

The Francis Factor: The Leadership of the World's Pastor

The Francis Factor is a series of dialogues hosted by Georgetown University's initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. The dialogues focus on Pope Francis's impact on the Catholic Church, his influence on global affairs, and his challenges to established norms and practices.

Each LAOH division is encouraged to view **The Francis Factor: The Leadership of the World's Pastor** and to discuss its content as a group. Use the questions and sentence starters provided below to organize your thoughts.

Why is Catholic Social Teaching an Essential Component to the Catholic Faith?

Question 1	Watch	Question 2
<p>What do you know about Catholic Social Teaching? (What is it? What topics are included?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a minute or two to think about what you know about Catholic Social Teaching. • Share your thoughts in pairs or small groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the lecture dialogue that was recorded on March 19, 2025, at Georgetown University. • video • Write down anything that stands out to you. • Use the sentence stems to help organize your thinking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What _____ said CHALLENGED my thinking by/because... • What _____ said CHANGED my thinking by/because.... • What _____ said CONFIRMED my thinking by/because... 	<p>Why was Catholic Social Teaching important to Pope Francis?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss as a whole group • Share your own thoughts and questions. • You can use the following sentence starters, too: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ I agree with _____, but... ○ That's a good point, but... ○ I disagree with _____, and I think....

Reflection: Why is Catholic Social Teaching an essential component of Catholicism?

- Discuss this question at the end of your conversation.