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Jimmy Akin

Jimmy Akin was born in Texas and grew up nominally Protestant. At age 20 he experienced a profound conversion to Christ. Planning on becoming a Protestant pastor or seminary professor, Jimmy started an intensive study of the Bible, but the more he immersed himself in Scripture, the more he found it to support the Catholic faith. Eventually, he was compelled in conscience to enter the Catholic Church, which he did in 1992. His conversion story, "A Triumph and a Tragedy," is published in the book *Surprised By Truth*.

Akin is a Senior Apologist at Catholic Answers, a member on the Catholic Answers Speakers Bureau, a weekly guest on the global radio program, *Catholic Answers Live*, a contributing editor for *Catholic Answers Magazine*, and the author of numerous publications, including the books *Mass Confusion*, *The Salvation Controversy*, *The Fathers Know Best*, and *Mass Revision*.

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Mitch Albom

Mitch Albom is an author, playwright, and screenwriter who has written seven books, including the international bestseller *Tuesdays with Morrie*, the bestselling memoir of all time. His first novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, was an instant number one *New York Times* bestseller that has since sold more than six million copies worldwide. Both books were made into acclaimed TV films. Mitch also works as a columnist and a broadcaster, and serves on numerous charitable boards. He lives with his wife, Janine, in Michigan.

John L Allen Jr

JOHN L. ALLEN, Jr., is the Associate Editor for *Crux*, a web site covering the Catholic Church, and the *Boston Globe*. He also serves as senior Vatican analyst for CNN and is a popular speaker on Catholic affairs. He's published nine books and divides his year between Rome and his home in Denver, Colorado. He has written 12 books on the catholic church and two biographys on Pope Benedict XVI.

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Jackie Francois Angel
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Jackie is a full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, CA. In 2006, she became an artist with *OCP/SpiritandSong.com* with whom she has released two albums. She has been involved in youth ministry since she graduated high school, and she now travels the globe speaking to young people about God's love and leading worship for various events and ministries. In 2013, she married the love of her life, Bobby Angel, and they co-authored the book, *Forever: A Catholic Devotional for Your Marriage*.

Dave Armstrong is a Catholic apologist and author (convert from evangelical Protestantism in 1991). His conversion story is in "Surprised by Truth" (1994). He's been published in "The Catholic Answer," "This Rock," "Envoy," and other periodicals. Dave's many radio appearances include "Catholic Answers Live" and "Faith & Family Live."

Dave Armstrong

His website / blog, "Biblical Evidence for Catholicism" has been online since February 1997, and contains more than 2500 papers (including 50+ separate web pages and 625+ dialogues). Sophia Institute Press has published five of his 30 books: "A Biblical Defense of Catholicism" (2003), "The Catholic Verses" (2004), "The One-Minute Apologist" (2007), "Bible Proofs for Catholic Truths" (2009), and "The Quotable Newman" (editor: 2012).

Dave was the co-author (with Dr. Paul Thigpen) of "The New Catholic Answer Bible" (Our Sunday Visitor: 2005), and editor for "The Wisdom of Mr. Chesterton: The Very Best Quotes, Quips, and Cracks from the Pen of G. K. Chesterton" (Saint Benedict Press / TAN Books: 2009) and author of "100 Biblical Arguments Against Sola Scriptura" (Catholic Answers, 2012

He has been happily married to Judy since October 1984; they have three sons and a daughter and reside in metro Detroit. --This text refers to the paperback edition.

James J Bacik

Father James J. Bacik is a widely-regarded theologian, writer, lecturer and pastor who served as campus minister and adjunct professor of humanities at the University of Toledo for more than 30 years. He was called “one of America’s finest, most insightful theologians, with a remarkable capacity for clear writing and effective teaching” by Richard P. McBrien, Professor of Theology at Notre Dame University.

In 1962 Backhouse joined the British Museum’s Manuscripts department as an Assistant Keeper of Western Manuscripts.[3][4] In that role, she catalogued the papers of horsewoman Lady Anne Blunt,[5] accompanied a manuscript of Tsar Ivan Alexander to Bulgaria in 1977, and escorted the Lindisfarne Gospels to be exhibited at Durham Cathedral in 1987, to mark the 1300th anniversary of the death of Cuthbert.[6] She also co-organised with Leslie Webster a 1991 exhibition of Anglo-Saxon artifacts and manuscripts, at the British Museum.[7]

Janet Backhouse

Backhouse was a member of the Henry Bradshaw Society, a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, and served as an advisor to the National Art Collections Fund.[1] She was elected a member of the Comité Internationale de Paléographie Latine in 1993.[2] She edited the proceedings of the Harlaxton Medieval Symposium in 1998.[1] She retired from the British Library (as it had since become) as Curator of Illuminated Manuscripts in 1998.[8] By the end of her career "she had established an international reputation as one of the foremost scholars in her field".[9]

Bishop Robert Baron

Bishop Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian. He is also the founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, which reaches millions of people by utilizing the tools of new media to draw people into or back to the Catholic Faith. Francis Cardinal George has described him as one of the Church’s best messengers. Bishop Barron is the creator and host of CATHOLICISM, a groundbreaking, award-winning documentary series about the Catholic Faith. The series has aired on hundreds of PBS stations across the world and has been used by parishes, universities, and schools as an essential resource. Since then, Bishop Barron and Word on Fire also released the follow-up documentary CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization and are currently wrapping up CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players, a beautiful new film series on the mystics, scholars, artists, and saints who shaped the Church and changed the world. The first volume of the series debuted in September 2016 and was syndicated for national television and nominated for an Emmy award. The second volume is currently in production. Bishop Barron has created eight other films and study programs including: The Mass David the King The Mystery of God Priest, Prophet, King Conversion Eucharist Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues Untold Blessing Bishop Barron’s website, WordOnFire.org, reaches millions of people each year. The site hosts daily blog posts, weekly articles and video commentaries, and an extensive audio archive of over 500 homilies. Bishop Barron’s homilies are heard by tens of thousands of listeners each week. His regular YouTube videos have been viewed over 30 million times, and over 350,000 people receive his daily email reflections. Episodes of his podcast/radio show, The Word on Fire Show, have been downloaded over four million times. Bishop Barron is one of the most-followed Catholics in the world on social media. His work has garnered: 1.5 million+ Facebook fans 200,000+ YouTube subscribers 100,000+ Twitter followers Bishop Barron has produced over 400 online video commentaries. His weekly, high-quality productions include brief and lively theological reviews of contemporary culture, including movies, books, music, current events, and more. EWTN (The Eternal Word Television Network) and CatholicTV broadcast Bishop Barron’s videos and documentaries to a worldwide audience of over 150 million people. His weekly homilies and podcasts air on multiple radio stations to millions of listeners. Bishop Barron has been invited to speak about religion at the headquarters of both Facebook and Google. He has keynoted many conferences and events all over the world, including the 2016 World Youth Day in Kraków and the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, which marked Pope Francis’ historic visit to the United States. Bishop Barron works with NBC News in New York as an on-air contributor and analyst. He is also a frequent commentator for the Chicago Tribune, FOX News, CNN, EWTN, Our Sunday Visitor, the Catholic Herald in London, and Catholic News Agency. He has published numerous essays and articles on theology and the spiritual life, which appear frequently online and in numerous journals. He is a #1 Amazon bestselling author and has published sixteen books, including: Arguing Religion: A Bishop Speaks at Facebook and Google (Word on Fire, 2018) To Light a Fire on the Earth: Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age (Image, 2017) Vibrant Paradoxes: The Both/And of Catholicism (Word on Fire, 2016) Exploring Catholic Theology: Essays on God, Liturgy, and Evangelization (Baker Academic, 2015) Seeds of the Word: Finding God in the Culture (Word on Fire, 2015) 2 Samuel (Brazos, 2015)

Melody Beattie

Melody Beattie is one of America’s most beloved self-help authors and a household name in addiction and recovery circles. Her international bestselling book, Codependent No More, introduced the world to the term “codependency” in 1986. Millions of readers have trusted Melody’s words of wisdom and guidance because she knows firsthand what they’re going through. In her lifetime, she has survived abandonment, kidnapping, sexual abuse, drug and alcohol addiction, divorce, and the death of a child. “Beattie understands being overboard, which helps her throw bestselling lifelines to those still adrift,” said Time Magazine.

James Bentley	<p>James Bentley (9 March 1937 – 26 December 2000) was an English author and former Anglican parish priest. Bentley was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England in 1937. He was educated at Bolton School before going up to Merton College, Oxford to read History in 1956.</p>
Lawrence Boadt	<p>Lawrence Boadt, CSP, is an ordained priest in the Paulist Fathers, and professor emeritus of Scripture Studies at the Washington Theological Union. He has written and spoken widely on Old Testament topics, and currently serves as the president and publisher of Paulist Press in Mahwah, NJ.</p> <p>I, Terese Boucher, guess it all began when I was two. My baby sitter, Aunt Nina, turned away to answer the phone for just a minute, so, I reached up on tippy toes and drank a bottle of dark blue writer's ink. Mayhem and panic ensued. "Not to worry," said the doctor.</p> <p>It would take decades before I figured out what to do with the ink, the ball point pen, the typewriter, and the computer. My first book was in 1982 and the first book my husband and I wrote together followed in 1995. That book was about marriage as a kind of friendship. (And, yes, we were still speaking to each other after we wrote it!)</p> <p>Now, after thirteen non-fiction books, my next adventure is a young adult historical fiction work. It is an exciting story about a young, small town, couple who fell in love in the 1910s and will be released near the end of 2020. For links to current books visit www.johnandthereseboucher.com</p>
John and Therese Boucher	<p>John works in evangelization, ministry training, and faith formation. He hold a Master's Degree in Religious Education and was the former director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Trenton, NJ. John has written numerous articles and has coauthored or written many books, including "Bringing Christ to Our Everyday World," "Following Jesus: A Disciple's Guide," "Praying for Our Adult Sons and Daughters" and "Sharing the Faith that You Love: Four Simple Ways to be Part of the New Evangelization." Watch for John and Therese Boucher's next book in 2015 entitled, "Mending Broken Relationships, Building Strong Ones: Eight Ways to Love as Jesus Loves Us."</p> <p>John enjoys fresh water fishing, walking, reading science fiction and comic books, and playing computer strategy games. From time to time, he can be heard warning an army on a battlefield of thousands of miniature soldiers, "Hey! Pay attention to your left flank!" John and his wife are the parents of five children and the grandparents of four.</p>
Raymond E Brown	<p>Raymond E. Brown, S.S., taught for many years at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was Professor of Biblical Studies at the Union Theological Seminary for two decades. He was the author of three books in the Anchor Bible series on the Gospels and Epistles of John and wrote the classic Anchor Bible Reference Library volumes The Birth of the Messiah, The Death of the Messiah, and An Introduction to the New Testament. He died in 1998.</p>
Raymond E Brown	<p>Over his illustrious career, Raymond E. Brown, S.S., Ph.D., was internationally regarded as a dean of New Testament scholars. He was Auburn Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biblical Studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, received over thirty honorary degrees from Catholic and Protestant universities worldwide, and was elected a (Corresponding) Fellow of the British Academy and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In addition to serving as president of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Catholic Biblical Association, and the Society of New Testament Studies, two popes appointed Father Brown as the sole American on the Pontifical Biblical Commission. Some of the best known of his more than thirty-five books on the Bible are three volumes in the Anchor Bible series on the Gospel and Epistles of John, as well as the Anchor Bible Reference Library volumes The Birth of the Messiah, The Death of the Messiah, and An Introduction to the New Testament, winner of the 1998 Catholic Press Association Award for Biblical Studies. Father Brown's untimely death on August 8, 1998, saddened all who knew him.</p>

John Bunyan	<p>John Bunyan was born November 1628, in Elstow, England. A celebrated English minister and preacher, he wrote <i>The Pilgrim's Progress</i> (1678), the book that was the most characteristic expression of the Puritan religious outlook. His other works include doctrinal and controversial writings; a spiritual autobiography, <i>Grace Abounding</i> (1666); and the allegory <i>The Holy War</i> (1682)</p>
	<p>Dan Burke is the founder and President of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation, which offers graduate and personal enrichment studies in spiritual theology to priests, deacons, religious, and laity in 70 countries and prepares men for seminary in 14 dioceses.</p>
	<p>Dan is the author and editor of more than 15 books on authentic Catholic spirituality and hosts the <i>Divine Intimacy</i> Radio show with his wife, Stephanie, which is broadcast weekly on EWTN Radio. Past episodes can be found, along with thousands of articles on the interior life, at SpiritualDirection.com.</p>
Dan Burke Connie Rossini	<p>In his deep commitment to the advancement of faithful Catholic spirituality, he is also the founder of <i>Apostoli Viae</i>, a world-wide, private association of the faithful dedicated to living and advancing the authentic spiritual patrimony of the Church.</p>
	<p>Most importantly, Dan is a blessed husband, father of four, grandfather of one—and grateful to be Catholic.</p>
	<p>Connie Rossini gives whole families practical help to grow in holiness. She is the author of <i>Trusting God with St. Therese</i>, <i>The Q & A Guide to Mental Prayer</i>, <i>Is Centering Prayer Catholic?</i>, and the series <i>A Spiritual Growth Plan for Your Children</i>. She also co-wrote <i>The Contemplative Rosary</i>. Her spirituality column has been published in diocesan newspapers for over a decade. She blogs at <i>Contemplative Homeschool</i>. She is also a columnist for SpiritualDirection.com and runs the Facebook group <i>Authentic Contemplative Prayer</i>. Connie and her husband Dan have four sons. They currently reside in Omaha.</p>
Terrance Callan	<p>Terrance Callan, who holds a PhD from Yale University, is professor of biblical studies/dean of special studies at The Athenaeum of Ohio. He is the author of <i>The Origins of Christian Faith</i> (Paulist Press) and <i>Psychological Perspectives on the Life of Paul</i> (Edwin Mellen).</p>
Christopher Carstens	<p>Christopher Carstens is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the <i>Adoremus Bulletin</i>; and one of the voices on <i>The Liturgy Guys</i> podcast. He is author of <i>A Devotional Journey into the Mass</i> (Sophia) and of <i>Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision</i> (Hillenbrand Books). He lives in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, with his wife and eight children.</p>
Dr Les Carter	<p>Dr. Les Carter is associated with the Minirth Clinic Psychiatric and Counseling Center in Richardson, Texas. He is specially trained in the treatment of emotional adjustments and relationship problems. He is the author or coauthor of several books, including the bestselling <i>The Anger Workbook</i>.</p>
Jeff Cavins	<p>Jeff Cavins is passionate about helping people understand Scripture and become disciples of Jesus Christ. Though he was born Catholic, Jeff went to Bible school and served as a Protestant minister for twelve years before reverting to Catholicism. He then quickly became a leading Catholic evangelist and author. Jeff is best-known for creating <i>The Great Adventure Bible Study Program</i> published by Ascension, which has been used by hundreds of thousands of people to engage in Scripture in a life-changing way.</p>
John Climacus	<p>John Climacus (Greek: Ἰωάννης τῆς Κλίμακος; Latin: Ioannes Climacus), also known as John of the Ladder, John Scholasticus and John Sinaites, was a 6th–7th-century Christian monk at the monastery on Mount Sinai.[1] He is revered as a saint by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches.</p>
Joan E Cook	<p>Joan E. Cook, SC, teaches Scripture at Georgetown University. She is the author of <i>Hannah's Desire, God's Design: Early Interpretation of the Story of Hannah</i> as well as numerous articles on biblical women and biblical prayer.</p>

Rev Msgr John F Davis	<p>Pastor of St Michael's Catholic Church I Cranford, NJ in the 1970's</p> <p>Philip DeVol is an international consultant who has been working with aha! Process since 1997. He used aha! Process concepts to make institutional changes at the addiction treatment center where he was the executive director for 19 years. During this time, he also coauthored Bridges Out of Poverty with Ruby Payne and Terie Dreussi-Smith. His book Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World is being used to engage people in poverty in the work of building communities where everyone can live well. It worked so well that DeVol used it as the basis for a Getting Ahead series for people returning to the community from prison, entry-level employees, and first-generation low-income college students.</p>
Philip E DeVol	
Warren Dicharry C.M.	<p>Fr. Dicharry is a priest of the Vincentian order who has served as a missionary in China for several years, then returning to the US to assume teaching positions at various seminaries.</p>
Thomas Dubay S.M.	<p>FR. THOMAS DUBAY, S.M., a noted author and speaker on the spiritual life, is much in demand as a retreat master and spiritual director. His many books include Prayer Primer and Seeking Spiritual Direction: How to Grow the Divine Life Within.</p>
Avery Dullus S. J.	<p>Avery Robert Dulles, S.J. (1918-2008) was a Jesuit priest, theologian, cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church and served as the Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University from 1988 to 2008. He was an internationally known author and lecturer. One of Richard and Renee Durfield's greatest desires was to parent wholesome children who would know the joys of a happy, healthy home. Because they were both from dysfunctional, broken families, they wanted to put to test biblical principles that would help them avoid repeating the failures of previous generations.</p> <p>Married in 1966 and launched into ministry in 1968, they faced all the classical problems of poor and struggling young couples involved in ministry. The Durfields have had to believe God for the absolutely impossible. This life of faith has played an important role in shaping the vision and ministry of the multi-cultural church which they founded and are now pastoring.</p>
Richard C Durdfield PHD Rene Durfield	<p>Richard met the Lord very early in his youth and has served the Lord faithfully since childhood. His education includes a Master of Arts degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Christian Counseling from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He is a Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He is ordained and has ministered extensively throughout the U.S. and has traveled to over twenty countries of the world speaking in various churches and conferences. In 1981, he and his wife, Renee, founded the San Gabriel Valley Christian Center, now named ChrisTemple, and located in Pomona, California, where he is presently the Senior Pastor.</p> <p>Richard and Renee have founded For Wedlock Only, an organization that provides parents with resources for parents to have a KeyTalk with their children to help them wait until marriage.</p> <p>Together they have co-authored a book entitled Raising Them Chaste. They make their home in Southern California.</p>
Lawrence J Epstein	<p>I served as an Advisor for two members of the United States Congress and two Congressional candidates. Additionally, I am a former English professor. I've written many books including historical mysteries and books about Jewish life and American popular culture. For information about my work, see my website: http://www.lawrencejepstein.com.</p>
Vinny Flynn	<p>Vinny Flynn is a popular speaker at Catholic conferences around the world, and is the best-selling author of 7 Secrets of the Eucharist, 21 Ways to Worship, 7 Secrets of Confession, and Mercy's Gaze. Vinny has helped train many of the people writing and speaking about Divine Mercy today. He also has been singing the original "Chaplet of Divine Mercy" on EWTN with some of his children for over 20 years.</p>
Marcia Ford	<p>Mostly, I'm a book author, with 30 traditionally published books. I'm also a ghostwriter, though of course I can't talk specifically about those books; let's just say that I've ghostwritten or contributed to 12 additional books. I'm also a book editor, book reviewer, writing instructor, writing mentor, and journalist. I'm married with two adult daughters, and I have a special interest in postmodern spirituality.</p>

Richard R. Gaillardetz, PhD, is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College. Dr. Gaillardetz previously taught at the University of Toledo from 2001 to 2011 as the Thomas and Margaret Murray and James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Toledo and from 1991 to 2001 at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology in Houston from 1991 to 2001. He received a BA in humanities from the University of Texas, an MA in biblical theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and an MA and PhD from the University of Notre Dame in systematic theology. He has written numerous articles and books.

Richard R Gaillardetz

Dr. Gaillardetz was a Catholic delegate on the U.S. Catholic-Methodist Dialogue (2000-2005). He served on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2006-2008), and in June 2011 he was elected vice-president. He has received numerous awards from the Catholic Press Association for his writing and in 2000 received the Sophia Award, which is offered annually by the faculty of the Washington Theological Union in recognition of a theologian's contributions to the life of the Church. Dr. Gaillardetz is a popular speaker at theological and pastoral conferences. He is married to Diana Gaillardetz, and they are the parents of four boys.

Michael E Gaitley

Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, is the director of Evangelization for the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and formation director of the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy. The author of several bestselling books, including *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Fr. Michael lives and works on Eden Hill in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, home of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy.

Kelly Gangi

Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan

Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan holds an S.T.D. from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. She has been teaching New Testament courses in colleges and seminaries for more than thirty years and has recently retired from teaching full time to devote more time to writing and lecturing.

Bert Ghezzi

Bert Ghezzi is the author of twenty books, including *Voices of the Saints, Mystics and Miracles*, and *Sacred Passages*. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame and currently resides in Winter Park, Florida.

Gianni Giansanti

Gianni Giansanti, a photojournalist who was best known for documenting the public and private life of Pope John Paul II, died on March 18 at age 52. The cause was bone cancer. photographer. He was granted access to the Vatican that no other outside photographer could get. His images were distributed to magazines and newspapers around the world by the Sygma photo agency.

Joseph F Girzone

JOSEPH F. GIRZONE retired from the active priesthood in 1981 and embarked on a second career as a writer and speaker. In 1995 he established the Joshua Foundation, an organization dedicated to making Jesus better known throughout the world. His bestselling books include *Joshua*, *A Portrait of Jesus*, and *Never Alone*. He lives in Altamont, New York.

Gereon Karl Goldman OFM

Gereon Karl Goldmann, OFM (25 October 1916 – 26 July 2003) was a German Franciscan priest, a World War II veteran of the Wehrmacht and Waffen SS, and a member of the German Resistance against Adolf Hitler.

Goldmann was captured by the British Army following the Battle of Monte Cassino, and sent to a POW camp in Morocco, and then later in French Algeria. On 24 June 1944, he was ordained a priest in the church of Notre Dame de Rivet, near the POW camp in Algeria. From August 1944 until the end of 1945, he served as a chaplain in a camp at Ksar es Souk, Morocco. According to Goldmann's memoirs, many of the inmates at Ksar es Souk remained convinced Nazis and therefore regarded their chaplain as a traitor. They falsely accused him of being the former commandant of Dachau concentration camp, alleging that he had attempted to escape prosecution by becoming a priest.

Fr Dominic Grassi
Joe Paprocki

Fr. Dominic Grassi, a lifelong Chicagoan, was ordained in 1973 and has been a pastor, a teacher, a counselor, a coach, a retreat and vocation director, an inspirational speaker, an editor, and a writer. He is currently a pastor on the north side of Chicago. His books include Bumping into God, Bumping into God Again, Bumping into God in the Kitchen, and Still Called by Name, and the coauthor of Living the Mass. In his spare time he enjoys reading, writing, and cooking.

Brother James Greteman
Leon Haverkamp

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Kathy Leonard is the editorial director for Church Initiative, the organization that created GriefShare, DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids, and Single & Parenting. She has been writing and editing for over twenty years and is a graduate of the University of Maryland Asian Division. Grubb, executive editor at Abbeville Press

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Raymond N. Guarendi, aka Dr. Ray, is a practicing clinical psychologist and authority on parenting and behavioral issues active in the Catholic media, and is also a well known author. Guarendi is an advocate of common sense approaches to child rearing and discipline issues.

Dr Ray Guarendi

Scott Hahn
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Scott W. Hahn (PhD, Marquette University) is the Father Michael Scanlan, TOR, Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, and is founder and president of the Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology. An exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith. He is the author or editor of more than forty books, including The Kingdom of God as Liturgical Empire, Covenant and Communion, The Lamb's Supper, and Rome Sweet Home.

Scott Hahn
Mark Shea

Scott Hahn (born October 28, 1957) is a contemporary author, theologian, and Catholic apologist. His works include *Rome Sweet Home* and *The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth*. He currently teaches at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, a Catholic university in the United States.

Mark P. Shea is a Catholic author and blogger. He converted from Evangelicalism to the Roman Catholic Church. He has been published in the *New Oxford Review*, *The Door*, *Catholic Digest*, and *Christianity and Literature*.

Jerry Herauf (M.A., M.Div.) trained and ministered in the Jesuit community for 18 years before continuing his lay service in publishing, pastoral care, and bereavement ministry for more than four decades.

Jerome Herauf
Charles Paolino

He has been chaplain and director of pastoral care ministries in hospitals and long-term care facilities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania over the past 20 years. He currently is PRN (as-needed) hospice chaplain with Revolutionary Home Health and Hospice in Allentown and Eynon, Penn., and facilitates seminar courses and bereavement support groups online and in-person.

Jerry is a spiritual counselor, certified by the Jesuit Spirituality Center (Guelph, Ont.). He has directed retreats ranging from one-on-one counseling to Ignatian retreats lasting up to 30 days, as well as those taking place in everyday lives. Of all his ministries, he has found his work among the grieving to be one of the most poignant.

After his conversion to the Catholic faith, Trent Horn earned master's degrees in the fields of theology, philosophy, and bioethics. He serves as a staff apologist for Catholic Answers, where he specializes in teaching Catholics to graciously and persuasively engage those who disagree with them.

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Trent models that approach each week on the radio program *Catholic Answers Live* and on his own podcast, *The Counsel of Trent*. He has also been invited to debate at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, and Stanford University.

Trent is an adjunct professor of apologetics at Holy Apostles College, has written for *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, and is the author of nine books, including *Answering Atheism*, *The Case for Catholicism*, and *Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love*.

Trent Horn, a convert to Catholicism, has a BA in history from Arizona State University, and an MA in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. He is a regular guest on the radio program *Catholic Answers Live*, and a lecturer nationwide on the Catholic faith. He is the author and the author of *Answering Atheism*, *Persuasive Pro-life*, and *Hard Sayings*.

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Dr. Allen Hunt is a nationally known speaker and best-selling author. His books include: Confessions of a Mega-Church Pastor: How I Discovered the Hidden Treasures of the Catholic Church; Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody; and Nine Words: A Bible Study to Help You Become the Best-Version-of-Yourself.

Allen stepped aside July 1, 2007, as Senior Pastor at Mount Pisgah, a congregation serving more than 15,000 persons each week through all of its ministries in Alpharetta, Georgia, outside Atlanta. While at Mount Pisgah, Allen helped to develop comprehensive ministries with children and students as well as a Christian School with over 1200 students; a Beacon of Hope pregnancy resource center; and the Summit Counseling Center.

Dr Allen Hunt

On January 6 2008, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Allen converted to Catholicism. This transition represented the culmination of a 15 year journey in which God began leading Allen home to the Church. In many ways, this transition was effected by the prayers of a group of Dominican sisters at Monastery of Our Lady of Grace in North Guilford, Connecticut, who have been praying for Allen since he shared lectures with them during the season of Lent in 1992.

Prior to full-time ministry, Allen worked in management consulting with Kurt Salmon Associates, an international leader in the textile, apparel, and retail industries. Allen was educated at Mercer (B.B.A.) and Emory (M.Div.) Universities, before earning a Ph.D. in New Testament and Ancient Christian Origins from Yale University.

Allen and his wife, Anita, live in Atlanta. They have two grown daughters.

Matthew Kelly was born on 12 July 1973 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and is the fourth of eight boys. He was raised Catholic, but was "restless and discontent" in his faith until his later teen years, when a family friend encouraged him to look deeper into his faith. This family friend, a physician, challenged him to spend ten minutes each day in a church in prayer. After a few days, Kelly was encouraged to go to daily Mass, where he began to connect more deeply with his faith. Kelly began speaking at the age of 19, while he was still in college.[6] A professor recorded a speech that Kelly gave for 50 people in his business school, and then began distributing the tapes to other interested students.[7][8] Since that time, his books have been published in 25 languages, and 12 of them have appeared on the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today best-seller lists.[9][10][11] His speaking engagements have included travel in more than 50 countries, where he has spoken to millions of people.[8][12] In 1995, Kelly became the founder of and contributor to the Matthew Kelly Foundation, a charitable organisation.[13] He is also the founder and CEO of Floyd consulting[14][15](formerly known as Beresford Consulting) and The Dynamic Catholic Institute.[16]

Matthew Kelly

Matthew Kelly is a best-selling author, speaker, thought leader, entrepreneur, consultant, spiritual leader, and innovator.

He has dedicated his life to helping people and organizations become the-best-version-of-themselves. Born in Sydney, Australia, he began speaking and writing in his late teens while he was attending business school. Since that time, 5 million people have attended his seminars and presentations in more than 50 countries.

Matthew Kelly
Father Mike Schmitz
Pope Francis
Allen Hunt

Father Mike Schmitz is a Catholic priest, author, and speaker in the Diocese of Duluth, MN. Working with Ascension Press, he is the author of the Belonging study program, and is featured in many others, including Altaration, YOU, Chosen, and I Will Follow. Father Schmitz has been the primary personality involved in Ascension Press' outlet, Ascension Presents, with weekly YouTube videos offering Catholic perspectives of cultural and societal issues. Beginning in 2017, these talks were also offered in audio form as podcasts. He currently runs the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and is also the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the diocese.

Stephen Kendrick is best known as a screenwriter and movie producer (Facing the Giants, Fireproof, Courageous) along with having co-wrote the New York Times best sellers The Resolution for Men and The Love Dare with his brother, Alex. Stephen and his wife, Jill, have six children, and he serves as senior associate pastor of preaching and prayer at Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Alex Kendrick is best known as an actor, writer, and director whose film credits include Facing the Giants, Fireproof, and Courageous. He and his wife, Christina, have six children. He also serves as associate pastor of movie outreach for Sherwood Baptist Church.

CHURCH STAFF: Alex Kendrick joined Sherwood Baptist Church staff in 1999 as associate minister of media, overseeing church ministries in television, radio and film. He also teaches a weekly televised bible study program called Home Connection.

SHERWOOD PICTURES: Alex and his brother Stephen, who grew up shooting 8mm “chase ‘em down and shoot ‘em up” movies helped Sherwood Baptist establish Sherwood Pictures in 2003. Fireproof is their third movie after Flywheel and Facing the Giants. Giants played in more than 1,000 theaters after its Sept. 2006 release and grossed more than \$10 million in box office receipts. The DVD has been released in 14 languages and in 56 countries—touching every continent. More than 6,500 churches have used the movie for ministry outreach. On Feb. 22, 2007, the Georgia State House of Representatives and Senate read a resolution honoring Sherwood Pictures and the church for Facing the Giants’ success and positive impact.

INTERVIEWS: Alex’s groundbreaking work in Sherwood Pictures has taken him onto Good Morning America, The FOX News Channel, CNN Headline News, The Glenn Beck Show, FOX’s Dayside, Janet Parshall’s America, TBN’s Behind the Scenes, American Family Radio and Citizen Link. Sherwood Pictures has been featured on The Drudge Report, Baptist Press, AP radio, American Family Radio, Focus on the Family, The 700 Club, Agape Press, Christianity Today, CNS News, National Public Radio, The Laura Ingraham Show, The Sean Hannity Show, The Conservative Voice, New Man Magazine, The LA Times, and more.

Marcel LeJeune is the President and Founder of Catholic Missionary Disciples (CatholicMissionaryDisciples.com) - which works with Catholic leaders to equip, form, and coach them in the model of Jesus. As a Catholic evangelist, international speaker, and award-winning author, Marcel loves to share his passion - helping others come to know the love of Jesus and how to share it with others.

Marcel served as the Associate Director of Campus Ministry at St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University for 11 years. He was previously the Director of Campus Ministry at St. Elizabeth's University Parish at Texas Tech. He holds a Master of Theological Studies, specializing in Pastoral Theology.

He is an award-winning author of four books and has contributed to several others. Marcel's articles have been widely published and he is a regular guest on national Catholic radio, TV, and online Catholic media outlets.

Fr. Simon Lobo is a priest of the Companions of the Cross, ordained in 2009. He worked for three years as the campus minister at Wayne State University in Detroit where he witnessed hundreds of students being evangelized and coming to faith. Over the last several years, he has served in parishes throughout Ottawa. He joined the team at Saint Benedict Parish, Halifax, in July 2015 as the associate pastor where he experienced parish renewal and learned about the essential role of leadership. Fr. Simon is now the past of Saint Benedict where parish renewal continues to flourish.

Alex Kendrick
Stephen Kendrick

Marcel Lejeune

Father Simon Lobo CC

Patrick Madrid	<p>PATRICK MADRID hosts the “Patrick Madrid Show” radio program, broadcast nationally on Immaculate Heart/Relevant Radio (M-F, 6-9 am Pacific, ihradio.com/patrick). Before launching that show, he hosted the “Right Here, Right Now” Show, broadcast on approximately 350 AM & FM stations across the U.S., as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio, and globally via shortwave. He is also a frequent guest and occasional guest-host on the “Catholic Answers Live” radio program.</p>
Fr James Mallon	<p>Father James Mallon is Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Besides being a speaker on the topics of Parish Renewal and the New Evangelization, Father James has hosted two internationally acclaimed DVD Series -- Catholicism 201 and Dogmatic Theology. Father James Mallon is the Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada. Although, now former pastor of Saint Benedict Parish in Halifax, he still is very much a part of this faith community.</p>
Bart McDowell	<p>Bart McDowell a Texan by birth, covered topics ranging from Japan to the Aztecs during his 32 years with National Geographic Magazine.</p>
Mother Teresa	<p>James Stanfield is a National Geographic Society photographer. He has four times been named Photographer of the Year by the White House News Photographers’ Association.</p> <p>MOTHER TERESA was born in Skopje (present-day Macedonia) in 1910, and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin in 1928. She left the Loreto order in 1948 to begin the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta. Her service to the poorest of the poor became her life’s work. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died in 1997 and was beatified in 2003.</p>
Mother Teresa	<p>FATHER BRIAN KOLODIEJCHUK, M.C. the editor of the New York Times bestseller, Come Be My Light met Mother Teresa in 1977 and was associated with her until her death in 1997. He is postulator of the cause of the beatification and canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Director of the Mother Teresa Center.</p> <p>Mother Teresa (26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997) also known as Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, MC, was an Albanian Roman Catholic religious sister and missionary. She was born in Skopje (modern Macedonia), then part of the Kosovo Vilayet in the Ottoman Empire. After having lived in Macedonia for some eighteen years, she moved to Ireland and then to India, where she lived for most of her life.</p> <p>Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation, which in 2012 consisted of over 4,500 sisters and was active in 133 countries. They run hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis; soup kitchens; dispensaries and mobile clinics; children's and family counselling programmes; orphanages; and schools. Members must adhere to the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, as well as a fourth vow, to give "wholehearted free service to the poorest of the poor".</p>
Mother Teresa	<p>Mother Teresa was the recipient of numerous honours, including the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. In 2003, she was beatified as "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta". A second miracle was credited to her intercession by Pope Francis, in December 2015, paving the way for her to be recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.</p> <p>A controversial figure both during her life and after her death, Mother Teresa was widely admired by many for her charitable works. She was both praised and criticized for her pro-life views. She also received criticism for conditions in the hospices for which she was responsible. Her official biography was written by an Indian civil servant, Navin Chawla, and published in 1992.</p> <p>Bio from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Photo by 1986 Túrelío (via Wikimedia-Commons), 1986 / , via Wikimedia Commons.</p>

Lynn Neu	Lynn Neu is a nationally recognized speaker, trainer, and author. Her career includes teaching in a Catholic High School, directing a diocesan Youth Ministry Office, and serving as a University Campus Minister and a parishioner of the Church of St Luke.
Darryl Nyznyk	Darryl Nyznyk left one career as a lawyer and another as president of a real estate development company to pursue his passion for writing. His aspiration is to tell stories that take readers on wild rides of adventure, intrigue, love, and passion. He and his wife live in Southern California with constant visits from their kids and friends.
Stormie Omartian	Stormie Omartian is the bestselling author of the Power of a Praying® series (more than 37 million books sold). Her other books include Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On; Lead Me, Holy Spirit; Prayer Warrior; and Out of Darkness. Stormie and her husband, Michael, have been married more than 45 years. They are the parents of two married children and have two granddaughters.
Cindi Peterson, MD	Cyndi Peterson is an accomplished physician, speaker, and mother of five. A board-certified dermatologist, she served for nine years in the US Navy as a flight surgeon and dermatologist. She then entered into private practice after a fellowship in Mohs micrographic and dermatologic surgery. Cyndi stopped practicing dermatologic surgery in 2001 after discovering her only daughter had months to live. Since losing her two daughters to Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Cyndi has become a renowned speaker on issues of life, the family, and Medjugorje. She has testified against embryonic stem cell research in Washington State after investigating its possible help for her daughters' condition. Cyndi has been interviewed by EWTN, Ave Maria Radio, Catholic Radio, and has spoken at numerous national and international conferences to tens of thousands of people.
Karol Plicka	<p>Photo</p> <p>In the late 1920s, Plicka began using a camera on his travels and contributed photographs to the Prague illustrated weekly Pestrý týden. He created his first silent films in 1928 (Za Slovenským ľudom) and in 1929 (Po horách, po dolách). The latter received a Gold Medal at the 1st Venice International Film Festival, held in 1932.[3] In 1932, he met and befriended the photographer and filmmaker Alexandr Hackenschmied, with whom he co-created the "film poem" Zem spieva (The Earth Sings), considered a magnum opus of Czechoslovak documentary film.[4][5] In the 1930s and 40s, he collaborated as an expert assistant in production of Slovak and Soviet films (e.g. Jánošík (1935) by Martin Frič and films by Ilya Kopalin and Vasily Belyayev). In 1938 he founded the courses of photography and cinematography at the Škola umeleckých remesiel (School of Applied Arts) in Bratislava.[3] It was the first attempt at film education in Czechoslovakia. Later, in 1946, he co-founded the Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague (FAMU),[6] of which he became the first dean.</p>

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17 1936, is the 266th and current Pope of the Catholic Church, having been elected Bishop of Rome and absolute Sovereign of Vatican City.

Born in Buenos Aires as the son of Italian parents, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was ordained a priest in 1969. From 1973 to 1979 he was Argentina's Provincial superior of the Society of Jesus. He became Archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998, and a cardinal in 2001. Following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI in February 2013, on March 13, 2013 the papal conclave elected Jorge Mario Bergoglio, who chose the papal name Francis in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis is the first Jesuit pope, the first pope from the Americas, the first from the Southern Hemisphere and the first non-European Pope since Pope Gregory III, 1272 years earlier.

Throughout his life, both as an individual and as a religious leader, Pope Francis has been noted for his humility, his concern for the poor, and his commitment to dialogue as a way to build bridges between people of all backgrounds, beliefs, and faiths.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis has published a compilation of his teachings in two volumes entitled Simple Wisdom: Hold On to Hope, Vol. 1, and Simple Wisdom: The Joy of Evangelization, Vol. 1. He also published his first encyclical entitled The Light of Faith: Lumen Fidei, which is available in English and Spanish.

The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium, recently published, is the long-awaited teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. He is calling upon the Church and the world with encouragement to begin a new chapter in evangelization.

Pope Francis has captured the attention of the world with his simple ways, humbleness, and love for the poor and sick.

John Powell S.J.

Jesuit Priest at Loyola Univ

Michael Quoist

Michel Quoist (June 18, 1921 – December 18, 1997) was a French Catholic priest, theologian and writer. He is best known for his book Prayers of Life, first published in French in 1954.

Vicki Wells Bedard

William Rabior is a hospital chaplain and psychotherapist who specializes in relationship issues, grieving, and depression. He has been writing for Liguori Publications for nearly forty years. He lives in Saginaw, Michigan, with his wife, Susan, and daughter, Gabrielle.

William E Rabior

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Rainer has written over 30 books, including three that reached number one bestseller: I Am a Church Member, Autopsy of a Deceased Church, and Simple Church.

He has spoken in hundreds of venues and led over 500 church consultations. He can be reached at www.ChurchAnswers.com.

Rainer and his wife, Nellie Jo, live in Franklin, TN, and have three grown sons: Sam, Art and Jess, who are married to Erin, Sarah and Rachel respectively. The Rainers have ten grandchildren: Canon, Maggie, Nathaniel, Will (with the Lord), Harper, Bren, Joshua, Collins, Joel, and James.

Eric Geiger is the Senior Pastor of Mariners Church in Irvine, California. Before moving to Southern California, Eric served as senior vice-president for LifeWay Christian Resources. Eric received his doctorate in leadership and church ministry from Southern Seminary. Eric has authored or co-authored several books including the bestselling church leadership book, Simple Church. Eric is married to Kaye, and they have two daughters: Eden and Evie. During his free time, Eric enjoys dating his wife, taking his daughters to the beach, and playing basketball.

Theresa Rickard, O.P., is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, New York, and the president of RENEW International. She is a preacher, writer, retreat leader, and conference speaker. Rickard is also the author of Everyday Witness, three devotionals in The Living Gospel series with Ave Maria Press, and LiveLent! (Years A, B, and C). She also contributed to Preaching the Sunday Assembly and We Preach Christ Crucified.

She earned a doctorate of ministry in preaching from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, Missouri, a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and a master of arts degree in religion and religious education at Fordham University.

Prior to working at RENEW, Rickard ministered in two multicultural parishes in the South Bronx, was the director of vocation and formation ministry for her congregation, and was a member of the Archdiocese of New York's Parish Mission Team.

Dr. Gary and Barb Rosberg are championing marriage for the cause of Christ by coaching husbands and wives to achieve a great marriage for a lifetime...and for the sake of the next generation. They are co-founders of the national ministry America's Family Coaches.

Together, Dr. Gary & Barb host a nationally syndicated daily radio program and have conducted conferences on marriage and family relationships in more than 100 cities across the country. Their flagship conferences "Love & Sex in a Godly Marriage" and "Discover the Love of Your Life All Over Again" have impacted couples, churches, and communities nationwide.

The Rosbergs live outside Des Moines, Iowa. Married more than 30 years, Gary & Barb have two married daughters and four grandchildren.

John Salza was born on November 30, 1967, and is an apologist, author, and speaker. He became an attorney after being raised Catholic, but joined the Freemasons in 1996 for several years before giving up his membership. He is the author of Why Catholics Cannot Be Masons, The Mystery of Predestination, Masonry Unmasked, and The Biblical Basis for Purgatory. He has also appeared on Ave Maria radio and hosts the radio program Relevant Answers.

John Salza is held as a leading defender of the Catholic faith, and is devoted to apologetics. He also holds a Magnum Cum Laude from the University of Wisconsin and is the creator of ScriptureCatholic.com.

Thom Rainer
Eric Geiger

Theresa Rickard

Dr Gary and Barbara Rosberg

John Salza

Edward Cornelis Florentius Alfonsus Schillebeeckx was a Belgian Roman Catholic theologian born in Antwerp. He taught at the Catholic University in Nijmegen. He then continued writing. In his nineties, he still wanted to finish a major book about the Sacraments.

Edward Schillenbeeckx

He was a member of the Dominican Order. His books on theology have been translated into many languages, and his contributions to the Second Vatican Council made him known throughout the world.

Dr. Alan Schreck has been a professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville since 1978. During this time he has served as director of Graduate Theology for eight years between 1981 and 1999, as chair of the Departments of Theology and Philosophy from 1988-1992, and as chair of the Department of Theology from 1994-1995, from 1999-2008, and in 2012-2013. Enrollment in the Theology program has grown from 20 to 30 students when Dr. Schreck began teaching to over 550 students in both undergraduate and graduate theology programs in 2009.

Alan Schreck

Dr Schreck specializes in church history and renewal, (including St. Francis of Assisi), Catholic doctrine and apologetics, pneumatology, ecclesiology, the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and of Pope St. John Paul II. He has authored numerous books beginning with Catholic and Christian: An Explanation of Commonly Misunderstood Catholic Beliefs (Franciscan Media, 1984) and a young adult version of that book.

Francis Joseph Sheed (20 March 1897 in Sydney – 20 November 1981^[1] in Jersey City^[2]) was an Australian-born lawyer, Catholic writer, publisher, speaker, and lay theologian. He and his wife Maisie Ward were famous in their day as the names behind the imprint Sheed & Ward and as forceful public lecturers in the Catholic Evidence Guild.

Sheed was born in Sydney on 20 March 1897 to John Sheed, a descendant of Scottish Presbyterians, and English-born Mary Maloney. His mother's family were Irish Catholic. Baptized Catholic, at the insistence of their father, Frank Sheed and his brother Jack were raised Protestant.^[2] Frank would attend the Methodist Church, and surreptitiously make his Catholic First Communion and Confirmation. He attended Sydney Boys' High School and in 1917 obtained a BA degree from the University of Sydney.^[1]

Frank Sheed

In 1920, Sheed travelled to London, where he encountered the Catholic Evidence Guild whose lay Catholics expounded the faith. He joined the group and became an effective soapbox orator. With an understanding of Protestant attitudes toward Catholicism, Sheed took up writing and speaking on the subject of Catholic apologetics, the rational defense of the Catholic faith. Through his activity with the Guild he met Maisie Ward, daughter of Wilfrid Ward, a prominent Catholic essayist and biographer.

Charles Sheldon was born in Wellsville, New York. He was a graduate of Phillips Academy, Andover (class of 1879) and of Brown University in 1883. He was pastor of a church at Waterbury, Vermont, from 1886 to 1888, and in 1889 became pastor of the Central Congregational Church in Topeka, Kansas.^[3]

Charles M Sheldon

Sheldon became an advocate of the late nineteenth century school of thought known as Christian Socialism. His theological outlook focused on the practicalities of the moral life, with much less emphasis on the doctrinal traditions of personal redemption from sin in Christ. In the winter of 1896 Sheldon developed a sermon story that he read as a weekly series from the pulpit of Central Congregational Church.^[4] The unifying theme of these sermons was based on posing the question, "what would Jesus do?" when facing moral decisions. He viewed this question as traditional within Christianity and likely drew some inspiration from William T. Stead's *If Christ came to Chicago!* (1893) and other earlier sources.^[5]

Barbara Leahy Shelemon

Barbara Shlemon Ryan is president of Beloved Ministry. She travels nationally and internationally as a retreat director, workshop leader, and conference speaker. Barbara and her husband, Tim, live in central Florida

William E Simon Jr	<p>William E. Simon Jr. is founder and chairman of Parish Catalyst. He is the author, with Michael Novak, of <i>Living the Call: An Introduction to the Lay Vocation</i>. Simon serves as co-chairman of the investment firm William E. Simon & Sons and the William E. Simon Foundation, as well as adjunct professor in UCLA's law school and economics department. Early in his career, Simon was an assistant US attorney in the Southern District of New York and later was the 2002 Republican gubernatorial nominee in California. For many years, he and his wife, Cindy, have helped those in need by underwriting scholarships, athletic and recreational programs, and faith-based efforts in urban areas. The Simons have four children and make their home in Los Angeles.</p>
Sister Gesualda of the Holy Spirit	<p>The Sisters of the Holy Spirit were founded as a Diocesan Congregation in Cleveland in 1932. They are primarily known for their ministry to older adults at Jennings, but the community traces its roots back to Russia in the mid 1800s through its Foundress, Mother Josephine.</p>
E A Speiser	<p>Ephraim Avigdor Speiser (January 24, 1902 – June 15, 1965) was a Jewish Polish-born American Assyriologist. In 1927, while in northern Iraq, Speiser discovered the Tepe Gawra (or “Great Mound”), one of the earliest known examples of civilization. During this time, he was Director of the Baghdad School of the American Schools of Oriental Research and taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.</p>
Edward Sri	<p>Dr. Edward Sri is a founding leader with Curtis Martin of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). He is author and presenter of <i>A Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> and <i>Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother</i>. He holds a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.</p>
St Augustine of Hippo	<p>Authored and presented by Edward Sri, <i>No Greater Love</i> also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.</p>
St Teresa of Avila	<p>One of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, Teresa of Avila (1515 –82) was a Spanish nun and a leader of the Carmelite Reform. Canonized in 1622, she was the first woman to be elevated to the title of Doctor of the Church. --This text refers to the paperback edition.</p> <p>Saint Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, baptized as Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada (28 March 1515 – 4 October 1582), was a prominent Spanish mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, author during the Counter Reformation, and theologian of contemplative life through mental prayer. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be a founder of the Discalced Carmelites along with John of the Cross.</p> <p>In 1622, forty years after her death, she was canonized by Pope Gregory XV, and on 27 September 1970 was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI. Her books, which include her autobiography (<i>The Life of Teresa of Jesus</i>) and her seminal work <i>El Castillo Interior</i> (trans.: <i>The Interior Castle</i>), are an integral part of Spanish Renaissance literature as well as Christian mysticism and Christian meditation practices. She also wrote <i>Camino de Perfección</i> (trans.: <i>The Way of Perfection</i>).</p> <p>After her death, Saint Teresa's cult was known in Spain during the 1620s, and for a time she was considered a candidate to become a national patron saint. A Santero image of the Immaculate Conception of El Viejo, said to have been sent with one of her brothers to Nicaragua by the saint, is now venerated as the country's national patroness at the Shrine of El Viejo. Pious Catholic beliefs also associate Saint Teresa with the esteemed religious image called Infant Jesus of Prague with claims of former ownership and devotion.</p> <p>Bio from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Photo by Peter Paul Rubens [Public domain], via Wikimedia Commons.</p>

As a journalist, Chris Stepien has spent his career asking tough questions and telling intriguing stories.

He worked as a television producer-director and writer for the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). From 1979 to 1987, while at WXYZ-TV, Detroit, he won six Emmy® Awards, as well as many other honors for documentaries, sports and celebrity specials, and children's programming. Stepien left broadcasting to co-found Adventure, Inc., a successful Detroit-based video/film production company. He created award-winning communications for Fortune 500 companies like General Motors and Ford Motor Company for nearly nine years. Since 1996, Stepien has crafted marketing and advertising for global clients, as writer-creative director and owner of Stepien Creative Services, Inc.

Chris Stepien

A lifelong metro Detroiter and Catholic, Stepien attended parochial schools and was an altar boy. He and his wife, Ellen, have two adult sons, Alex and Mike. Chris and Ellen are Vincentians, active members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). Stepien, a former SVdP conference president, is currently lay spiritual advisor to a group of Vincentians in Dearborn, Michigan. Their core mission is to respond to the needs of poor families in the surrounding community, visit them in their homes, and provide financial assistance, guidance, friendship, and hope.

Bible studies, spiritual exercises, and praying the rosary inspired the author to write this novel about preteen Jesus. Stepien relied on his love of God and his passion for visual storytelling to help shape this account of the boy Messiah and His Passover pilgrimage. The author's experiences serving the needy and children of alcoholics were very influential as well.

MITCH TEMPLE serves as the director over marriage programs at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He represents Focus at national events, seminars, media interviews, and radio programs. Mitch is a published author in various professional journals, and co-author of two marriage books. He served for 23 years as pulpit and counseling pastor, specializing in crisis, business, and marriage and family related issues. He and his wife of over 25 years have three children and live in Colorado.

Mitch is a noted author, speaker and expert in the relationship field and offers simple, practical and encouraging guidance.

Bio: Mitch has been married to Rhonda for 30 years. They have 3 grown children. One grand baby!

Mitch Temple Overview of Experience and Services:

Over 25 year's experience in church and nonprofit work in Marriage and Family Ministry. Served 14 years at same church.

Served 6 years as Co- Founder and Director of Focus on the Family's Marriage Department.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

Endorsed by nations top Marriage and Family experts- Dr. John Trent, Dr. Gary Smalley, Dr. Gary Rossberg and many others.

Work as a Family and Marketing Consultant on Christian and Family Films such as Fireproof, Gracecard, SoulSurfer, Courageous and October Baby.

Holds two graduate degrees in Ministry and Marriage and Family Therapy

Author and Co-author of 5 Marriage and Family Books (The Marriage Turnaround, First Five Years of Marriage...).

Produced 3 DVD series for Focus on the Family and other Christian Organizations.

Produced, Co-Produced Large National Level live events : Focus on Marriage, other national level events.

Executive Director: The Fatherhood CoMission

Professor, Marriage and Family for over 12 years in a Christian University. Authored Text on Marriage

Mitch Temple

Diane Tolomeo
Pearl Hervais
Remi J De Roo

Diane Tolomeo received her Ph.D in English Literature from Princeton University. She currently teaches in both the English Department and the Humanities Diploma Program at the University of Victoria, Canada. Her talks and retreats focus on biblical literature, archetypes, and the tradition of Christian meditation.

Pearl Gervais has extensive experience in education and counselling. She holds degrees from the University of Manitoba and the University of Wisconsin, and has studied at the Tantur Institute in Jerusalem. She is a certified Enneagram teacher and gives workshops and retreats in the areas of personal growth, spirituality and business.

Abigail Trafford

Remi J. De Roo, STD, received his doctorate from the Angelicum, Rome and is Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Victoria, Canada. He is a Vatican II Council Father and a certified Enneagram teacher. He holds five honorary degrees and is an internationally known lecturer and retreat leader. He has co-authored or authored six books including Even Greater Things: Hope and Challenge after Vatican II.

Trafford is the author of Crazy Time: Surviving Divorce and Building a New Life, (1982, revised 1994). She has a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. She received a journalism fellowship at the Harvard School of Public Health in 1982 and 2002 and was a visiting scholar at the Stanford Center on Longevity, Stanford University, in 2007. She lives in Washington, D.C. and Vinalhaven, ME.

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Gerard J M Van Den Aardweg

Gerard J.M. van den Aardweg, Ph.D., is a Dutch psychotherapist in private practice. In addition to his work in parapsychology - writing and speaking about near-death experiences and paranormal events such as those detailed in Hungry Souls Dr van den Aardweg has written extensively on pro-life and pro-family subjects. His previous books include Education for Life, The Saint of the Ordinary, and On the Origins and Treatment of Homosexuality. He lives in the Netherlands with his wife, with whom he has seven children and seventeen grandchildren. --This text refers to an alternate kindle_edition edition.

During this turbulent time of a pandemic, you may be looking for something to keep your teenagers engaged and make them better prepared for the future. Here is my suggestion: "130 Excel Simulations in Action": <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1978429878>

It has 130 engaging projects that you can do on your computer, if you have the program Excel (part of Microsoft Office) on your PC. The book tells you how to do each simulation and gives you also the solutions if you get stuck. It's not only very entertaining but also very educational.

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Another option might be to learn how to program in Visual Basic. Programming is something young people may want to learn in preparation for the job market. Here is the perfect book for you: "100 Excel VBA Simulations" at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1540445178>

If you want to learn the basics of Visual Basics in Excel first (and have a PC with a CD-ROM drive), try this: "Excel 2013 VBA" at <https://www.amazon.com/dp/161547031X>

Dr Gerard Verschuuren

Who am I? I am a scientist, writer, speaker, and consultant, working at the interface of science and religion, creation and evolution, faith and reason. By training, I am a human biologist who specialized in human genetics. I also earned a doctorate in the philosophy of science. I studied and worked at universities in Europe and the United States. Because I learned how to use computers for research in population-genetics, I also used to train scientists to use computers and help them programming.

Gerard Verschuuren is a scientist, writer, speaker, and consultant, working at the interface of science, philosophy, and religion. He is a human geneticist who earned a doctorate in the philosophy of science, and studied and worked at universities in Europe and the United States. The Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) is a nonprofit, interdenominational missions organization that serves persecuted Christians around the world. Founded in 1967 by Richard and Sabina Wurmbbrand, VOM is dedicated to inspiring believers to deepen their commitment to Christ and to fulfill His Great Commission — no matter the cost.

Voice of the Martyrs

Sister Victoria Vondenberger	Victoria is a member of the Catholic Marriage Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Cinnanatti, OH Pam Vredevelt is a Licensed Professional Counselor, popular inspirational speaker, and bestselling author of the Espresso for a Woman's Spirit series, Angel Behind the Rocking Chair, and Empty Arms: Emotional Support for Those Who Have Suffered a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Tubal Pregnancy. Pam, John, and their three children make their home in Gresham, Oregon.
Pam Vredevelt	Pam's reputation as a sought-after professional counselor, popular conference speaker, and best-selling author is built on her ability to explore real life issues with authenticity, warmth, and humor. Compelling stories, engaging faith, and perceptive insight give Pam the rare ability to inspire and empower audiences with practical tools for long lasting change. Visitors to pamvredevelt.com receive a FREE book and bonus videos. ***NEW! https://healing-your-empty-arms.teachable.com/ Benefit from Pam's clinical and Bible based wisdom on your own time schedule in the comfort of your home. See her newly released online video training, HEALING YOUR EMPTY ARMS: A one-of-a-kind transformation experience after a miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, or the loss of a child. 9 Video Lessons with Printable Helpsheets and Healing Action Steps.
Nick Vujicic	NICK VUJICIC is an evangelist, motivational speaker, author, and the director of Life Without Limbs, a nonprofit organization that advances the gospel of Jesus Christ and helps alleviate suffering worldwide. Nick regularly speaks to large crowds on overcoming obstacles and achieving dreams. He is a popular guest on programs such as CBS Sunday Morning, LIFE Today, and Oprah's Lifeclass. Abroad, he was featured twice on 60 Minutes Australia. Nick also hosts his own daily inspirational radio program. A native of Australia, he now lives in Southern California with his wife, Kanae, and their children Kiyoshi, Dejan, Olivia, and Ellie.
Dom Bruno Webb	Sherry Anne Weddell created the first charism discernment process specifically designed for Catholics in 1993. She co-founded and serves as co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute, an affiliated international ministry of the Western Dominican Province.
Sherry Weddell	Christopher West is a proud husband and father of five. His global lecturing, best-selling books and multiple audio and video programs have also made him the world's most recognized teacher of John Paul II's "Theology of the Body" – a bold, biblical vision of love and sexuality that takes us to the "cor" of what it means to be human. As Founder and President of Theology of the Body Institute, he leads an international outreach devoted to spreading this liberating teaching and empowering others to live and share it. His work has been featured in The New York Times, on ABC News, Fox News, MSNBC, and countless Catholic and Evangelical media outlets.
Christopher West	Beyond his work as a popularizer of the Theology of the Body, Christopher has been teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on the subject since the late 1990s, having served on the faculties of St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver, the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, and as a visiting professor of the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, Australia. In 2004 he co-founded the Theology of the Body Institute near Philadelphia, PA and his week-long courses there continue to draw students from around the world.
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Ed Wheat D

Ed Wheat, MD (1926-2001) was a family physician for decades and an authority on premarital and marital counseling.

Fr. Michael White is a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and pastor of Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland. White is the coauthor of *Rebuilt*—which narrates the story of Nativity’s rebirth—*Tools for Rebuilding*, *Rebuilding Your Message*, *The Rebuilt Field Guide*, and *ChurchMoney*. He is also coauthor of the bestselling *Messages* series for Advent and Lent.

During White’s tenure as pastor at Church of the Nativity, the church has almost tripled in weekend attendance. More importantly, commitment to the mission of the Church has grown, demonstrated by the significant increase of giving and service in ministry, and much evidence of genuine spiritual renewal. White earned his bachelor’s degree from Loyola University Maryland and his graduate degrees in sacred theology and ecclesiology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

Michael White
Tom Corcoran

Tom Corcoran has served Church of the Nativity in Timonium, Maryland, in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. First hired as a youth minister, Corcoran has also served as coordinator of children’s ministry and director of small groups. He is lay associate to the pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning, and staff development.

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Jud Wilhite

Jud Wilhite serves as Senior Pastor of Central Church. Central is dedicated to introducing people to Jesus and helping them follow Him. Jud is a best-selling author who has written several books including *Uncaged*, *The God of Yes*, *Pursued*, and a study Bible for new believers, *The Uncensored Truth Bible for New Beginnings*. His teaching segments are heard nationally on KLOVE radio. Jud and his wife, Lori, reside in the Las Vegas area with their two children.

Paul Wilkes, author of the newly released *Holding God In My Hands* from Liguori Publications, is one of America’s most respected writers on religious belief and personal spirituality. He is the author of over twenty books, and the host, writer, director or producer of seven PBS documentaries.

Paul Wilkes

His book, *In Due Season: A Catholic Life*, was chosen by Publishers Weekly as one of 2009’s 100 outstanding books. In a review, PW called *In Due Season* “an exquisite memoir that often reads like a novel .”

Paul lectures across the country about the role of religious belief in individual lives as well the place and impact of religion in public life.

Peter Lamborn Wilson

Peter Lamborn Wilson (born 1945) is an American [anarchist](#) author and poet, primarily known for his concept of [Temporary Autonomous Zones](#), short-lived spaces which elude formal structures of control.^[2] During the 1970s, Wilson lived in the Middle East, where he explored mysticism and translated Persian texts. Starting from the 1980s he wrote (under the [pen name](#) of *Hakim Bey*) numerous political writings, illustrating his theory of "ontological anarchy". His style of anarchism has drawn criticism for its emphasis on individualism and mysticism, as did some writings where he defended [pederasty](#).

Pope Saint John Paul II (Latin: Ioannes Paulus II; Italian: Giovanni Paolo II; Polish: Jan Paweł II), born Karol Józef Wojtyła[a] (Polish: [ˈkarɔl ˈjuzɛv vɔjˈtɨwa]; 18 May 1920 – 2 April 2005), served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. He is referred to by Catholics as St. John Paul the Great, especially in naming institutions.

He was elected by the second Papal conclave of 1978, which was called after Pope John Paul I, who was elected in August after the death of Pope Paul VI, died after thirty-three days. Cardinal Wojtyła was elected on the third day of the conclave and adopted his predecessor's name in tribute to him. John Paul II is recognised as helping to end Communist rule in his native Poland and eventually all of Europe. John Paul II significantly improved the Catholic Church's relations with Judaism, Islam, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Anglican Communion. He upheld the Church's teachings on such matters as artificial contraception and the ordination of women, but also supported the Church's Second Vatican Council and its reforms.

Karol Wojtyła/Pope John Paul II

He was one of the most travelled world leaders in history, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate. As part of his special emphasis on the universal call to holiness, he beatified 1,340 people and canonised 483 saints, more than the combined tally of his predecessors during the preceding five centuries. By the time of his death, he had named most of the College of Cardinals, consecrated or co-consecrated a large number of the world's bishops, and ordained many priests. A key goal of his papacy was to transform and reposition the Catholic Church. His wish was "to place his Church at the heart of a new religious alliance that would bring together Jews, Muslims and Christians in a great religious armada".

He was the second longest-serving pope in modern history after Pope Pius IX, who served for nearly 32 years from 1846 to 1878. Born in Poland, John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope since the Dutch Pope Adrian VI, who served from 1522 to 1523. John Paul II's cause for canonisation commenced in 2005 one month after his death with the traditional five-year waiting period waived. On 19 December 2009, John Paul II was proclaimed Venerable by his successor Pope Benedict XVI and was beatified on 4 May 2011 (Pope Francis's first act). Wm. Paul Young was born a Canadian and raised among a Stone Age tribe by his missionary parents in the highlands of former New Guinea. He suffered great loss as a child and young adult and now enjoys the "wastefulness of grace" with his family in the Pacific Northwest. He is also the author of *The Shack*, *Cross Roads*, and *Eve*.

William Paul Young

Arthur E. Zannoni is from Roseville, Minnesota (a suburb of the Twin Cities) and is an award winning freelance writer, Scripture scholar, teacher, theologian, workshop leader and consultant in the areas of biblical studies and Christian-Jewish relations. He taught on the faculty of the School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, MN) from 1984-1991 and in the Murray Institute from 1991-1994. He helped establish, in 1985, along with Rabbi Max A Shapiro, the Center for Jewish Christian Learning at the University of St. Thomas. He is a two-time recipient of the Uhrig Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching and received the Temple Israel (Minneapolis) Interreligious Award for his work in promoting Catholic Jewish dialogue in the Twin Cities.

Arthur E Zannoni

Zannoni, a prolific writer has published numerous articles in periodicals as well as editing two books and authoring four. He is a two-time recipient of awards for excellence in writing from the Catholic Press Association. He is an engaging speaker and a master teacher who combines the best of scholarship with humor and clear explanation. He is also the author of *Journey through Advent*, *Journey through the Scrutinies*, and *The Gospel's Legacy: The Seven Last Words of Jesus, Spoken from the Cross*.

Zig Ziglar

The late Zig Ziglar was a motivational speaker, teacher and trainer who traveled the world over delivering his messages of humor, hope, and encouragement. As a world renowned author and speaker, Zig had an appeal that transcended barriers of age, culture and occupation. From 1970 until 2010, he traveled over five million miles across the world delivering powerful life improvement messages, cultivating the energy of change. Recognized by his peers as the quintessential motivational genius of our times, Zig Ziglar's unique delivery style and powerful messages earned him many honors, and today he is still considered one of the most versatile authorities on the science of human potential.

Mr. Ziglar wrote over thirty celebrated books on personal growth, leadership, sales, faith, family and success, including *Born to Win*, *See You at the Top*, *Developing the Qualities of Success*, *Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World*, *Top Performance*, *Courtship After Marriage*, *Over The Top*, and *Secrets of Closing the Sale*. Nine titles have been on the best seller lists; his books and audios have been translated into over thirty-eight languages and dialects. Zig Ziglar was a committed family man, dedicated patriot, and an active church member