

Review of: "Active Peacebuilding as a Challenging Task of the Catholic Social Ethics"

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The author offers an overview of key perspectives on the theory of just war, including those of Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, popes, and significant encyclicals. The paper serves as a historical review of these reference points, while also incorporating relevant literature and contributions from other authors to provide a comprehensive understanding of the topic and its contextual implications.

Examining the concept of just war requires a broader lens than a mere factual analysis tied to specific authors and time periods. It necessitates considering the encompassing historical and societal context. This approach allows for a deeper comprehension of the aforementioned authors' perspectives on just war, warfare in general, and the imperative of peace. In the context of discussing peace, it is crucial to acknowledge the biblical concept of shalom, which not only signifies the absence of war but also encompasses human yearning for peace as a state of completeness.

In terms of suggestions for the author, it is recommended to strengthen the thesis statement within the article, ensuring its clear and explicit presentation. The methodology employed is appropriate, but there are instances where additional supporting literature or explanations are needed. For instance, when stating that "this is how the last popes, and especially Pope Francis, argue in all his international and interreligious activities," it is essential to specify the sources where these arguments can be verified. Additionally, restructuring the headings, including the use of subheadings, would enhance the organization of the paper. Furthermore, a concluding section should be included to distinctly summarize the author's thoughts, distinguishing them from the authors and references discussed throughout the text. The reprinted version of the article is definitely clearer and better explained. The topic is indeed relevant, and the discourse holds significant value in the current global landscape.