

Child Care and the Wider Society

A Catholic Social Teaching View



Wed., Sept. 28 at 7:30pm
On Zoom

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U.S. culture tends to look at raising children as a private choice, but Catholic teaching sees it as a valuable gift to the wider society, one which society in its turn has a duty to support. This talk will discuss the view of care for young children in Catholic social thought: how the Church views it as valuable work; how it fits with paid work parents may do outside the home; and how society should support it.



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