

### Biographical Sketch: **Rev. Dr. Kenneth Weare**

Dr. Kenneth Weare is adjunct professor of social ethics at the University of San Francisco. A Catholic moral theologian and priest, he was Director of the School of Pastoral Leadership, Archdiocese of San Francisco. He is a member of the San Francisco Archdiocesan Board of Education, the Catholic Charities CYO Board of Directors, and the Archbishop's Stewardship Council. He is pastor of St. Rita Catholic Church in Fairfax, CA.

Dr. Weare was born in Los Angeles. A native of California, his family historically dates back to the late 18th century and was among the earliest immigrant families in southern California.

As an undergraduate, he majored in Philosophy and minored in English literature, and Mathematics and Science, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at St. John's College, Camarillo, California. He pursued graduate studies in theology earning a Master of Arts degree in Religion in 1973.

In 1974 he began doctoral studies at the Catholic University of Louvain, Leuven, Belgium. In 1975 he received a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies. In June 1980, Dr. Weare earned his Ph.D. in Religious Studies *magna cum laude*, with specialization in moral theology. While a doctoral student, he was appointed Associate Editor of the prestigious theological journal *Louvain Studies*, and served two elected terms as doctoral student representative. He was a theological consultant to European Catholic bishops, and delivered guest lectures in Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands. In 1977 he taught moral theology and political theology at the Opus Spiritus Sancti graduate theology seminary in Tanzania.

In 1980, Dr. Weare began teaching in the Department of Theology at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. In the fall of 1981 he was promoted to Assistant to the President, while still teaching a social justice course in the Theology Department and co-teaching a seminar on engineering ethics in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He served as a theological adviser to a number of U.S. Catholic bishops during the drafting process of the NCCB pastoral letter on war and peace.

From 1983-1986, Dr. Weare taught moral theology, engineering ethics, medical ethics, and world religions in the Department of Religious Studies at St. John Fisher College, New York. He served as a theological consultant to various U.S. Catholic bishops during the drafting of the NCCB pastoral letter on the economy.

From 1987-1990, Dr. Weare taught graduate courses in moral theology and social ethics, and undergraduate courses in contemporary morality, human rights, social justice and peace studies, and business ethics in the Department of Theology at St. Mary of the Woods College, Indiana.

From 1990-1995, Dr. Weare taught graduate courses in fundamental moral theology and moral methodology, and undergraduate courses in engineering ethics, business ethics, liberation theology, Christian ethics, and religion and science in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Weare has presented papers on engineering ethics, globalization, and other moral issues at academic conferences and universities in the United States, Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the South Pacific.

He has been a member of the boards of directors/advisors of various human rights, humanitarian, and United Nations organizations, including the Archbishop Romero Relief Fund, the Humanitarian Law Project, International Educational Development, the International Association Against Torture, and the Committee on Disarmament.

Dr. Weare has traveled on human rights and other delegations to Lebanon (2006), Venezuela (2006), Guatemala (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005), Jamaica (2005), South Africa (1998, 1993), Haiti (2000, 1994), Zimbabwe (1993), El Salvador (1992, 1987, 1984), Nicaragua (1991, 1983), India (1989), the Occupied Territories of Israel (1988), the former USSR (1984), Cuba (1982), and Honduras (1982). He served as an Official Observer of the El Salvador elections (1994) and the Nicaraguan elections (1990). Presently he serves as a theological advisor to various Catholic Bishops in the United States and other countries.