

# SJN Adult Faith Formation Network

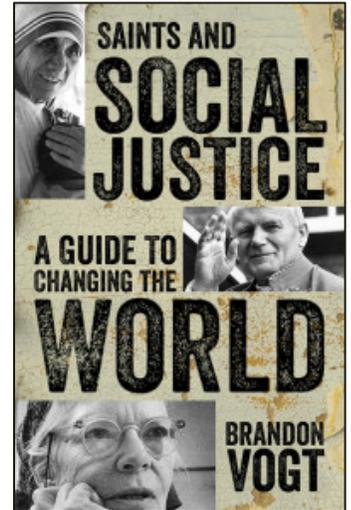
## Autumn Book Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 17

### *“Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World”\**

By virtue of our baptism, God calls us to love and serve our fellow human beings and our world. The great saints of the Church have always had a profound calling to social justice at the heart of their ministry and vocation. But what does it mean to say that as Catholics we value human life or emphasize the importance of the family and community? Do workers have rights? What are our special obligations to the poor? How do we care for the created order?

Using Brandon Vogt’s newly-published book, *Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World*, we will explore the **seven key principles of Catholic social justice** by examining the lives of holy men and women. Some are well-known, such as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta and St. John Paul II and others less so, such as St. Damien of Molokai and St. Roque González. By examining a variety of saints from different cultures and times, we will be challenged to find fresh new ways to live more authentic Catholic lives in our modern world.



This seven-week study will be led by Dr. Catherine Unterseher. For additional information, contact Catherine Combi-Donovan at 788-0811 or [CatherineC@sc.twcbc.com](mailto:CatherineC@sc.twcbc.com)

\* **“A triumph! One of the best presentations of the Church’s social teaching.** Brandon Vogt adeptly and correctly positions social justice in relation to the lives of the saints and in doing so rescues it from the ideological constraints that have for far too long made this essential teaching of the Church inaccessible to most of the faithful. Social justice is not simply a theory, but a whole way of life, revealed in all its radical and saving grace in the lives of the Church’s saints.”

— **Fr. Robert Barron**, *Rector of Mundelein Seminary and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries*

*Catherine Unterseher (Howard), Ph.D.* Born in Honolulu but raised in Texas, Dr. Unterseher graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude* with a degree in history (double-major in English) from the University of Texas. She went on to earn her Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology (*magna sum laude*) at Southern Methodist University and then to complete her doctorate in the History of the Christian Tradition, also at SMU. Her areas of specialization are the Church Fathers, Augustine of Hippo, and history of Jewish-Christian relations, with a secondary specialization in the history of biblical interpretation. Other areas of interest include monastic spirituality, women Christian mystics, and theology of *Harry Potter*. She has a real passion for awakening students to social justice issues in our world today. For the past 14 years, she has taught religion at Columbia College where she is currently the R. Wright Spears Professor of Religion. In her spare time, she loves teaching in the parish, doing jigsaw puzzles and Legos.

**Wednesdays: September 17 – October 29, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, SJN Upper School Bldg. Room 18**

Cost: *The price of the book, approximately \$12.*