

Candidacy Formation

Meeting Eleven

Catholic Social Teaching and the Order of Preachers

Dominicans: Antonio de Montesinos and Bartolomé de las Casas

Objectives

- Articulate the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
 - Understand the contributions of Fr. Antonio de Montesinos and Fr. Bartolome de las Casas
 - Understand the Dominican contribution to how Catholic Social Teaching is understood today. True *justice* is a major part of what the Order does in the world today.
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Reading List

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB)

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

Fr. Antonio de Montesinos

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website

Fr. Bartolomé de Las Casas

- Linked below module on Southern Province Formation Website



Questions

Catholic Social Teaching

1. Summarize and discuss how the contributions of Fr. Antonio de Montesinos, OP, and Fr. Bartolomé de las Casas, OP, intersect how we understand Catholic Social Teaching today. Specifically, how did they carry out the mission of the Order of Preachers? What does this mean for Dominicans in the 21st Century?