

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910452310003321
Autore	Calderisi Robert
Titolo	Earthly mission [[electronic resource] ] : the Catholic Church and world development // Robert Calderisi
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New Haven, : Yale University Press, 2013
ISBN	0-300-19676-8
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (289 p.)
Disciplina	261.8/5088282
Soggetti	Church work with the poor - Catholic Church Electronic books.
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Front matter -- Contents -- Acknowledgements -- Introduction -- 1 Two Troublemakers -- 2 The Catholic Church: "Seven Inches of Condemnation and One of Praise" -- 3 Social Teaching: From Caesar to Centesimus Annus -- 4 Religion and Development: "A Task of Fraternity" -- 5 Africa: "No One Is Opposed to a School" -- 6 Asia: A Determined Minority -- 7 Latin America: From Las Casas to Romero -- 8 Horror in Rwanda -- 9 Tilting at Condoms -- 10 Catholic Charity: "A Network to Die For" -- 11 Looking Ahead: A Fading Social Mission? -- 12 Conclusions: "Everyone Who Fights for Justice Upsets People" -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	With 1.2 billion members, the Catholic Church is the world's largest organization and perhaps its most controversial. The Church's obstinacy on matters like clerical celibacy, the role of women, birth control, and the child abuse scandal has alienated many Catholics, especially in the West. Yet in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the Church is highly esteemed for its support of education, health, and social justice. In this deeply informed book, Robert Calderisi unravels the paradoxes of the Catholic Church's role in the developing world over the past 60 years. Has the Catholic Church on balance been a force for good? Calderisi weighs the Church's various missteps and poor decisions against its positive contributions, looking back as far as the Spanish Conquest in Latin America and the arrival of missionaries in Africa and Asia. He also looks forward, highlighting difficult issues that

threaten to disrupt the Church's future social role. The author's answer to the question he poses will fascinate Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike, providing a wealth of insights into international affairs, development economics, humanitarian concerns, history, and theology.

---