



Advent Penance Service

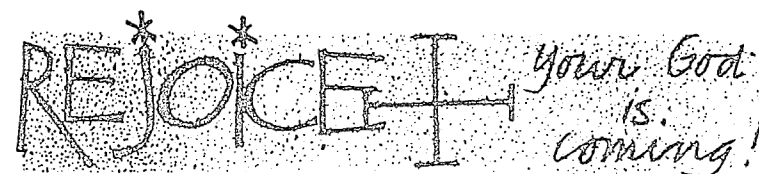
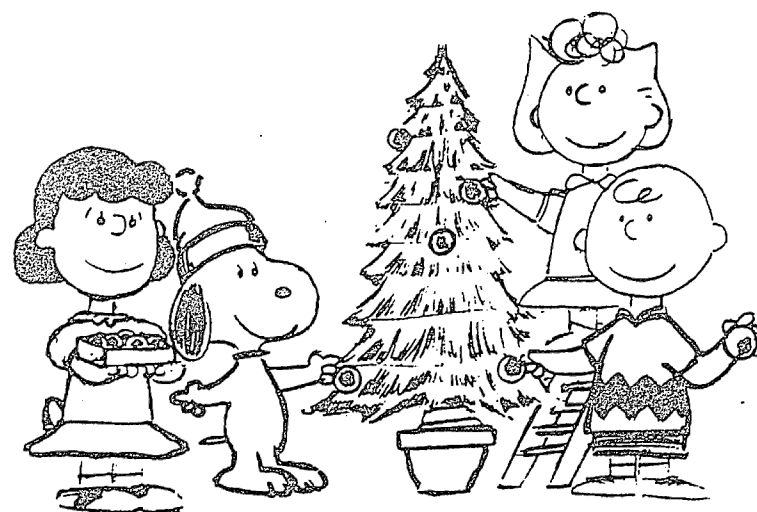
Monday, December 7th, 1987 10:00pm

Sacred Heart Church

Opportunity for individual confession following the service.

Rev. Thomas Gaughan, C.S.C., Homilist

Music provided by the Notre Dame Folk Choir



DECEMBER 8  
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN  
MARY

5 PM MASS  
SACRED HEART CHURCH  
NOTRE DAME GLEE CLUB



TODAY, DECEMBER 6  
RITE OF BECOMING A CATECHUMEN

Today, we are happy to welcome fourteen members of the Notre Dame community into the Catechumenate, the preparatory period before becoming Catholic. Our Prayers and support are with them as they prepare to become Catholics.



#### NOTICES...

**HANDBELL CHOIR?** If anyone is interested in being part of the newly forming Handbell Choir, contact Steve Warner at 239-5242, Paul Waguespack at 4274, or Celestina Rivera at 3468 for more information.

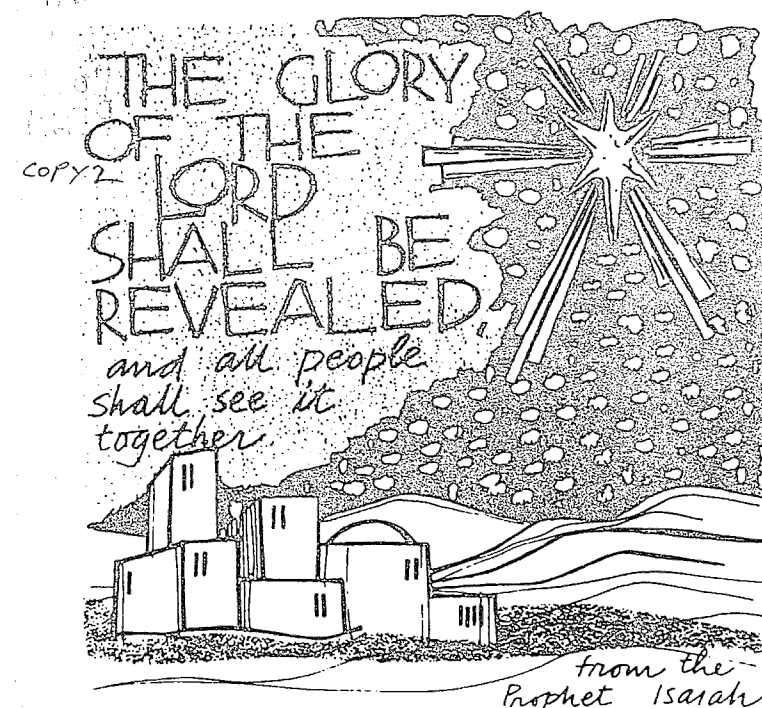
**ADULT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHOIR** meets Mondays, starting 12/7/87 at 7 - 8:30 pm in Crowley Hall of Music, Gail Walton and Steve Warner, directors.



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Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight his path!



# How Is My God Revealed To Me?

Christmas celebrates God being revealed to us through His Son's incarnation, God becoming one of us. Yet, many times one finds one's God is elusive, not so easily revealed. This is so even though the gospel repeatedly describes Jesus finding himself concerned and being present to the poor, deprived, the alienated, those suffering, the unacceptable by some standard. The Holy Spirit enforced this gospel truth when Vatican II clearly made the seeking of peace and justice a constitutive element of our faith. As we seek our elusive God this Advent, may we consider finding Him in others using the Social Teachings of His Church which are summarized below:

## ■ Ten Major Lessons

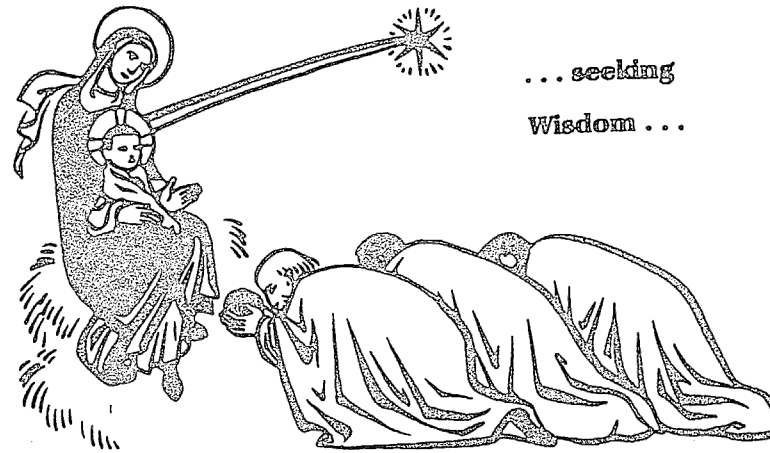
Any list of "major lessons" of Catholic social teaching is difficult to draw up (there is such a large body of church teaching) and dangerous to publish (what about all the important items left out?). Offered with all due caution, therefore, is the following list of key emphases which characterize Catholic social teaching today, with suggestions of some documents which demonstrate these points particularly well.

**1. Link of Religious and Social Dimensions of Life**—The "social"—the human construction of the world—is not "secular" in the sense of being outside of God's plan, but is intimately involved with the dynamic of the Reign of God. Therefore faith and justice are necessarily linked closely together (*The Church in the Modern World*).

**2. Dignity of the Human Person**—Made in the image of God, women and men have a preeminent place in the social order, with inalienable rights, both political-legal and social-economic. The fundamental question to ask about social development is: what is happening to people? (*Peace on Earth*).



Wise men ...



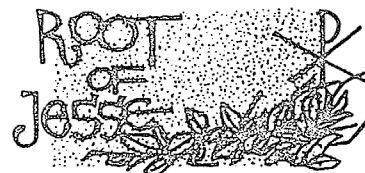
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Wisdom ...

**3. Option for the Poor**—A preferential love should be shown to the poor, whose needs and rights are given special attention in God's eyes. "Poor" is understood to refer to the economically disadvantaged who, as a consequence of their status, suffer oppression and powerlessness (*Call to Action*).

**4. Link of Love and Justice**—Love of neighbor is an absolute demand for justice, because charity manifests itself in actions and structures which respect human dignity, protect human rights, and facilitate human development. To promote justice is to transform structures which block love (*Justice in the World*).

**5. Promotion of the Common Good**—The common good is the sum total of all those conditions of social living—economic, political, cultural—which make it possible for women and men to readily and fully achieve the perfection of their humanity. Individual rights are always experienced within the context of promotion of the common good (*Christianity and Social Progress*).

**6. Political Participation**—Democratic participation in decisionmaking is the best way to respect the dignity and liberty of people. The government is the instrument by which people cooperate together in order to achieve the common good (Pius XII, *Christmas Message*, 1944).



**7. Economic Justice**—The economy is for the people and the resources of the earth are to be equitably shared by all. Human work is the key to contemporary social questions. Labor takes precedence over both capital and technology in the production process. Just wages and the right of workers to organize are to be respected (*On Human Work*).

**8. Stewardship**—All property has a "social mortgage". All people are to be respected and share the resources of the earth. By our work we are co-creators in the continuing development of the earth (*On Human Work*).

**9. Global Solidarity**—We belong to one human family and as such have mutual obligations to promote the development of all people across the world. In particular, the rich nations have responsibilities toward the poor nations and the structures of the international order must reflect justice (*The Development of Peoples*).

**10. Promotion of Peace**—Peace is the fruit of justice and is dependent upon right order among humans and among nations. The arms race must cease and progressive disarmament take place if the future is to be secure. In order to promote peace and the conditions of peace, an effective international authority is necessary (*Peace on Earth*).

... find it in a Child

