

# RENDER UNTO CAESAR

## GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1 Why is Catholic public engagement not only good for society but necessary for each of us to partake?
- 2 In what ways have we participated in self-censorship? What opportunities have been missed due to this action?
- 3 How are we failing in our duties as citizens when we don't fight for our beliefs as Catholics? How are we failing ourselves?
- 4 A theme throughout the book is that what people believe about God shapes what they believe about men. What are some things that you believe about God that shape the way you see your fellow man?
- 5 Why does American democracy need Catholics to voice their beliefs in order survive?
- 6 "Words have power because they convey meaning. Words shape our thinking, which shapes our actions" (140). In what ways have words changed over the last century, and how has that impacted your actions? The actions of our society?
- 7 In what ways does love differ from tolerance? Why are Catholics called to love rather than tolerate?
- 8 What are some ways that you can take personal love and share it with the greater, secular community, which we are all called to care?
- 9 Conversion starts within. We are reminded that each day, we need to recognize "the truth that we need Jesus Christ in our lives" (183). Have you been acknowledging this on a personal level? What are some ways you can deepen your personal conversions so you are strengthened for public engagement?
- 10 Is there one particular area in your life where God may be calling you to be more bold in your witness? Is there a part of the faith you are ignoring because of discomfort?

### EXTRA GROUP ACTIVITY

Read and discuss *Living the Gospel of Life*, which Archbishop Chaput marks as the foundational document on how Catholics are to live and engage in our modern society.