

Christian Social Ethics
Models, Cases, Controversies

FRED GLENNON

ORBIS  BOOKS
Maryknoll, New York 10545

Founded in 1970, Orbis Books endeavors to publish works that enlighten the mind, nourish the spirit, and challenge the conscience. The publishing arm of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Orbis seeks to explore the global dimensions of the Christian faith and mission, to invite dialogue with diverse cultures and religious traditions, and to serve the cause of reconciliation and peace. The books published reflect the views of their authors and do not represent the official position of the Maryknoll Society. To learn more about Orbis Books, please visit our website at www.orbisbooks.com.

Copyright © 2021 by Fred Glennon.

Published by Orbis Books, Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

All rights reserved.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or any information storage or retrieval system, without prior permission in writing from the publisher.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, copyright © 1989 by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. All rights reserved.

Queries regarding rights and permissions should be addressed to: Orbis Books, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302.

Manufactured in the United States of America.
Book design and typesetting by Joan Weber Laflamme.

Library of Congress Cataloging-in-Publication Data

Names: Glennon, Frederick E., author.

Title: Christian social ethics : models, cases, controversies / Fred Glennon.

Description: Maryknoll, NY : Orbis Books, [2021] | Includes bibliographical references and index. | Summary: "A college-level introductory text in Christian social ethics that combines theory, cases, and analysis"— Provided by publisher.

Identifiers: LCCN 2020036192 (print) | LCCN 2020036193 (ebook) | ISBN 9781626984127 (trade paperback) | ISBN 9781608338764 (epub)

Subjects: LCSH: Christian ethics. | Christian sociology.

Classification: LCC BJ1191 .G74 2021 (print) | LCC BJ1191 (ebook) | DDC 241—dc23

LC record available at <https://lcn.loc.gov/2020036192>

LC ebook record available at <https://lcn.loc.gov/2020036193>

Contents

<i>Introduction</i>	ix
Definitions	x
Method	xvi
Structure of the Text	xix
Acknowledgments	xx
 <i>Reference Abbreviations</i>	 xxiii
 1. Models of Christian Social Ethics	 1
Situation Ethics	1
Evangelical Ethics	6
Natural Law Ethics	12
Liberative Ethics	18
Resources	32
 2. Sexuality and Marriage	 37
Case Study: Marriage between Persons of the Same Sex in the United States	37
Issues and Concerns	39
Evangelical Ethics	43
Feminist Liberative Ethics	48
Resources	52
 3. Corporate Responsibility	 57
Case Study: Nike and Sweatshop Labor	57
Issues and Concerns	59
Progressive Evangelical Ethics	62
Hispanic Liberative Ethics	67
Resources	74

4. Medicine and Health Care	79
Case Study: Stem-cell Research and the Moral Status of the Embryo	79
Issues and Concerns	81
Natural Law Ethics	84
Situation Ethics	88
Resources	92
5. Economic and Social Inequality	95
Case Study: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and Immigration	95
Issues and Concerns	97
Hispanic Liberative Ethics	101
Womanist Liberative Ethics	106
Resources	112
6. Environment	117
Case Study: Keystone XL Pipeline	117
Issues and Concerns	120
Natural Law Ethics	122
Feminist Liberative Ethics	127
Resources	132
7. Criminal Justice	137
Case Study: Racial Discrimination and the Execution of Troy Anthony Davis	137
Issues and Concerns	140
Evangelical Ethics	142
Womanist Ethics	149
Resources	155
8. Church and State	159
Case Study: Freedom of Conscience vs. Discrimination	159
Issues and Concerns	161
Situation Ethics	166
Feminist Liberative Ethics	172
Resources	178
9. Violence	183
Case Study: Drones and Targeted Killing	183
Issues and Concerns	185

Natural Law Ethics	189
Hispanic Liberative Ethics	194
Resources	199

<i>Index</i>	203
--------------	-----