

***Catholic Philanthropy in America* (UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE)**

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Description

The volume aims to deepen understanding of the character, historical evolution, and significance of Catholic philanthropy in American life. It explores ways in which religion, class, and ethnic values shaped the philanthropic initiatives and benevolent organizations of a rapidly growing church from 1800 to contemporary times. The altruistic visions, associations and labor services of ordinary parishioners, often characterized as outside the mainstream of American philanthropy, are integral to the exploration.

Audience:

Students of the church, those working with Catholic organizations, as well as those working with largely Catholic populations, will find the volume of use as it delineates the aspirations, motivations and religious tenets of Catholic philanthropy.

Uses

Contemporary studies indicate that Catholics have been less generous to non-church causes than other Christians. By exposing the reader to the long history of Catholic philanthropy and exploring the reasons for the contemporary decline, the volume can aid those who are working with Catholic populations to increase their level of volunteerism and giving.