Practical Distributism
Economics as though families matter

The Mouth of the Just

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As most readers of Practical Distributism should know, Distributism is about justice, specifically the type of justice known as "distributive justice," which is the justice the society and social order owe to its members. For us, the political and economic aspects of society need to maximize justice, and this is why distributist writers back to the beginning of the movement have written about what is right and wrong with the political and economic aspects of the societies in which they lived. This is why, while I definitely approve of identifying our movement as "localism" in order to introduce people to our ideas, I maintain the use of "distributism" overall. Distributism has always been a difficult word for this movement. It is even harder today since it is a word rooted in scholastic philosophy, and people today are even less familiar with the concept than those a century ago. Distributism is a view of society that is fundamentally different view than the view of our contemporaries, which is why we must really go to the basics when trying to introduce them to our ideas.

Os Justi Press

This is where Os Justi Press comes in. Os Justi is introducing a Distributist Bookshelf collection, which is starting out with four of the most foundational works of the early distributists:[1] Economics for Helen, Utopia of Usurers & Other Essays, What's Wrong With the World, and The Servile State. In the coming weeks, Practical Distributism will be presenting reviews of these works. In addition, they have already planned several additional titles.[2] These printings include new forwards from contemporary distributist thinkers to help show how these ideas can still be applied to today's society, because many of the issues the original distributists were trying to address one hundred years ago are still prevalent today.

Additionally, Os Justi Press is currently having a sale offering 20% off of all titles. The sale ends on Sunday, November 29, 2026, so now is a perfect time to get them for yourself and anyone else who can benefit from them. There is also a very wide collection of other valuable works on Catholic teaching to consider.

1 https://osjustipress.com/collections/the-distributist-bookshelf
2 See the YouTube announcement. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUzdQxQwtgU

It is appropriate that Os Justi should be compiling a Distributist Bookshelf among all of the works about Catholic theology and liturgy. Many consider the current issues going on in the Catholic Church to be issues of justice within the Church, but these issues don't just have effect within the Church. They extend into the world as an issue of justice for society in general, and Distributism is about a way to bring aspects of that justice into the world.[3] This is all part of what Catholics call the Social Kingship of Christ, and where Os Justi got its name. *"The mouth of the just shall mediate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgement: the law of his God is in his heart."*

MASS OF A CONFESSOR NOT A BISHOP

FIRST MASS : OS JUSTI



In the Name of Jesus let every knee bow of those that are in heaven (angels)*, on earth* (men) *and under the earth* (devils)*.*

INTROIT : Psalm 36. 30-31

OS justi meditábitur sapiéntiam, et lingua ejus loquétur judícium : lex Dei ejus in corde ipsíus. (T. P. Allelúia, allelúia.) *Ps. 36. 1.* Noli æmulári in malignántibus : neque zeláveris faciéntes iniquitátem. ℣. Glória Patri.

THE mouth of the just shall meditate wisdom, and his tongue shall speak judgement : the law of his God is in his heart. (P. T. Alleluia, Alleluia.) *Ps. 36. 1.* Be not emulous of evildoers : nor envy them that work iniquity. ℣. Glory be to the Father.

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3 See *Is Distributism Catholic?* https://practicaldistributism.com/2011/05/22/is-distributism-catholic/