

Special Issue

Catholic Social Ethics: Engaging Pressing Issues

Message from the Guest Editor

The scope of this Special Issue is global, recognizing overlapping effects of crises and victories. However, the local and immediate needs of individuals must be identified by facts and figures for interventions and mitigation efforts to be successful. Thus, contributors are asked to examine and interrogate the local realities of crises. This volume of *Religions* offers an opportunity to keep the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching relevant to the Church and the world by examining the needs of people at the precipice of crisis. If critical ethical issues are “anything”, they are a call to us, as Catholic theological ethicists, to identify, unpack, and strategize about how the tradition offers insights on how we, the Church, and we, theologians, may respond with words of hope and strategies for change. This volume invites us as well to consider what Pope Francis encourages a “culture of encounter” that moves us from our cubicles to accompaniment in the chaos of the contemporary world such that our efforts may better bring succor and critical ethical insight to the pressing issues of our times and for all people.

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