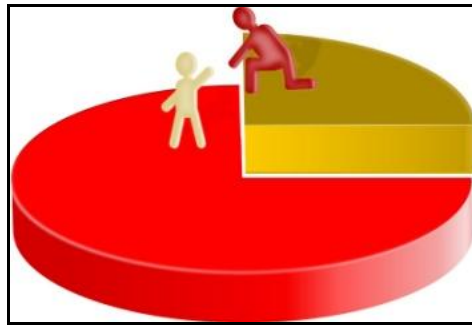


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Living Solidarity: Government, the Federal Budget and the Common Good

For Catholic groups



The goal of this popular education curriculum is to engage the question: “What kind of society do we wish to become?” It is vital that all of us engage this question by bringing our *values* – not our opinions - to the many conversations about the economy and the federal budget. The budget *is* a moral document!

The Gospel and Catholic social teaching remind us that we are responsible for both ourselves *and* the common good. One of the ways in which we do this is through government, taxes and the federal budget. To the extent there are things we don’t like about any one of the three, we together are responsible for fixing them. Being informed about and engaged with these issues is part of our responsibility as citizens and as people of faith.

The module’s many activities and discussions will help participants move beyond reflexive biases and myths and create a space for thoughtful dialogue, not debate, about both the role of government and how to pay for it. The eight sessions of this module include the following topics:

Session One: Our Personal Experience with Government

Session Two: The Common Good and Government

Session Three: Who is Responsible?

Session Four: My Priorities, Our Budget ... and Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Session Five: Federal Budget, Debt, and Responsibility

Session Six: Paying for Government and the Common Good

Session Seven: A Current Tax and Budget Debate

Session Eight: Summing Up and Possible Next Steps

Registration for the module is \$150; additional costs include a per person cost of \$25.00 for books. For more information, contact Mary Wright (mary@justfaith.org).