

Jeffry Odell Korgen Biography

Jeffry Odell Korgen is a writer and social ministry consultant who works with several social ministry organizations including Catholic Relief Services, the Dorothy Day Guild of the Archdiocese of New York, GreenFaith, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. He is the author of several books on social ministry including *Solidarity Will Transform the World: Stories of Hope from Catholic Relief Services*, *The True Cost of Low Prices: The Violence of Globalization*, *My Lord and My God!: Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry*, and the newly released *Beyond Empowerment: A Pilgrimage with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development*.

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