



Papal Economics: The Catholic Church on Democratic Capitalism, from Rerum Novarum to Caritas in Veritate

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Isi Books, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 216 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Catholic Church has long been one of the most important - but least understood - authorities on capitalism and democracy. For well over a century popes have offered profound reflections on the economic and political order in their social encyclicals - from Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* (1891); to Pius XI's *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), written during the Great Depression; to John Paul II's *Centesimus Annus* (1991); and on to Benedict XVI's *Caritas in Veritate* (2009). 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 pro-third way. *Papal Economics* corrects the record. Father Maciej Zięba takes readers on an enlightening tour through the Catholic Church's social teaching on capitalism and socialism, wealth and poverty, democracy and authoritarianism, and more. His incisive analysis shows that the Church displays a profound understanding of democracy and - perhaps more surprising - strong support for free markets. As Father Zięba demonstrates, popes have explicitly rejected socialism while praising a democratic state and market economy. Of course, this...



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