

# The Moral Vision of César Chavez

Agriculture, Food &  
the Environment in  
Catholic Social Teaching



Environmental Studies 161 – Spring 2008 – T/Th 3:40 pm  
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This course uses the life, spirituality, and work for justice of César Chavez to introduce the dramatic changes that have taken place in our modern agrofood system over the past century, especially here in California. Chavez was profoundly influenced by a Catholic vision of society, and this inspired him to organize Mexican farm workers to act on behalf of their dignity. He addressed human rights, farm workers' conditions, food safety, and food access, inspiring people around the world to do the same.

This course will provide an overview of Catholic perspectives on agriculture, labor organizing, and immigration, and examine how Chavez went about achieving this vision using a spirituality of nonviolence. Class assignments will probe his spiritual vision and explore how to carry it forward today. More info: [kwarners@scu.edu](mailto:kwarners@scu.edu), and at [www.scu.edu/fevp](http://www.scu.edu/fevp), click on "justice for farmworkers."



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second level Religious  
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