

Who Is My Neighbor?

Advanced Renewal Course

In a dialogue with Jesus, a Jewish expert in the law establishes that the criterion for inheriting eternal life is to keep the Great Commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” Then, seeking to justify himself, the scholar goes on to ask the Lord, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus’ response is the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37).

Drawing upon Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the principles of Catholic social teaching, these Advanced/Renewal courses will explore what it means to love each and every human being – starting with oneself – as a person uniquely created in God’s image and likeness, and therefore worthy of love, respect and dignity. In particular, participants will confront how various characteristics – including economic status, race, creed, age, ethnicity and gender – have been used to deny such love and respect to members of the human family, in violation of the Gospel-rooted principles of Catholic social teaching.

Who Is My Neighbor? – Part I (5 hrs.)

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 Hwy 190 E Service Rd., Covington

The question that Jesus used as the springboard for telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan serves as the catalyst for this course’s exploration of contemporary issues pertaining to human trafficking and immigration, in light of the themes and principles of Catholic social teaching.

Who Is My Neighbor? – Part II (5 hrs.)

Saturday, September 30, 2017 - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Northshore Catholic Center, 4465 Hwy 190 E Service Rd., Covington

The same question that Jesus used as the springboard for telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan launches this course’s exploration of why race has been and remains such a deeply vexing problem in American society, and why Catholic social teaching, Catholic educational institutions, the Church’s hierarchical governance structure and the sacramental system offer hope for a real and lasting solution.

(NOTE: ALTHOUGH THESE 2 CLASSES ARE ENTITLED “PART I” AND “PART II,” THEY MAY BE TAKEN INDEPENDENTLY OF ONE ANOTHER. HOWEVER, STUDENTS WILL PROBABLY GET THE GREATEST BENEFIT BY TAKING BOTH.)

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