

“A democratic society needs the active participation of all its citizens, people of faith included,” he added. “This is not an imposition on other’s morality. It is acting with integrity... The active engagement of Catholics in democratic processes is good for society and it is responsible citizenship.”

Archbishop Gomez said that Catholic social teaching provides “a vision of the world as it could be and as it should be. The world as God created it to be.”

“The Catholic vision is spiritual not political. Catholics belong first of all the ‘city of God.’ But we have a duty to build up the ‘city of man,’ to correct injustices and seek a world that reflects God’s desires for His children — what Jesus called the kingdom of God and the Apostles called the new heaven and new earth,” the archbishop said.

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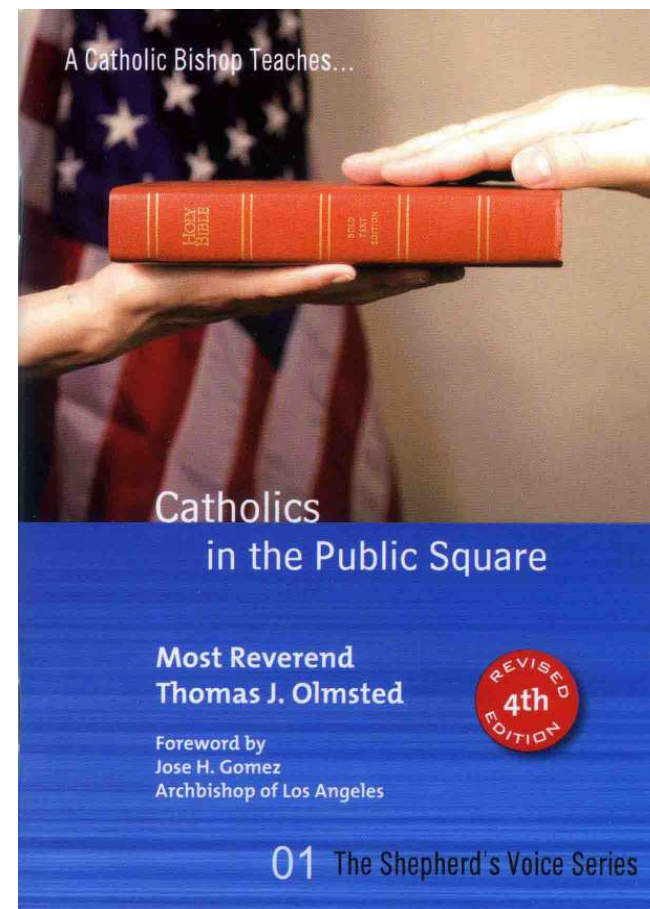
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