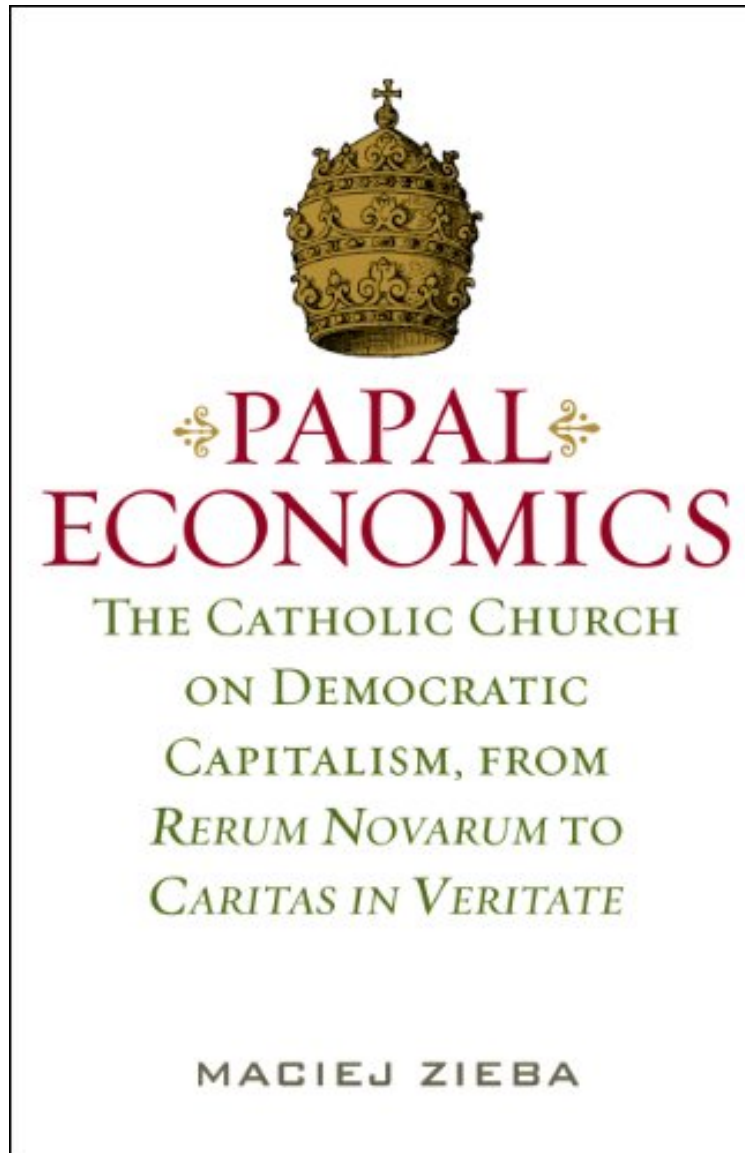


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Anthony Bosnick Whether from the left, the right, or the middle, the key to understanding the Catholic Church's teaching on economics is that it is rooted in the dignity of the person and the service of the person. This book makes that clear; that the person and care for the person is central. So it becomes clear that any analysis that is based only on economic theory or political position will miss the centrality of the person. This should make sense in light of Catholic social teaching where the dignity of the person is the first and central point. All else rests on and is rooted in that, including the rights of the working person, the call to solidarity, community and the common good and all the rest. This book helped me to see that there is a reason why the Church stresses the dignity of the person in all its dimensions. This is at the heart of the Church's understanding of economics too. I don't think I have ever seen this perspective made clearer, and it is helpful in highly partisan times. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Pope John Paul II lays the foundation for government which respects human dignity in all human activity including economics. By Fred Salvatti This book gives a broad overview of all other Popes' understanding of economics. Some Popes lean more towards a socialist view of economics, while criticizing socialism. But Pope John Paul II separates ideology from religion and critiques both socialist economics and democratic capitalism, from the standpoint of respecting human dignity. He shows that economics cannot be separated from morality because economics is a human activity. He explains how truth and freedom are related; without truth totalitarian government takes away our freedom. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I'm still reading it. By Customer Intensely dense, and I went in with low expectations. But so far, Father Zieba has exceeded my expectations. I know somewhere in here has to be a defense of the one mortal sin that democratic capitalism fails at stopping; but I've yet to run into it. In fact, quite the opposite- Chapter 2, while a rousing defense of Private Property, was very careful to state that the right of Private Property is neither absolute nor an end unto itself. Can't wait to get to the Benedict years, and also see what he has to say about Pope Francis.

“For a long time to come, this book may well be the definitive work on the economic teaching of the modern popes.” —MICHAEL NOVAK The Catholic Church has long been one of the most important authorities on capitalism and democracy. The confusion and controversy didn't begin with Pope Francis. For well over a century popes have offered profound reflections on the economic and political order in their social encyclicals. But this estimable intellectual tradition has often been misunderstood, with partisan groups variously proclaiming Catholic social teaching to be left-wing or right-wing, pro-socialist or pro-capitalist or even a “third way.” Papal Economics corrects the record. Father Maciej Zi?ba's incisive analysis shows that the Church displays a profound understanding of democracy and perhaps more surprising strong support for free markets. As Father Zi?ba demonstrates, popes have explicitly rejected socialism while praising a democratic state and market economy. Of course, this praise is not unqualified. Papal Economics shows how the Church, especially through John Paul's teachings, distinguishes true democracy from false, and praiseworthy capitalism from the kind to be rejected. Moving beyond the narrow confines of secular discourse, Catholic social teaching highlights the dangers that arise when the market and the state are elevated to absolutes in themselves when man's spiritual dimensions are subordinated to his material ones. Ultimately, anyone who cares about free markets and democracy must understand, and defend, the foundations on which they are built. For as John Paul suggested, in a world without truth, freedom loses its meaning, the market loses its efficiency, and democracy yields to statism.

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