



The Themes of Catholic Social Teaching integrated into the work of UD's Center for Catholic Education's (CCE) Urban Child Development Center (UCDRC)

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Question: How do the programs of UD's Center for Catholic Education's Urban Child Development Resource Center (UCDRC) reflect three of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching?

Current Research:

- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs states that the social and emotional needs of the child should be supported in order for the child to learn.
- Most children in need of mental health services do not receive them due to the distribution of funding at the federal, state and district levels.
- Teachers' lack of preparation and understanding of mental health leads to students not receiving services.

Mental Health Needs of Students

Catholic Social Teaching

UCDRC and Advocacy for Mental Health

Future Planning:

- Focusing on three of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching as stated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:
- Call to Family, Community and Participation; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; Life and Dignity for the Human Person
- This research will compare the 2011-2012 end of year report with the above themes.

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