young adults, people with disabilities, women, and men.

   ❖ Snapshots of Poverty (www.povertyusa.org/the-state-of-poverty/snapshots-of-poverty/) A snapshot into the lives of five people living in poverty.

o Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development
www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/

   The Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development works on behalf of the United States Catholic Bishops to *share* and *apply* Catholic social teaching on domestic and international issues. Domestic Social Development works to address many issues related to the root causes of poverty.