

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSEWORK
LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2009

Some resources suggested by teachers

SECTION F: ISSUES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE

F. 1. Many religious groups/organisations are committed to non-violence.

Profile one religious group/organisation committed to non-violence in the world today and examine the extent to which commitment to non-violence is linked to the religious beliefs of that religious group/organisation.

Singer, P. ed 'A Companion to Ethics'

Department of Theological Questions/Irish Inter Church Meeting, 1997, 'Freedom, Justice and Responsibility in Ireland Today' Dublin, Veritas (ecumenical perspectives on Justice and Peace)

Williams, T. and Falconer, A eds; 1994, 'Sectarianism: Papers of the 1994 Corrymeela Ecumenical Conference', Dublin: Dominican Publications in association with the Irish School of Ecumenics

Geisler, N. 1991, 'Options in Contemporary Christian Ethics', Grand Rapids, Mich. Baker House

Hauerwas, S, 1981, 'Against the Nation: War and Survival in a Liberal Society', Minneapolis: Fortress Press

Charles, R, 1999, 'An Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching', San Francisco

Ignatius, and Himes, K, 2001, 'Responses to 101 Questions on Catholic Social Teaching', New Jersey, Paulist

<http://www.osjspm.org> (texts of Catholic magisterium – 'Pacem in Terris' and 'The Challenge of Peace')

<http://www.cpt.org/> Christian Peacemaker Teams – an ecumenical initiative supporting violence reduction.

<http://www.wcc-coe.org/wcc/what/interreligious/cd39-08.html> World Council of Churches – Religion and Violence conference, 2002

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_pacifism

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/livingspace/SundayArchive/C-20.htm> The Christian message is non-violent...

<http://www.ireland.com/focus/papaldeath/drogheda.htm> Pope begs people to turn from violence, 1979

<http://www.edunet.ie/resources/religioninfo/general.html>

<http://www.mkgandhi.org/>

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/ccc_toc.htm Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Fifth Commandment

<http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/harvest.shtml> U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the challenge of peace

Book: The Faiths of Ireland by Stephen Skuce. Columba Press, 2006 (A very useful book on many of the Faith traditions in Ireland, with a limited reference to non-violence)

QUAKERS

See 'The Irish Times', Saturday 10th May 2008 'Pacifists Pay a Heavy Price for Resisting Loyalty Oaths' by Denis Staunton

<http://www.quakers-in-ireland.org/> Also

<http://www.teachnet.ie/joconnell/docs/quakerbelief.doc>

Teaching Religious Education Issue 3, November 2008 article by Christopher Moriarty on non-violence in the Quaker tradition

BUDDHISM

<http://www.dublinbuddhistcentre.org/buddhism.htm>

<http://www.teachnet.ie/joconnell/docs/buddhism.doc>

<http://www.tcd.ie/ise/postgraduate/UNBACKGROUNDER3.doc>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/religion/buddhism/buddha_day.shtml

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/ethics/war/against/nonviolence.shtml> Ghandi and Non-violence

BAHAI

<http://www.teachnet.ie/joconnell/docs/bahai.doc> Bahai Also

<http://www.bahai.ie/information3.htm>

Bahai'i Council for Northern Ireland, statements.htm

MENNONITES

Book: 'Mennonites' by Larry Towell; Phaidon Press Ltd, 2000

AMISH

http://news.uk.msn.com/who_are_the_amish.aspx Who are the Amish? Also view the film 'Witness'.

http://www.magico.ie/files/admin/uploads/W140_Field_2_22917.pdf

Irish Film Institute study guide of the film 'Witness'.

http://www.skool.ie/skool/examcentre_sc.asp?id=3118

Also read <http://www.teachnet.ie/ckelly/amishrug.htm> about the poem 'An Amish Rug' by Michael Longley.

<http://www.esatclear.ie/~dialogueireland/worldreligions/christianity/amish01.htm>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/christianity/subdivisions/amish_1.shtml

ROMAN CATHOLIC

<http://dublindiocese.ie> Archdiocese of Dublin - 15-07-07 Archbishop calls for summit to address violence.htm

<http://www.paxchristi.ie/> Catholic Peace Movement

<http://www.cinews.ie/article.php?artid=3059> Beirut writers, Ogarit Younan and Rami G Khouri, awarded Pax Christi International Peace Prize 30 December 2006

www.vatican.va / Catechism of the Catholic Church - The fifth commandment.htm

www.americancatholic.org Understanding the Just War Theory

<http://www.columban.com/index.html>

http://www.columban.com/can_hamas_be_a_voice_for_peace.html

<http://www.sedos.org/english/irudaya.htm> A Prophetic Call Against War – A Politico-Sociological Study of Jeremiah 21:1-14, by Raj Irudaya, SJ.

<http://www.franciscans.ie/>

<http://franciscans.ie/content/view/161/41/> St. Francis and non-violence

Book: Subverting Hatred: Challenge of Nonviolence in Religious Tradition, Smith-Christopher, Daniel, ORBIS BOOKS

F. 2. An exploration of the relationship between justice and peace that is evident in the teaching of one of the following world religions:

☉ Christianity ☉ Buddhism ☉ Hinduism ☉ Islam ☉ Judaism

- **The Judeo-Christian vision of Justice**
- **The Zakat of Islam**
- **The four Varnas of Hinduism**
- **The eight-fold path of Buddhism**

Books: Buddhist Exploration of Peace and Justice, Eds Chanju Mun & Ronald S. Greene, Blue Pine Books, 2006.

Theologies of Justice, Peace and Prosperity, Theo 305 – Spring 2005 sections 4/N1 & 41
Dr. Gerald W. Schlabach

Encyclopaedia Britannica

<http://www.ncrlc.com/1-pfd-files/WaterEssentialJusticePeace.pdf>

<http://www.channel4learning.com/support/programmenotes/re/faithinact05.htm>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/library>

<http://logos.materdei.ie/>

<http://www.multifaith.org/>

Christian

<http://dublindiocese.ie> **POPULORUM PROGRESSIO FORTY YEARS ON** Speaking Notes of **Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin**, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland 25th September 2007

http://www.msccireland.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=67&Itemid=89 Missionaries of the Sacred Heart links to websites on theme of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

http://www.sma.ie/index.php?article=justice_policy Society of African Missionaries' commitment to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/justpeace/documents/rc_p_c_justpeace_doc_20060526_compendio-dott-soc_en.html Compendium of the social doctrine of the Church by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

<http://www.irishaid.gov.ie> Religious Education and Development Education

<http://www.cfj.ie/content/view/208/3/> and

http://www.cfj.ie/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/ Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice

<http://www.columban.com/index.html>

http://www.columban.com/living_and_learning.htm

<http://www.CatholicIreland.net> Faith and Justice – books on this theme

<http://www.armagharchdiocese.org/cardinal/homilies/38-2007/357-19-august-2007-mass-for-justice-and-peace-homily-given-at-milwaukee-irish-fest-2007>

<http://www.smafathers.org/smahtml/justiceandpeace.htm>

<http://www.chikuniradio.org/Parish/Reports.htm>

<http://www.kandle.ie/content/view/480/105/> Cardinal Martino reflects on Deus Caritas Est.

Book: An Introduction to Catholic Social Thought, Fred Kammer SJ.
The '*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*' was developed by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace at the request of the late Pope John Paul II.

<http://www.columba.ie/catalogue.php?cat=Search&action=7&ISBN=0809142279> details on Fred Kammer's book, 'Doing Faith Justice'

<http://www.columba.ie/catalogue.php?cat=Search&action=7&ISBN=0809143070> Details of book, 'Great Mystics and Social Justice' by Susan Rackoczy IHM

<http://www.columba.ie/catalogue.php?cat=Search> Details of books on peace

<http://www.catholiccommunications.ie/Pressrel/13-june-2005.html>

Launch of the Irish Commission for Justice and Social Affairs

<http://www.catholiccommunications.ie/Pressrel/5-feb-2001.html>

Responding to racism

<http://trocaire.org/pdfs/education/resources/Bread%20and%20Bombs.pdf>

www.americancatholic.org The Church's Teaching on War and Peace; Papal Statements and Catechisms on Peace

Book: **Proclaiming justice and peace : documents from John XXIII to John Paul II / edited by Michael Walsh & Brian Davies** * , Collins Liturgical Publications 1984

www.columba.ie Columba Catalogue.htm (Books on Justice and Peace)

www.DevelopmentEducation.ie. Loreto Schools Justice & Peace Network

Buddhism

<http://www.thebigview.com/buddhism/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/buddhism/beliefs/fournobletruths.shtml>

Hinduism

<http://hinduism.iskcon.com/lifestyle/901.htm> and

<http://hinduism.iskcon.com/practice/701.htm>

http://www.hinduwisdom.info/articles_hinduism/78.htm

http://www.ict.mic.ul.ie/websites/2002/Patricia_Dooley/hinduismpage.htm

Islam

<http://www.islaminireland.com/education/islamguide/ch3-16.htm>

http://saif_w.tripod.com/questions/violence/concept_of_peace_in_islam.htm

<http://www.islamicbisonline.com/IBO%20-%20Zakah.html> Zakat in Islam

<http://www.iol.ie/~afifi/Articles/zakat.htm>

<http://www.ireland.com/newspaper/special/2003/ebadi/index.htm> Nobel lecture of Shirin Ebadi, Dec 2003

http://www.tstimes.ie/echo/AM/EndViolenceAgainstWomen_files/page0019.htm

http://www.al-islami.com/islam/religion_of_peace.php

<http://www.catholiccommunications.ie/news/bishopfieldhomily11september2002.html>

Judaism

http://judaism.about.com/library/3_askrabbi_o/bl_simmons_warviolence.htm

What does Judaism say about war, violence and peace? Ask Rabbi Simmons..

<http://rhr.israel.net/peace-and-religion>

<http://www.btvshalom.org/actionalerts/aa08-04.shtml>

<http://www.dialog.org/dialog/dabru-emet.htm> Jewish statement on Christianity.

<http://www.icjs.org/what/njsp/dabruemet.html> Jews and Christians.

<http://mb-soft.com/believe/txo/judaism.htm> part 6.

SECTION I: RELIGION: THE IRISH EXPERIENCE

I. 1. Compare the main trends in young people's religious practice in one locality today with the pattern of religious practice in Ireland as a whole.

<http://www.columba.ie/catalogue.php?cat=search&action=7&ISBN=9781856076>

[166](#) Details of book, 'Contemporary Catholicism in Ireland' eds. Eamon Maher and John Littleton

http://www.veritas.ie/veritas/asp/product.asp?pr_code=1853906476 Details of book, 'Measuring Ireland: Discerning Values and Belief' ed. by Eoin Cassidy

See 'The Irish Times', Monday 12th March 2008 – *Getting Back to Issues of Belief* by Patsy Mc Garry

See 'The Irish Times', Tuesday 20th May 2008 – *In a Changing World are we Losing Aspects of our Religion?* by Eamon Maher

See Doctrine and Life, January 2002 – *Young Educated Adults* by Desmond O'Donnell, O.M.I.

Book: 'Youth in Europe 1 – An International empirical Study about Life Perspectives', Hans-Georg Ziebertz & William K. Kay (eds.), International Practical Theology Vol 2; Lit Verlag Münster, 2005 ISBN 3-8258-8718-9 See *Ireland: Growing up Irish: Life Perspectives among young people in the Republic of Ireland* (Christopher Alan Lewis, Sharon Mary Cruise, Michael Fearn, Conor Mc Guicken) pp 151-164, and *Tables: Ireland* pp 247-251

Robert Tobin, 'The Evolution of National and Religious Identity in Contemporary Ireland', in Jane Garnett et al (eds.), *Redefining Christian Britain: Post 1945 Perspectives* (London: SCM Press, 2007)

The Evolution of National and Religious Identity in Contemporary Ireland

Centre for Contemporary Christianity in Ireland [Lion&Lamb.htm](#)

[DCU Islamic Society.htm](#)

I. 2. *Looking back to the past inspires people to see the way forward.*
An investigation into the evidence for this statement in one reform movement associated with the Christian tradition in Ireland.

P. O' Dwyer, 'Celtic Monks and Culdee Reform, ' in Mackey J.P. ed; 'An Introduction to Celtic Christianity' pp 140-171 (Towards a History of Irish Spirituality, pp 44-57)
12th century reforms: pp 104 / 108 of 'Towards a History of Irish Spirituality
16th and 17th century reforms: pp155-163, 175-188 of 'Towards a History of Irish Spirituality'

Contemporary Reforms:

L'Arche: www.larche.ie

Charismatic Renewal: www.Ccr-ireland.org

Focolare: www.focolare.org

Anglican liturgical reform: www.anglicancommunion.org/liturgy/ialcreview.html

World Council of Churches: www.wcc-coe.org

<http://www.studiesirishreview.ie/articles/1998/980601.htm> (Church of Ireland)