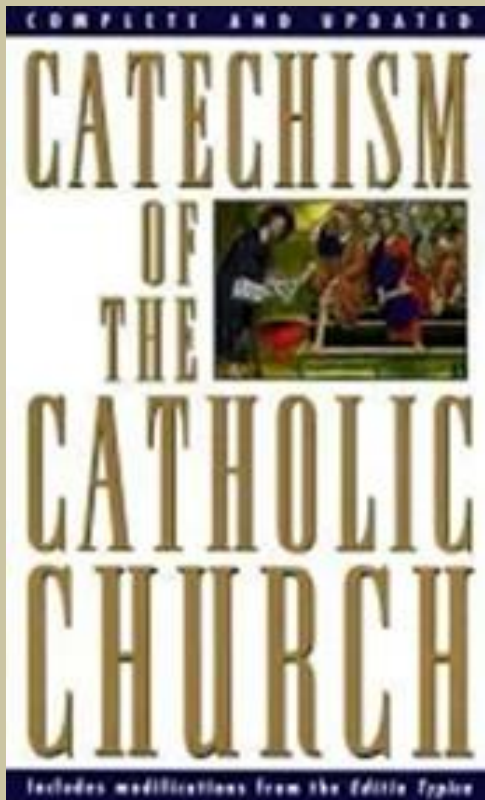


The Catechism of the Catholic Church



Catechesis

Teaching the truths of our faith
rooted in ...

- Scripture and Tradition
- Writings of the Fathers of the Church
- Ecumenical Councils of the Church



Greek: katechizo

To echo

Challenges to Faith Formation

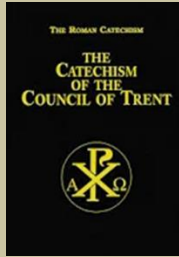
- Great schism – 1054 AD
- Second great schism - 1378 AD
 - 3 popes: Boniface IX (Rome), John XXIII (Avignon), Gregory XII
 - In 1415 Martin v was elected and all others declared anti popes
- Protestant Reformation; French Revolution; Industrial revolution; Enlightenment; post-modern era...

Universal Catechisms -Major

1 - Roman Catechism

Catechismus Romanus

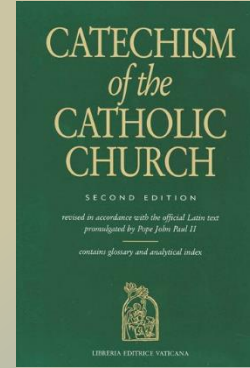
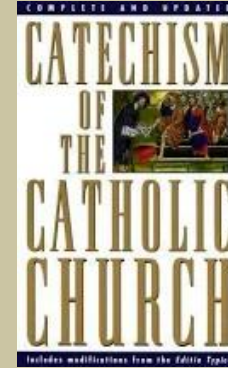
Catechism of the Council of Trent 1566



1st universal
catechism

- I. The Apostles Creed
- II. The Sacraments
- III. The Commandments
- IV. Prayer

2 - Catechism of Catholic Church



The Profession of Faith

The Celebration of the Christian
Mystery

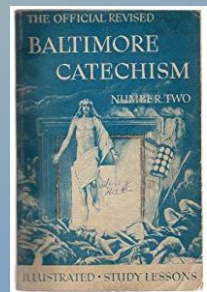
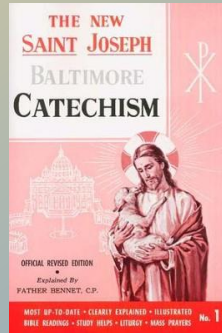
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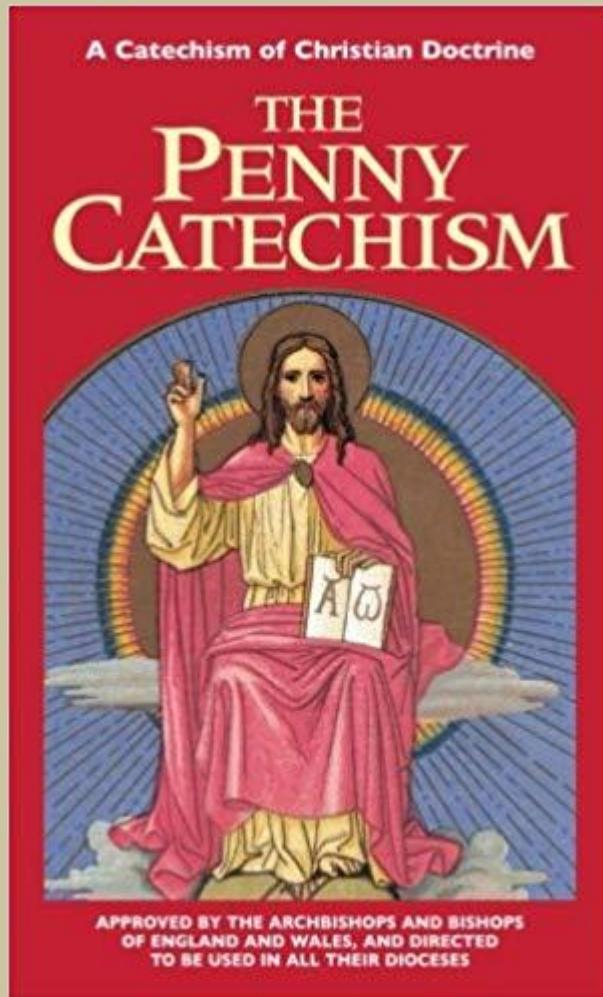
Other Catechisms

All other catechisms must line themselves up to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- Baltimore Catechism 1855-1965
 - This is the resource used to teach children the basics of the faith
 - All Catholics must know by memory the Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Ten commandments, Seven Sacraments, Precepts of the church, Gifts of Holy Spirit, Fruits of the Spirit, corporal and spiritual works of mercy.
 - Uses the question and answer format that has become the tradition for most catechisms used by the church.



Throwback



1

WHY WE BELIEVE

1. Who made you?

God made me.

2. Why did God make you?

God made me to know him, to love him and to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next.

3. To whose image and likeness did God make you?

God made me to his own image and likeness.

4. Is this likeness to God in your body, or in your soul?

This likeness to God is chiefly in my soul.

5. How is your soul like to God?

My soul is like to God because it is a spirit, and is immortal.

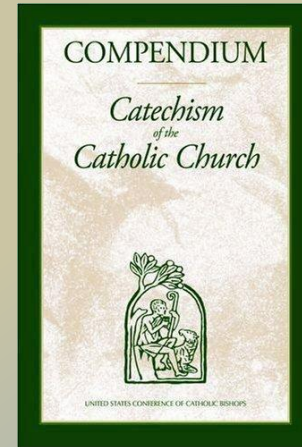
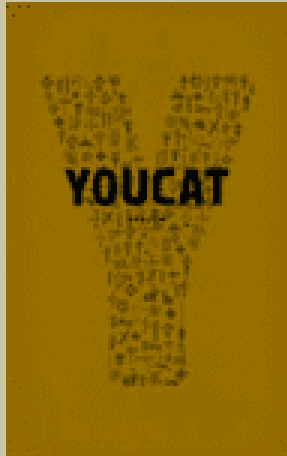
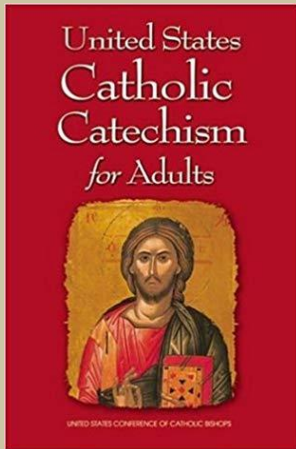
6. What do you mean when you say that your soul is immortal?

When I say my soul is immortal, I mean that my soul can never die.

7. Of what must you take most care, of your body or of your soul?

I must take most care of my soul; for Christ has said, *For what does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul?* (Mt 16:26)

Other Catechisms - Minor



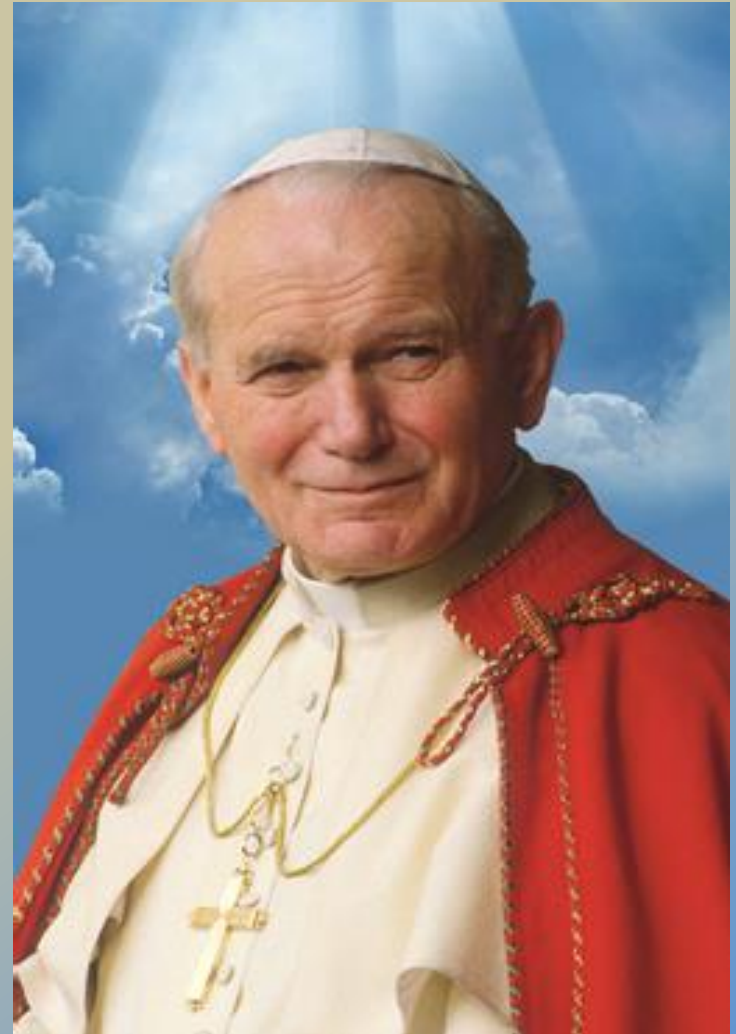
Catechisms that are produced locally must contain the seal of a bishop known as Imprimatur, including a nihil obstat (no obstacles)

What the Catechism is and is not....

"The principal task entrusted to the Council by Pope John XXIII was to guard and present better the precious deposit of Christian doctrine in order to make it more accessible to the Christian faithful and to all people of good will. For this reason **the Council was not first of all to condemn the errors of the time, but above all to strive calmly to show the strength and beauty of the doctrine of the faith.**"

- *Fidei Depositum*

The words of Saint John Paul II



What the Catechism is and is not....

The words of Saint John Paul II

In this spirit, on 25 January 1985 I convoked an Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the 20th anniversary of the close of the Council. **The purpose of this assembly** was to celebrate the graces and spiritual fruits of Vatican II, to study its teaching in greater depth in order the better to adhere to it and to promote knowledge and application of it.

- *Fidei Depositum*

Doctrinal Value of Text

I declare it to be a sure norm for teaching the faith and thus a valid and legitimate instrument for ecclesial communion. May it serve the renewal to which the Holy Spirit ceaselessly calls the Church of God, the Body of Christ, on her pilgrimage to the undiminished light of the Kingdom!

- *Fidei Depositum*



Not a picture book! Not a story book!
Ordered by paragraphs, not pages per se.

What Can I Find in the Catechism?

Social: human rights, Justice, politics, poverty

Science: Creation/Evolution, Ecology (care of creation)

Literary: Parable, Allegory, Poetry

The “Thumb Through”

- Table of contents
- Apostolic constitution fidei depositum
- Prologue
- Part 1 The profession faith (creed; life of faith)
- Part 2 Celebration of the Christian mystery
(liturgy & sacraments of faith)
- Part 3 life in Christ (moral life; life of faith)
- Part 4 Christian prayer (prayer in the life of faith; lord’s prayer)
- Subject Index
- Modifications
- Abbreviations
- Written in paragraphs (#s); references; in brief

Prologue

"Catechesis is an *education in the faith* of children, young people and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life."

CCC 5

Part 1

The Profession of Faith

“Faith is man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life. *Catechism of Catholic Church 26*

SECTION ONE: "I BELIEVE"-"WE BELIEVE"

CHAPTER ONE: MAN'S CAPACITY FOR GOD

CHAPTER TWO: GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

CHAPTER THREE: MAN'S RESPONSE TO GOD

SECTION TWO: THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

CHAPTER ONE: I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER

CHAPTER TWO: I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY

SON OF GOD

CHAPTER THREE: I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Part 2

Celebration of Christian Mystery

SECTION ONE: THE SACRAMENTAL ECONOMY

CHAPTER ONE: THE PASCHAL MYSTERY IN THE AGE OF THE CHURCH

CHAPTER TWO: THE SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

SECTION TWO: THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

CHAPTER ONE: THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

CHAPTER TWO: THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

CHAPTER THREE: THE SACRAMENTS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION

CHAPTER FOUR: OTHER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Part 3

Life in Christ

SECTION ONE: MAN'S VOCATION LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

CHAPTER ONE: THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

CHAPTER TWO: THE HUMAN COMMUNION

CHAPTER THREE: GOD'S SALVATION: LAW AND GRACE

SECTION TWO: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

CHAPTER ONE: YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND

CHAPTER TWO: YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

Part 4

Christian Prayer

SECTION ONE: PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

WHAT IS PRAYER?

CHAPTER ONE: THE REVELATION OF PRAYER

CHAPTER TWO: THE TRADITION OF PRAYER

CHAPTER THREE: THE LIFE OF PRAYER

SECTION TWO: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let's Take a Deeper Dive!

- <http://www.kofc.org/en/catechism/index.html#>

Resources

WHERE CAN I FIND THE CATECHISM ONLINE?

- **USCCB.ORG**
- **APPS LIKE LAUDATE, GOOGLE PLAY**
- **VATICAN WEBSITE**
- **DOWNLOAD TO KINDLE**

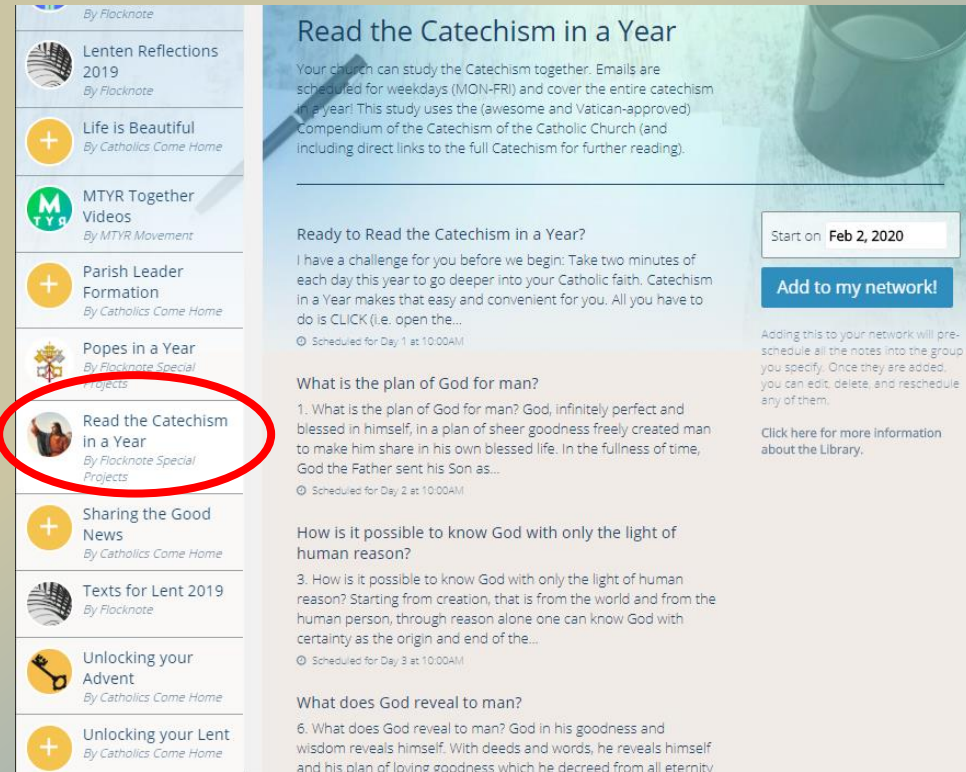
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BELIEFS AND TEACHINGS / WHAT WE BELIEVE

FLOCKNOTE

- Log in
- Click on LIBRARY on the right side of dashboard
- Select “Read the Catechism in a Year



The screenshot displays the Flocknote interface. On the left is a vertical list of resource cards, each with an icon, title, and author. The card for 'Read the Catechism in a Year' is circled in red. On the right is a detailed view of this resource, including a title, description, a 'Ready to Read' section with a challenge, a 'What is the plan of God for man?' section with a numbered list, and a 'How is it possible to know God...' section with another numbered list. A 'Start on' date of Feb 2, 2020 and an 'Add to my network!' button are also visible.

Read the Catechism in a Year

Your church can study the Catechism together. Emails are scheduled for weekdays (MON-FRI) and cover the entire catechism in a year! This study uses the (awesome and Vatican-approved) Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (and including direct links to the full Catechism for further reading).

Start on **Feb 2, 2020**

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Click here for more information about the Library.

Ready to Read the Catechism in a Year?

I have a challenge for you before we begin: Take two minutes of each day this year to go deeper into your Catholic faith. Catechism In a Year makes that easy and convenient for you. All you have to do is CLICK (i.e. open the...)

⌚ Scheduled for Day 1 at 10:00AM

What is the plan of God for man?

1. What is the plan of God for man? God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent his Son as...

⌚ Scheduled for Day 2 at 10:00AM

How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason?

3. How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason? Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the...

⌚ Scheduled for Day 3 at 10:00AM

What does God reveal to man?

6. What does God reveal to man? God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity

Resources

**YOU TUBE
FR DANIEL MAHAN
FRANCISCAN FRIARS
111 EPISODES
TOUR OF THE CATECHISM**



**BOOK RAGS
25 QUESTION QUIZ**

**VIDEO CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sponsored By the Pontifical Council
for the New Evangelization**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qifXhdyVLts>

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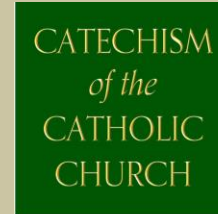
<http://vcat.org/>

Resources

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by Cardinal Arinze



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By Archbishop Christoph Schonborn

Secretary for the subcommittee in charge
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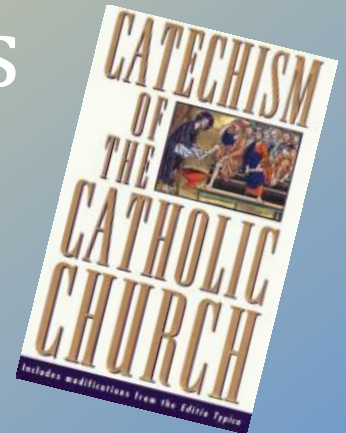
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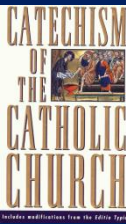
? “Hey Church” ?

Catechism
Exercises

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Catechism exercise – LIFE IN CHRIST



**What does the Church teach about the Respect for Human Life?
(the Fifth Commandment)**



How to find it?

Part Three: Life in Christ

Section Two – the Ten Commandments

Chapter Two: You Shall Love your Neighbor as Yourself

Article 5 – The Fifth Commandment (You shall not kill)

**Start at CCC2258 and briefly review the Fifth Commandment.
Group discussion.**

Three sections under Article 5 – the Fifth Commandment

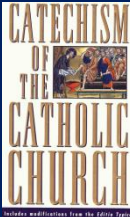
Respect for Human Life

Respect for the Dignity of Persons

Safeguarding Peace

Catechism exercise – CHRISTIAN PRAYER

What does the Church teach about Prayer?



How to find it?

Part Four: Christian Prayer

Section One – Prayer in the Christian Life

Read CCC2558 – 2565.

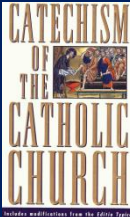
Group discussion.

Prayer as God's gift, Prayer as covenant, Prayer as communion

This mystery, then, requires that the faithful believe in it, that they celebrate it, and that they live from it in a vital and personal relationship with the living and true God. This relationship is prayer.

Catechism exercise – PROFESSION OF FAITH

What does the Church teach about Salvation outside of the Church?



How to find it?

Part One: The Profession of Faith

Section Two – The Creeds

Chapter Three: I believe in the Holy Spirit

Article 9: I believe in the Holy Catholic Church

Paragraph 3: The Church is One, Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

Read CCC 846 – 848.

Group discussion.

... all salvation comes from Christ the Head through the Church which is his Body.... This affirmation is not aimed at those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and his Church

Therefore, I ask the Church's Pastors and the Christian faithful to receive this catechism in a spirit of communion and to use it assiduously in fulfilling their mission of proclaiming the faith and calling people to the Gospel life. This catechism is given to them that it may be a sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine and particularly for preparing local catechisms. It is also offered to all the faithful who wish to deepen their knowledge of the unfathomable riches of salvation. (cf. Jn 8:32)

We pray, together!

O Lord,

I pray for the grace and the strength to remain faithful to your teachings and to the sacramental life of the Church.

Help me to persevere in the commitments and promises I have made to you.

Give me the fortitude to live up to the vocation received in my baptism,

to the duties derived from my confirmation in the Spirit, and to the graces received in the other sacraments. give me the courage to speak your word, for we must stand as prophets in the world today.

Help me to place love of God and service to Him before all else and help me to bring selfless love to my brothers and sisters in Christ.

For we are you people and you are our god.

Amen!