

## Name of Book

## Description

The Activated Disciple teaches you how to imitate God, so you can become an instrument for him to transform the world.

If you yearn for a life that moves beyond believing and practicing, if you yearn to become an activated disciple, then this book is for you. The foundation of discipleship is imitation. The Activated Disciple learns to walk in the ways of the Lord. Discipleship requires such a close relationship with God that every area of your life is transformed. It is about opening yourself to God and inviting him to dwell within you, becoming holy as he is holy, loving as he is loving. By imitating God, disciples become the instruments God employs to transform the world.

The Activated Disciple

In *The Activated Disciple* by Jeff Cavins, you'll learn how to...  
Take your faith to the next level.  
Transform every area of your life to become more like Christ.  
Overcome the obstacles that keep you from being the disciple you are called to be.  
Move beyond believing and practicing your faith, and begin radically living it.  
Become an instrument of transformation in the lives of others.

Learn the important differences between Islam and Catholicism  
Explore the challenges Islam presents to Christianity in the Third millennium  
An exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, Dr. Hahn has delivered numerous talks nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related to Scripture and the Catholic faith.  
In this informative Lighthouse Talk, Dr. Scott Hahn explores some of the most important beliefs that distinguish Christianity from Islam. He explains that while both religions trace themselves back to Abraham, the differences, including our understanding of God as Father, are not insignificant. With charity, balance, and candor, Dr. Hahn shows us how Islam presents the most formidable challenge to Christianity in the Third millennium.

Abba or Allah

We often regard the author of the Gospel of Mark as an obscure figure about whom we know little. Many would be surprised to learn how much fuller a picture of Mark exists within widespread African tradition, tradition that holds that Mark himself was from North Africa, that he founded the church in Alexandria, that he was an eyewitness to the Last Supper and Pentecost, that he was related not only to Barnabas but to Peter as well and accompanied him on many of his travels.

The African Memory of Mark

In this provocative reassessment of early church tradition, Thomas C. Oden begins with the palette of New Testament evidence and adds to it the range of colors from traditional African sources, including synaxaries (compilations of short biographies of saints to be read on feast days), archaeological sites, non-Western historical documents and ancient churches.

The result is a fresh and illuminating portrait of Mark, one that is deeply rooted in African memory and seldom viewed appreciatively in the West.

All God's Creatures  
The Blessings of Animal  
Companions

*All God's Creatures* provides a complete Blessing of the Animals liturgy, as well as other prayers and rituals, for use in church or anywhere that animals are blessed! If you live with a dog, cat, or some other domestic animal, you already know that these treasured creatures are not just pets, but members of the family. Debra K. Farrington, who has lived with animals most of her life, explores the spiritual aspects of our relationships with these beloved friends—from everyday caring for their needs, to marking the extraordinary moments of birth, illness and death. Full of warmth and wisdom, this essential resource includes chapters on:

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Fr. Joshua Waltz's incredible vocation story involving heartbreak, robbers, Europe, and miracles  
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Powerful Lessons from the Men Jesus Chose and the Message They Proclaimed  
All the Apostles of the Bible sheds light on the lives, times, and ministries of the men God chose to declare his message to the world. It includes the twelve apostles of Jesus, Jesus himself as the "Chief Apostle," Paul, and lesser-known men such as James the Lord's brother, Matthias, Andronicus, Barnabas, Epaphroditus, Silas, Timothy, Junias, and Apollos. Dr. Herbert Lockyer examines the biblical record to uncover fascinating truths about each apostle's family, character, personality, ministry, the unique aspect of his service to God, and his call into the ministry. Herbert W. Lockyer's "All" books give you life-enriching insights into the Bible. From characters you can learn from, to teachings you can apply, to promises you can stand on and prophecies you can count on, Lockyer's time-honored works help you wrap your mind around the Bible and get it into your heart. Lockyer's books include All the Apostles of the Bible, All the Divine Names and Titles in the Bible, All the Doctrines of the Bible, All the Men of the Bible, All the Women of the Bible, All the Messianic Prophecies of the Bible, All the Miracles of the Bible, All the Parables of the Bible, All the Prayers of the Bible, and All the Promises of the Bible.

Reflect on our ever-present need for theological hope  
Discover the true nature of a human's purpose in life  
"We live in a time of fear; it's palpable in our culture." In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray reflects on and illuminates our ever-present need for theological hope. Turning to the Word of God in Scripture and the wisdom of Pope Benedict XVI, Dr. Gray exhorts that no matter the time, place, or circumstances of life, Christians must remember that we are made by God for eternal life. "We cannot despair in a plague, or an economic depression...what can shake our hope, if our hope is in heaven?"

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Maybe you come from a happy family, a healthy family. Or maybe yours is a flawed family, a struggling family, a broken family. Maybe you're scared to get married and have a family. No matter who you are, you are part of a family, and Pope Francis wrote this love letter to you. He addresses all the myriad realities of families today with compassion, hope, and encouragement.

Amoris Laetitia  
The Joy of Love

Pope Francis sees marriage as a dynamic path to personal development and fulfillment. Instead of wasting energy worrying about our family struggles, we can find creative, transformative ways to offer truth, mercy, and hope to our loved ones. Love enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being. With enthusiasm and joy, we can celebrate all that it means to be part of a family.

An Audience with Jesus

A book of brief, warm reflections which unfold the tremendous mysteries of the Sacrament Of Love - Holy Eucharist.

A practical guide to battling sin and its causes

Discover the wounds that exist as part of our human nature

Jeff Cavins, an internationally-recognized authority on Scripture, provides an ultra-practical guide on how to battle sin in the areas of our lives where we tend to fall, and he helps us examine the root causes of our sin in order to understand the "why" behind our actions.

The Battle Within

In this presentation, Jeff explains four major wounds that exist as part of our human nature, and he equips his listeners with three "secret weapons" we can use to help us effectively overcome sin and serve the Lord from a place of freedom and love.

From the experience of a lifetime of scholarship, preaching, teaching, and writing, Raymond E. Brown covers the entire scope of the New Testament with ease and clarity. He walks readers book by book through the basic content and issues of the New Testament. While a wealth of information is contained in these pages, the work's most impressive features are the basic summaries of each book, a historical overview of the ancient Greco-Roman world, discussions of key theological issues, and the rich supplementary materials, such as illustrative tables, maps, bibliographies, and appendixes. Using this basic data, Brown answers questions raised by today's readers, relates the New Testament to our modern world, and responds to controversial issues, such as those raised by the Jesus Seminar.

An Introduction to the New  
Testament

Every generation needs a comprehensive, reliable Introduction to the New Testament that opens the biblical text to the novice. Raymond E. Brown's An Introduction to the New Testament is the most trustworthy and authoritative guidebook for a generation seeking to understand the Christian Bible.

Universally acknowledged as the dean of New Testament scholarship, Father Brown is a master of his discipline at the pinnacle of his career. Who else could cover the entire scope of the New Testament with such ease and clarity? This gifted communicator conveys the heartfelt concern of a beloved teacher for his students, as he walks the reader through the basic content and issues of the New Testament. Those opening to the New Testament for the first time and those seeking deeper insights could not ask for more in a primer to the Christian Bible.

Angels

Here is an astonishing collection of paintings, drawings, and sculpture of angels from every century and from every corner of the world. In this wide-ranging text, Wilson offers a feast for the eye which shows how angels have acted as intermediaries between humans and the divine--in many varied spiritual traditions. 120 illustrations, 16 in color.

Angels in Art

Captures a myriad of angels in a multitude of guises as portrayed by artists ranging from Botticelli to Rembrandt, and organizes its enclosed works under such headings as "Heavenly Messengers" and "Guardian Angels and Companions."

Arguing Religion

Every day, millions of people fight about religion. Whether with friends, family, or on social media, we expend lots of energy, lots of sharp words, and lots of strong feelings. But very few know how to have a good religious argument a rational, respectful, and productive exchange of differing views. Bishop Robert Barron, one of the leading Catholic figures in the world and among the most active on social media, has enjoyed thousands of fruitful religious arguments. In this book based on talks delivered at Facebook and Google, he explains why religion at its best opens up the searching mind, and how we all believer and unbeliever alike can share better discussions about God.

Be the Hands and Feet-Living Out Gods Love for All His Children

New York Times bestselling author and world-renowned motivational speaker Nick Vujicic is known worldwide as the man without arms and legs who personifies a "can do" spirit. Now in greater detail, he explains how the example of Jesus Christ motivates him to travel and speak broadly because the "good news" of the Gospel is just too good to keep quiet! Although the world has so many problems, no challenge is too great for the God who promises to move mountains. Using compelling stories from his own experience, Nick shares the heart of his message, the motivation behind all he does, and something that he believes the world needs now more than ever before: A faith in Jesus Christ that moves people to act and make the world a better place.

Beloved

Discover how to find or renew happiness in your marriage  
An honest look at the blessings and struggles of marriage  
In this Lighthouse Talk, Dr. Tim Gray presents an honest look at the blessings and struggles of marriage. He connects the Fall to daily marital struggles and explains how, like Adam and Eve, spouses can end up blaming instead of supporting each other. Dr. Gray also explains how words can heal and build up married life. Discover how to find or renew happiness in your marriage with Beloved.

Beloved-Finding Happiness in Marriage Episode 4 Total Gift of Self

So you've shared an anniversary or two... or twenty... and you've learned a lot about yourselves and each other so far. But what if marriage is more than you think it is? What if God has woven into the very fabric of your humanity a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage?

In 12 stunning sessions, BELOVED uncovers the mystery and the meaning of the sacrament of marriage, inviting all couples to experience firsthand the wonder, mystery, and joy behind that first "I do"... whether you said it last year or many years ago. Originally created for marriage preparation, the BELOVED series is enriching and transforming marriages in homes across the globe.

Beautiful Hope

We live in a culture that produces hopelessness with astounding consistency. When everything seems chaotic and we are faced with a multitude of negative realities, we might be tempted to say that nothing makes sense anymore. But we are not alone—God walks with us and his lively presence fills us with hope. And so we are able to smile in spite of our difficulties. Despair is defeated because God is among us. Hope does not disappoint!

What gives you hope? What are your hopes and dreams for yourself, your children, your church, your community, your nation? What sustains that hope and turns those dreams into reality? What are some of the unique ways you bring hope to people in your life? The contributors featured in Beautiful Hope offer intensely personal answers to these questions, and their stories will spark your own exploration of hope and increase its abundance in your life.

Today many are worried about the future and what it holds. Many are concerned about the future of our Church. If we are to become people who can shine the light of faith into the darkness of our world, things must change. We need an infusion of hope so we can see more clearly and live boldly as children of God.

"It is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it.... We know that with Jesus life becomes richer."-Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

In her first book, *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, Sherry Weddell, cofounder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, captured the attention of Catholics across the globe as she uncovered the life-changing power that accompanies the conscious decision to follow Jesus as his disciple.

Now, in the groundbreaking *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*, she has gathered together experienced leaders and collaborators whose exceptional field-tested wisdom and enthusiasm for transforming Catholic parishes into centers of discipleship and apostolic outreach is both inspiring and practical.

*Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples*

The authors consider:

The role of intercessory prayer in parish transformation

How "fireside chats" can help a pastor connect with his parishioners and call them to personal discipleship and mission

The co-responsibility of lay people and pastors in the work of making disciples

The revolutionary impact of a discipleship approach to youth ministry

How one parish successfully fostered a culture of intentional discipleship, and much more

As Sherry asks in her own chapter, "Are we willing to answer the call and pay the price necessary to become a new generation of saints through which God can do extraordinary things in our time?"

*Befriending Our Desires*

Desire is at the heart of what it is to be human. The power of desire, while embodied and sensuous, is God-given and the key to all human spirituality. Humanity is blessed with a deep longing that is infinite in extent and can only ultimately be satisfied in God. *Befriending Our Desires* portrays the intimate connection between desire and the spiritual journey. Drawing on Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, Christian spiritual classics (with some reference to Buddhist spirituality), poetry, and other literature, plus personal and pastoral experience, Philip Sheldrake explores the role of desire in relation to God, prayer, sexuality, making choices, and responding to change.

*Beginners Guide to the New Testament*

The size of the Bible is daunting. The time, places, characters, vocabulary, and events are different from everyday modern life. Without a guide, touring the Bible can be confusing, laborious, and for some downright scary. This book helps you to better understand, interpret, and live the challenges of Jesus as presented in the New Testament. Occasionally through this book you will find helpful maps of the Bible. On the inside of the front and back covers you will find a time line to help you position personalities and events vis-s-vis the Bible. To enhance the material the author included detailed information, diagrams, and illustrations within each chapter. The author also concludes each chapter with discussion questions to help you evaluate your understanding and a list of books for further reading.

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Better Together

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An overview of the Bible based on the author's very popular introduction to theology course at Franciscan University. Draws readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Offers a deeper understanding of the Old Testament and its people in an accessible and enlightening way. He uses the most simple things - like stick figures- to teach God's relationship with His people as He moves through ever widening covenant with us. This makes for a memorable and fun way to get the overview of Scripture.

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Can We Just Talk

Discover the nature of God the Father  
Is the God of the Old Testament the same as the New?

Can You Trust God

Since the fall of our first parents, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the love that God the Father has for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions that God is quick to anger, that the God of the Old and New Testaments are different, and that God doesn't have a merciful heart for us. You will see that you can trust our heavenly Father, who is truly one with his Son.

Bible Story Vol 5

They really stick with actual scripture, but smaller sized pieces with story like explanations for kids- leaves it open to add discussion for your kiddos. There lovely pictures too. some comments in the books even added things that I didn't know and hadn't thought of. I like that these are thorough, not just the cliff notes version.

**Caution: Arthur Maxwell is Seventh Day Adventist so some stories may not align totally with Catholic Belief.**

The Case for Jesus

Discover the biblical and historical evidence for Christ  
Counter arguments against skepticism and false theories  
Dr. Brant Pitre is Distinguished Research Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute. Dr Brant Pitre, catholic scripture scholar and best selling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years resulting in a widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian faith. He tackles head n the questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

The Bible-Romans and Galatians

The Navarre Bible New Testament commentaries offer extensive explanations of the meaning of the scriptural text and its implications for everyday life. The commentaries draw on a rich variety of sources - Church documents, the writings of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the work of prominent spiritual writers, particularly Saint Josemaria Escriva, who initiated the Navarre Bible project. The commentary appears on the same page as the Bible text, which is the Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition. Each volume is self-contained with extensive introductions and notes to Old Testament prophecies. The Navarre Bible commentary is considered by many to be the best Catholic commentary on the Bible available today.

Jesus taught us about it, and for centuries the Church has faithfully defined and defended it. Protestants deny it even exists, while many Catholics fundamentally misunderstand it. It is Purgatory: that place of purifying penance where souls saved by Christ are made perfect and acceptable to spend life eternal in heaven.

#### The Biblical Basis for Purgatory

In *The Biblical Basis For Purgatory*, author and apologist John Salza (*Why Catholics Cannot Be Masons*) offers the definitive scriptural explanation of this distinctively Catholic doctrine. Building on the teachings of Christ and St. Paul, he shows how the existence of a place of temporal punishment after death is not only a logical extension of what we know about the reality of sin and God's justice, but is also a supreme expression of God's love and mercy.

Although Purgatory is a place of mercy, its pains are real, and they are severe. This book does more than defend and explain Purgatory; it provides a solid plan, drawn from the Church's perennial wisdom for conquering our sins by God's grace, while still on earth.

In what has been described as a 'breakthrough book,' three Vancouver Island authors have produced a volume that will be keenly read by students of both personality and religion. *Biblical Characters and the Enneagram: Images of Transformation* explores the personalities of a whole range of Biblical figures through the lens of the Enneagram, an ancient system for understanding personality. The result is an exploration in self-awareness and a fresh look at the many compelling and insightful stories and people found in the Bible.

#### Biblical Characters and the Enneagram

In the book, 18 biblical 'characters' are presented as models of transformation, personal growth and spiritual development, showing how the habitual masks we have all unconsciously learned to wear can be revealed as pale and unsatisfactory imitations of our original inner beauty. The book shows how these stories of transformation can lead us to embrace our real selves and discard the sham substitutes of our fabricated personalities.

Do you believe it's possible to be happier than you have ever been before? Not for fleeting moments, but consistently? Bestselling author Matthew Kelly believes it is possible—and in his latest book, *The Biggest Lie*, he explains how.

We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn't found in the world's definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. The lies that affect you the most, however, are the ones you tell yourself. These lies steal your joy, sap your energy, and cause you to lose hope. They prevent you from discovering the kind of vibrant faith the first Christians experienced.

#### The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity

But as Kelly shows, we've arrived at a crucial moment in history. People are disillusioned with what the world offers. The world is in desperate need of change, and no one is in a better position to effect that change than Christians. We have an incredible opportunity to dispel the lies and cut through the confusion and false promises around us.

This book provides the practical tools necessary to help you regain your fervor and leave your mark on the world—and experience more happiness than you thought possible. Together we can change the course of history—with humility, generosity, kindness, and joy, one Holy Moment at a time.

The Birth of the Messiah

he manger of Bethlehem has always been the cradle of much of Western art and thought, yet modern scholarship has too often raised the question of that manger's reality without probing for the deeper truths which inspired the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. "The Birth of the Messiah" is a thought-provoking presentation of the best modern criticism combined with insight into the spiritual concerns of the Gospel authors. Each scene of the narratives is followed by extensive notes and commentary relating it to its Old Testament antecedents and its function in the first-century church as well as to current thought. The result is the first major modern commentary which treats the two narratives together, an inspiring book which reveals the beloved childhood tales of Magi, shepherds and star as theologically profound and relevant for the mature Christian of today.

A Body Broken for a Broken People  
Divorce, Renarrriage, and the Eucharist

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A Book of Hours

Thomas Merton was the most popular proponent of the Christian contemplative tradition in the twentieth century. Now, for the first time, some of his most lyrical and prayerful writings have been arranged into A Book of Hours, a rich resource for daily prayer and contemplation that imitates the increasingly popular ancient monastic practice of "praying the hours".

Editor Kathleen Deignan mined Merton's voluminous writings, arranging prayers for Dawn, Day, Dusk, and Dark for each of the days of the week. A Book of Hours allows for a slice of monastic contemplation in the midst of hectic modern life, with psalms, prayers, readings, and reflections.

Open any page of this wonderful book and you will find a mind-stopping, heart-catching phrase that will remind you, in Merton's unique way, that God is here, all around, right now, and in that moment everything will be different and you will be changed." --Sylvia Boorstein, Author of It's Easier Than You Think

Born from the Gaze of God

Christophe Lebreton, OCSO, aged forty-six, was the youngest of the seven Trappist monks assassinated in Algeria by terrorists in 1996. He was also the poet of the group. Anyone who was enthralled by the film *Of Gods and Men* should find in Brother Christophe's Journal ample and deeply moving material for meditation on both the light and the darkness inherent in the human condition.

Bridges to Sustainable Communities

Most anti-poverty programs lack a system-wide scope of effort. But when ALL stakeholders people in poverty, communities, businesses, organizations come to the table with a coherent plan of action, amazing things happen as evidenced in these articles. This book is embraced by systems thinkers, legislators, and policy makers as its articles quickly capture the high points from *Bridges Out of Poverty*, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin -By World*, *How to Start a Bridges Community*, and others. The revised edition includes the 12 Thinking Tools for Bridges , a new and very helpful tool for Bridges Communities.

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Contagious Catholic

Stefanick's 7 habits to being Christian in the modern age  
Unlock your potential to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic  
Given by Chris Stefanick, a renowned international author and lecturer dedicated to inspiring people to live a lively and contagious faith.  
Internationally acclaimed speaker and author Chris Stefanick speaks about the importance of living a life of authenticity with a courageous commitment to love. He walks us through seven habits that we can use as modern-day apostles to effectively spread the good news to Jesus Christ. Following these lessons will help us to fulfill our calling to be fearlessly, joyfully Catholic, with a faith that is attractive, life-giving, and truly contagious.

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A millennial Catholic priest writes to his generation to answer their concerns with God and the Catholic Church, and invites them to discover what they may have been missing. Only 2 in 10 Americans under 30 believe attending a church is important or worthwhile. Well over half of young adults raised in the Catholic Church have dropped out with many having a strong anti-Church stance, many even believing the Church does more harm than good. Fr. Josh Johnson was one of these people.

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Broken and Blessed

In *Broken and Blessed* he tackles the harsh realities facing the Catholic Church in the 21st century. With charity and courage he speaks to his own generation of Catholic Millennials, who often feel their needs and concerns are not being addressed by the Church, or who simply do not believe the Catholic Faith has any relevance to their lives. Using his own experiences, both as a former struggling young Catholic and as a priest, Fr. Josh offers an inspiring witness of how he came to know God, rather than just knowing about him and presents practical ways for us to truly know God as well.

Broken and Blessed:

- Addresses head-on Millennials most pressing issues with the Catholic Faith
- Presents powerful and inspiring stories from Fr. Josh's own faith journey
- Shows how one can truly encounter Jesus in a personal way
- Offers practical insights on how to overcome habitual sins
- Discusses the nature of prayer, as well as the challenges to prayer and how to overcome them

Paperback, 173 pages

Contraception: Why Not

Know why the Catholic Church still teaches that sex, love and life are totally made for each other. Professor Smith's groundbreaking talk that "cracks the contraceptive myth" has sold over a million copies worldwide. Now, she's not only making it available for free—she's also giving permission for the work to be reproduced as needed for educational purposes. So, feel free to download, copy and share the zipped .mp3 audio files as long as you make no alterations to the work (which remains copyrighted), freely give away any copies you make, and give attribution to Janet E. Smith as author and copyright holder.

Contraception-Cracking the Myths

Discover the effects of the pill on modern-day society. Supported by statistics and decades of research. In this new revised edition of Professor Janet Smith's groundbreaking exposé on the effects of the pill on modern society, she presents a God-centered view of sexuality that can bring married couples a joy that they could have never imagined. Backed by statistics and armed with decades of research, Prof. Smith shows the crippling effect of the contraceptive culture on our relationship with God, our romantic relationships and marriages, the culture at large and our physical and mental health.

Could God Love Somebody Like Me

A powerful talk on the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Discover the grace of forgiveness provided by Confession. Fr. Mike Schmitz, one of the leading presenters in the Church today, speaks powerfully about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this Lighthouse Talk, he makes clear the truth that Christ deeply loves and wants to encounter each of us as we are, with all our imperfections. Fr. Mike debunks the lies we often believe about not being good enough to approach Jesus, and he draws upon Scripture to explain rationally why we go to priests to encounter God's mercy and forgiveness in Confession.

In this thoughtful follow-up to *Simply Christian*, today's leading Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and acclaimed author uses the Gospel of John to reveal how Christianity presents a compelling and relevant explanation for our world.

N. T. Wright argues that every world view must explain seven "signposts," indicators inherent to humanity: Justice, Spirituality, Relationships, Beauty, Freedom, Truth, and Power.

#### Broken Signposts

If we do not live up to these ideals, our societies and individual lives become unbalanced, creating anger and frustration—negative emotions that divide us from ourselves and from God, he contends. Using the Gospel of John as his source, Wright shows how Christianity defines each signpost and illuminates why we so often see them as being "broken" and unattainable.

Drawing on the wisdom of the Gospels, Wright explains why these signposts are fractured and damaged and how Christianity provides the vision, guidance, and hope for making them whole once again, ultimately healing ourselves and our world.

Originally published in 1986 and now available in paperback for the first time, this book celebrates the lives of men and women whose goodness and devotion to God have inspired the world. Here, arranged according to their special days throughout the whole year, are saints from different periods of history and from every walk of life. Some, such as David (patron saint of Wales) led lives of great simplicity. Others were devout eccentrics, such as Simeon Stylites who lived on a pillar for thirty-seven years. Some, such as Joan of Arc were at the forefront of public affairs. On almost every page inspirational sayings illustrate the courage, humour and wisdom of those who put their commitment to goodness before everything else. Lavish illustrations - more than three hundred paintings, many in full colour - provide a rich, unusual and comprehensive gallery of portraits spanning almost two hundred years of art.

#### Calendar of Saints

Published to coincide with Pope Francis's Year of Mercy and the Vatican's canonization of Mother Teresa, this new book of unpublished material by a humble yet remarkable woman of faith whose influence is felt as deeply today as it was when she was alive, offers Mother Teresa's profound yet accessible wisdom on how we can show mercy and compassion in our day-to-day lives.

For millions of people from all walks of life, Mother Teresa's canonization is providentially taking place during Pope Francis's Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This is entirely fitting since she is seen both inside and outside of the Church as an icon of God's mercy to those in need.

Compiled and edited by Brian Kolodiejckuk, M.C., the postulator of Mother Teresa's cause for sainthood, *A Call to Mercy* presents deep yet accessible wisdom on how we can show compassion in our everyday lives. In her own words, Mother Teresa discusses such topics as:

#### A Call to Mercy

- the need for us to visit the sick and the imprisoned
- the importance of honoring the dead and informing the ignorant
- the necessity to bear our burdens patiently and forgive willingly
- the purpose to feed the poor and pray for all
- the greatness of creating a "civilization of love" through personal service to others

Featuring never before published testimonials by people close to Mother Teresa as well as prayers and suggestions for putting these ideas into practice, *A Call to Mercy* is not only a lovely keepsake, but a living testament to the teachings of a saint whose ideas are important, relevant and very necessary in the 21st century.

Called to be Children of God

This book gathers fourteen Catholic scholars to present, examine, and explain the often misunderstood process of "deification". The fifteen chapters show what "becoming God" meant for the early Church, for St. Thomas Aquinas and the greatest Dominicans, and for St. Francis and the early Franciscans. This book explains how this understanding of salvation played out during the Protestant Reformation and the Council of Trent. It explores the thought of the French School of Spirituality, various Thomists, John Henry Newman, John Paul II, and the Vatican Councils, and it shows where such thinking can be found today in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. No other book has gathered such an array of scholars or provided such a deep study into how humanity's divinized life in Christ has received many rich and various perspectives over the past two thousand years. This book seeks to bring readers into the central mystery of Christianity by allowing the Church's greatest thinkers and texts to speak for themselves, demonstrating how becoming Christ-like and the Body of Christ on earth, is the only ultimate purpose of the Christian faith.

This is the most up-to-date, comprehensive, and thorough defense of the Catholic Church against Protestant objections in print. This book is especially relevant as the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation draws near and discussion of the arguments made against the Church during that time in history receive renewed interest.

The Case for Catholicism answers arguments put forward by early Reformers like Luther and Calvin as well as contemporary defenders of Protestantism like Norm Geisler and R.C. Sproul. It provides a meticulous defense of the biblical and historical nature of Catholic doctrines from Scripture and church history. Finally, in both answering Protestant objections to Catholicism and in providing evidence for the Faith, The Case for Catholicism cites modern Protestant scholars who question Reformation assumptions and show how evidence from Scripture and church history support aspects of Catholic theology.

The Case for Catholicism

This book is divided into four sections, with each answering a key question Christians have asked about the nature of their faith. Those key questions are:

What is my authority?

What is the Church?

How am I saved?

Who belongs to the body of Christ?

The Case for Catholicism will become a reliable, resource for any Catholic who desires a well-researched, readable, and persuasive answer to Protestant arguments made against the Catholic faith.

Desires of the Heart

Discover how God gives the desires of our hearts and gifts in our life

Learn how the Lord desires to be invited into every aspect of life

Sister Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope. In this Lighthouse Talk, she makes it clear that "receiving is the gift that we give" to the Lord and that he wants to be invited into every aspect of our lives. Speaking from her own life experience, Sister Bethany shows the importance of asking in order to receive all the Lord has in mind for us.

You're on the spot. Someone wants you to explain some aspect of Catholic belief. Do you really think the pope is infallible? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? Where do sacraments come from? What do you think of the Bible? Are you saved? You wish some well-informed Catholic friend were around to help with the answer.

Or perhaps you are asking the questions yourself. Where do Catholic beliefs come from? Why do we pray for the dead? How does the rosary fit into a biblical faith?

#### Catholic and Christian

The best-selling Catholic and Christian provides the answers you need. It is a readable and concise summary of commonly misunderstood Catholic beliefs—the teachings and practices that don't get much attention in Sunday homilies and in religious education, but which puzzle Catholics and non-Catholics alike. This is a book for all Catholics who want to know more about their faith. A Servant Book.

#### Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture Romans

In this addition to the successful Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (CCSS) series, Scott Hahn, a bestselling author and a leading Catholic interpreter of Scripture, examines Romans from within the living tradition of the Church for pastoral ministers, lay readers, and students alike. The CCSS relates Scripture to Christian life today, is faithfully Catholic, and is supplemented by features designed to help readers understand the Bible more deeply and use it more effectively in teaching, preaching, evangelization, and other forms of ministry. Supported by leading Catholic scholars as well as popular Bible teachers, the series offers a unique level of commentary for Catholic students of the Bible. Its attractive packaging and accessible writing style make it a series to own--and to read! Drawn from the best of contemporary scholarship, series volumes are keyed to the liturgical year and include an index of pastoral subjects.

#### A Catholic Scientist Proves God Exists

Challenging today's accepted wisdom, Catholic scientist Gerard Verschuuren, Ph.D., here demonstrates that the question of whether God exists is not one science can answer. Indeed, that would be like expecting a microscope to reveal the square root of sixteen! Verschuuren begins by explaining the five famous medieval proofs for the existence of God based on reason alone that have survived despite nearly a thousand years of efforts to refute them. With his wise help, you'll come to see that just as reason gives us access to the existence of numbers, so it is reason that gives us access to the existence of God. In fact, when we use our reason to investigate the existence of God, we encounter proofs that are more powerful, by far, than any that science could ever provide.

Yes, Verschuuren is a Catholic; but he's also a long-standing scientist, schooled in using reason alone to draw forth from evidence the proofs to which it necessarily leads.

Martin Luther ignited the Protestant Reformation by tacking ninety-five anti-Catholic theses to a church door in Germany. Now Dave Armstrong counters with ninety-five pro-Catholic passages from an authority far greater than Luther: the Bible itself.

Protestants (and even many Catholics) will be surprised to see Catholicism so strongly supported by these Catholic verses.

Not Armstrong!

As a Bible-believing Protestant, he studied Scripture intently. There he encountered countless Catholic verses that convinced him that the Bible is a Catholic book. It was written by Catholics, preserved by Catholics for more than 1,400 years before Luther was born, and even today confirms the claims of the Catholic Church. "That's why," says Armstrong, "early Protestant opinion was virtually identical to today's Catholic beliefs."

The Catholic Verses

With humility and care, Armstrong here explains ninety-five key Bible passages that confound all who would use Scripture to criticize the Church and Her doctrines. These are the verses that have drawn so many serious believers — including Armstrong — out of their Protestant congregations and into the Catholic Church.

Armstrong shows that a fair-minded reading of each of these passages (and of the whole Bible) supports the Catholic position on the key issues that divide Protestants from Catholics. Here is Biblical evidence that Catholicism is right about the nature of baptism, the communion of saints, the Eucharist, and the Church; the authority of the Pope, the Bible, and tradition; the salvific role of faith, good works, relics, purgatory, and Mary; the immorality of divorce and contraception; and much more.

The Catholic Verses is essential reading for all persons seeking to understand God's word in the  
With over 50 percent of all marriages in the U.S. ending in divorce, there is enormous hurt and pain, and confusion and misperceptions about the Catholic church's teaching on marriage, divorce and declarations of nullity (annulment). To clarify church teaching on these subjects, a current tribunal director and canon lawyer has written a question and answer guide for Catholics who are marrying people who have been divorced or are unbaptized in the Christian faith, for Catholics who are divorced and seek to remarry, and for all those who minister to them. In an easy-to-read format of questions and answers, with questions taken from real people's experiences, Vondenberger provides a clear and helpful handbook, based on her decades of experience working in the tribunal of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and from her consultative role with a Web site that provides information and opportunities for reconciliation and healing of marriage and divorce issues. This 2nd Edition includes 2015 updates to Canon Law

Catholics, Marriage, and Divorce

Christ, Experience of Jesus as Lord  
In this sequel to "Jesus: an experiment in Christology", the focus shifts from the historical person of Jesus of Nazareth to the experience of Christ in the Church. As a result of their experience, New Testament Christians, in a variety of ways, found grace, or salvation from God, in Jesus. Our task must be to understand as deeply as possible the nature of the experience of these Christians in order to see how it is found -- and acted upon -- in our very different modern world

Christian de Chergé, prior of the Cistercian community at Tibhirine, Algeria, was assassinated with six of his fellow monks in 1996. De Chergé saw his monastic vocation as a call to be a person of prayer among persons who pray, that is, among the Muslim friends and neighbors with whom he and his brothers shared daily life. De Chergé's writings bear witness to an original thinker who insists on the value of interreligious dialogue for a more intelligent grasp of one's own faith.

Christian Salenson shows us the personal, ecclesial, and theological foundations of de Chergé's vocation and the originality of his life and thought. He shows how the experience of a small monastery lost in the Atlas Mountains of Algeria contributes importantly to today's theological debates.

Christian de Cherge

I highly recommend anyone interested in ecumenism or Christian and Islamic studies to read this book. Salenson weaves together not only a very good biographical story about Christian and his fellow monks but at the same time discusses how the Christian practices of prayer, lectio divina, eucharistic, sacraments, fasting, feasting, and almsgiving can be deepened by an openness to what Abbot de Chergé called 'radical hospitality' or 'friendship.' Today, as parts of the Church become more closed minded, more sectarian, more inward-looking, we need more words of wisdom from people such as Abbot de Chergé, who provide us with hope in this world which seems to lack hope. Fr. William C. Mills, Author of Encountering Jesus in the Gospels

How can Christian couples be happily married in this 21st century? By communicating well? Resolving conflicts? Dealing with gender, personality, and cultural differences? Rekindling the romance?

These communication and relationship skills have helped many couples, but they have not always helped enough, according to David Sanderlin in his ecumenical Catholic Christian marriage guide, *The Christian Way to be Happily Married*. Sanderlin points out that mainstream marriage authorities throughout the Western world have been promoting these communication and relationship skills for over half a century now, and it is during this very time that divorce rates have skyrocketed! The author argues persuasively that Christian couples need something more than these communication and relationship skills. They need to follow Jesus with love, wisdom, patience, gratitude, and other Christian virtues in a loving Christian marriage discipleship.

The Christian Way to be Happily Married

This book is ideal for Christian engaged and married couples who would like to be happily married not only by using conventional communication and relationship skills, but also, above all, by following Jesus with love, wisdom, and other Christian virtues during their ordinary marriage and family activities. Couples can learn from this book how to deal with money, housework, and other practical marriage and family matters with the love and wisdom of Jesus, saints, and spiritual reformers.

The author points out that this Christian Way to be happily married is good for non-Christians too. It is good for non-Christians also to love their partner and treat their partner well, with wisdom, patience, and other virtues.

The author draws from Jesus, Paul, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and other saints and spiritual reformers to recover the Christian Way for couples to be happily married by following Jesus virtuously. The author emphasizes that Christian couples are called to follow Jesus not only by believing that he is the Son of God and trusting that he loves and forgives repentant sinners, but also by turning away from their sins and amending their life. We Christians turn away from our sins and amend our life in an authentic Biblical sense by becoming like Jesus in our moral character and conduct, with a Christ-like love, wisdom, and other Christian virtues. Paul urges the Ephesians "to imitate God . . . and follow Christ by loving as he loved you"

A Christian's Guide to Family Finances

The New York Times bestselling self-help book that offers advice on how to find and choose the recovery program for you, as well as a directory of the wide range of Twelve Step programs, including AA, Codependents Anonymous, Codependents of Sex Addicts, Adult Children of Alcoholics, and more.

Millions identified with Melody Beattie in *Codependent No More* and gained inspiration from her in *Beyond Codependency*. Now she's back to help you discover how recovery programs work and to help you find the right one for you. Interpreting the famous Alcoholics Anonymous Twelve Steps specifically for codependent issues for the very first time, this groundbreaking book combines Melody's expertise with the experience of other people to:

Co-Dependents Guide to the 12 Steps

- Explain each step and how you can apply it to your particular issues
- Offer specific exercises and activities to use both in group settings and on your own
- Provide a directory of the wide range of Twelve Step programs—including Al-Anon, Codependents Anonymous, Codependents of Sex Addicts, Adult Children of Alcoholics, and more

The uniquely warm and compassionate voice of Melody Beattie will inspire you to turn your life around—one step at a time.

The Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: A Compendium of Texts Referred to in the Catechism of the Catholic Church Including an Addendum

This 200-page volume offers a clear synopsis of the essential contents of the faith as promulgated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in 598 questions and answers.

Here's a perspective from a teenager: The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a HUGE book and is therefore harder for me to approach and read. Yes, when I have a question about the faith I try and consult it, but sometimes topics are hard to find. The language used is very beautiful, but also very hard to understand. Now take this Compendium: The set up involving the question - answer format is very user friendly. It covers all the basics and important information. The language used is closer to the vernacular and therefore much easier for the every day person to read and understand. There are pictures, quotes, and prayer references. I was a bit wary when I bought it, but for the first time I have voluntarily approached the catechism just for the sake of reading it. I have been able to clearly understand things presented. Now, I understand that it doesn't replace the actual Catechism, but here's another plus: There are side notes that link the text to paragraphs in the Catechism. So when you feel ready to move on to further study you can do so. Overall it is an amazing resource for Catholics and for people interested in the faith but who are a bit wary of picking up a ten pound book. (Anna Sproull 20060601)

Compendium Catechism of the Catholic Church

"It will be an essential tool for youths and young adults, and the perfect companion to a youth or young adult's Bible, spiritual reading, or textbook. Catechetical leaders in high schools, colleges, and parishes will appreciate its versatility as a reference book, discussion starter, or core resource for RCIA programs." (Crux of the News 20060612)

Augustine of Hippo (13 November 354 – 28 August 430), also known as Saint Augustine, Saint Austin, or Blessed Augustine, was an early Christian theologian and philosopher whose writings influenced the development of Western Christianity and Western philosophy.

The Confessions

The Confessions of St. Augustine

The work outlines Augustine's sinful youth and his conversion to Christianity. It is widely seen as the first Western autobiography ever written, and was an influential model for Christian writers throughout the following 1,000 years, through the Middle Ages.

Following Christ's own strategy and drawing from years of evangelization experience, Marcel LeJeune diagnoses the common problems that Catholics face when it comes to sharing the Faith. He offers simple but profound strategies to overcome these problems. Fruitful evangelization hinges on personal renewal, commitment to Christ, and readiness to become the missionary disciples we're all called to be.

The Contagious Catholic

In this book, you will learn . . .

- how to develop a deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- how to invite people to know and love Jesus Christ
- how to evangelize your family members
- when to evangelize with words versus actions
- how much of it is our work
- how much of it is the Holy Spirit's and more . . . !

With St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Avila as your guides, these pages will show you how to transform the rote recitation of prayer into a profound worship of Christ, drawing your hearts to bow in awe before the Triune God whom the Rosary reveals to us. You'll learn how to place every moment of your life before His throne, seeing in them the mystery of the Incarnation.

The Contemplative Rosary

You'll learn the difference between contemplation and meditation, and how these great saints approached the reading of sacred writings not as a mere intellectual exercise, but as a prayer. You'll learn how to enrich your vocal prayer, and how the Rosary can unite vocal prayer and mental prayer in a way that can lift your heart to the heights of contemplation.

To look upon the face of Christ is the task of every follower of Christ, and there is no better way to contemplate life of Christ than through the Rosary. Read these pages, and you'll soon follow in the footsteps of St. Teresa of Ávila and Pope St. John Paul II, finding in the Rosary a meeting point with God that becomes your first taste of a deeper union with Him.

Encountering the Poor

Dive into the topic of Catholic Social Teaching

Discover the deeper picture behind service to the poor

With his eloquent style and polished delivery, Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of sacred scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle but instead really frames the entire mosaic of scripture.

Contemporary Theologians

This popular and engaging collection is at once a succinct introduction to contemporary theology and a book for any thoughtful Christian who wants to explore fully the universal religious concerns of our time.

Thoroughly revised and updated for a new generation, the essential guide for men and women to help them weather the turmoil of divorce and build rich, rewarding lives.

There is nothing easy about the breakup of a marriage, from coping with loss and failure to dealing with the uncertainty of the future. In this intelligent and insightful book, Abigail Trafford charts this emotional journey, identifying the common phases in the evolution from marriage to separation to divorce, and eventually to a new life.

Crazy Time Surviving Divorce and Building a New Life

Based upon her personal experience, extensive research, and interviews with hundreds of divorced men and women, Trafford offers individuals a better understanding of their own experiences and the message that they are not alone in their pain and confusion. Crazy Time is also an investment in the future—Trafford reveals the telltale signs of a marriage in crisis, and discusses what determines whether a relationship will survive over time.

This revised edition includes the most up-to-date research on the personal and economic effects of divorce in adults and children's lives, addresses the special challenges of becoming single again in the age of the Internet, and broadens the experience of divorce to the breakup of all committed relationships. For anyone who has divorced or is considering taking that step, Crazy Time offers a sense of hope and confidence that this transition is not only an ending but can also be a valuable beginning.

Crossing the Theshold of Hope

A great international bestseller, the book in which, on the eve of the millennium, Pope John Paul II brings to an accessible level the profoundest theological concerns of our lives. He goes to the heart of his personal beliefs and speaks with passion about the existence of God; about the dignity of man; about pain, suffering, and evil; about eternal life and the meaning of salvation; about hope; about the relationship of Christianity to other faiths and that of Catholicism to other branches of the Christian faith. With the humility and generosity of spirit for which he is known, John Paul II speaks directly and forthrightly to all people. His message: Be not afraid!

A Daily Defence-Becoming a Better Apologist

Do you want to learn how to defend and explain the existence of God, the reliability of the Bible, and scores of other truths - but you don't have a lot of time? Don't worry. Jimmy Akin has done the hard work for you. All you need is five minutes a day. In A Daily Defense, Jimmy compiles 365 challenges that Catholics often hear from skeptics and non-Catholics - about God, Jesus, Scripture, morality, Mary, and a host of doctrines and teaches you how to answer them. Combining deep learning with decades of experience explaining Catholic belief and practice on a popular level, he cuts to the heart of each subject, offering pithy but powerful replies that are both effective and easy to master. Perfect reading before bed or during breakfast, for down time or prayer time, part of a regular routine or picked up on the go-whatever your day is like, spend just a few minutes in these pages to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to defend the Catholic Faith.

A Daring Promise

Christian marriage offers the daring proposition that, inspired by faith, two people might unconditionally bind themselves together for life without destroying each other in the process! This revised and updated edition offers a set of honest and penetrating reflections on the challenges of living faithful Christian marriage today.

2/3 of Catholics reported in not knowing/believing in the Eucharist  
Dive into the teachings and biblical roots of this incredible Sacrament

Eucharistic Vision

In a recent Pew survey, two-thirds of Catholics reported that they did not know or believe in the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. Diving into the writings of early doctors and fathers of the Church, and drawing upon his own experience as a scholar of history, practicing Catholic, and former Protestant, Dr. John Sehorn addresses the "mind-boggling" and difficult truth of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a truth that confronts us, challenges us, and is one of the greatest gifts that we will ever receive.

**Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.**

Respond to Saint John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization

Evangelizing Catholics

With the Eucharist as foundation, Dr. Hahn expounds the formula for evangelization  
In this informative and dynamic presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why the New Evangelization is the greatest priority of the Church at this time, and how we are all called to share our faith. He shows how the Eucharist relates to explaining Jesus' death and resurrection, and how Blessed John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization must be based on the Eucharist.

Join Monsignor Thomas Richter as he encourages Catholics to become passionate about spreading God's good news to everyone around us. While the idea of evangelization may sound daunting, Monsignor Richter helps us to understand that evangelization is quite simple. All we need in order to be effective evangelizers is a heart close to Christ. This exciting new talk is a great resource for learning how to evangelize in our everyday lives.

Evangelization

Dynamic Catholic was founded on the idea of meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be. Once Catholics are engaged in their spiritual journey, there is an abundance of materials that can feed them and draw them deeper into relationship with God and the Church. But there is a great shortage of materials that engage disengaged Catholics.

Most young Catholics are disengaged. Engaging them is therefore the first step. Until they are engaged it doesn't matter how much information you download on them; they simply will not absorb it and make it their own. There are many programs that faithfully present the teachings of the Church. But that alone is not enough. While presenting the Church's teachings faithfully is essential, it is also critically important that they be presented in ways that are engaging, accessible, and relevant.

Decision Point

DECISION POINT has taken more than four years to develop. The truth is, in many ways it is very different from what we originally envisioned. When we first set out we thought that the entire program would be online. But over and over again, you asked for physical workbooks, leader guides, and DVD's so we adapted. Hundreds of people have spoken into this project, and it is better because of that.

This is the process we worked through to develop this engaging, robust workbook. This is not just any other book. One look at it we hope you can see this. We hope Confirmation Candidates treasure this workbook and make it their own. We've created plenty of space for them to write all over this book and use the journal pages to jot down their personal thoughts and experiences as they prepare for their Confirmation day. We hope they keep this book long after their Confirmation has passed and that they refer back to it throughout their lives.

If you're unhappy because the Mass has become for you routine or even boring and tedious these pages are for you. They teach you eight simple ways to make your every Mass a joyful time of piety and intense devotion.

Explaining the spiritual meanings behind the signs and symbols, words and actions of the Mass, author Christopher Carstens teaches you spiritually-enriching ways to enter the church building, make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Opening Prayer, listen to the Readings, prepare your soul at the Offertory, participate in the Eucharistic Prayer, receive Communion, and even respond to the Dismissal.

Soon with the help of author Carstens wise suggestions you will be surprised to find each Eucharistic Celebration a fountain of peace for you, a profound refreshment for your soul.

A Devotional Journey into the Mass

Among other things you'll learn from these pages:

The meaning of the "sacramental principle": if you don't understand it, then Mass is almost surely flat for you

How each element of the Liturgy has a sacramental quality about it, and can be for you a grace-filled encounter with Jesus

How to transform your prayers at Mass into a conversation with God

Why silence both within the liturgy and outside of it is a necessary element of that conversation with God

There's a proper spiritual way to make the Sign of the Cross (do you know what it is?)

How the Creed can be for you the highpoint of the Liturgy of the Word

Why, during the collection, you should also explicitly offer Christ your heart

The best way in the Mass to participate in Jesus' saving work: do you know what it is?

What you should desire in order to receive the Eucharist most efficaciously (and what that desire presupposes in you)

The preeminent resource guide for more than twenty years, this one-of-a-kind book, now available in paperback, has been updated to include those recently canonized and beatified.

Since its original publication in 1980, John J. Delaney's Dictionary of Saints (more than 200,000 copies sold) has become the leading reference book for the scholar and general reader alike. With more than five thousand biographies of the saints—from the well known to the obscure—this new edition brings to life the inspiring accomplishments of these men and women of God. The martyrs and the monks, the mystics and the virgins, the doctors and the peasants are all contained in this essential volume. To know the saints, how they thrived in their achievements, how they lived in destitution, is to meet a fascinating company of people whose actions have influenced and enriched the history of the world.

Dictionary of the Saints

Reset in an easy-to use-format, it contains substantial listings for the more popular saints, and thumbnail sketches for those less well known. From Aaron to Zosimus, this modern dictionary has been updated with the entries for the newly canonized, including Italian mystic Padre Pio, Mexican Nahuatl Juan Diego, Polish Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe, and Americans Katharine Drexel and Rose Philippine Duchesne. It also contains a complete listing of feast days, an index of patron saints, and several other useful appendixes.

Discover truths about God and his love for us with Mother Teresa

Two presentations on God's gift of life and the Eucharist

St. Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel.

In the first presentation, she explains the infinite value of God's gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasizes the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally. A bonus segment is provided by Dr. Scott Hahn on Understanding the Eucharist.

The Face of God

Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary prayer journal, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy this problem.

When our bodies are hungry, our stomachs growl. When our souls are hungry, we become irritable, restless, confused, overwhelmed, exhausted, anxious, discontent, and tend to focus on the things that matter least and neglect the things that matter most.

Dig the Well Before You Get Thirsty

Are you taking care of your soul? Are you feeding it and nurturing it? Or are you ignoring it and neglecting it? The reality is, most people have never really been taught how to tend their souls. Dig the Well Before You Get Thirsty will help you to do just that, and so much more.

If you ever wondered how Matthew Kelly has been able to write and speak the way he has over the past three decades, he is about to share his secret with you. As he shares what transformed his life, along with intimate details of his own journey and struggle, he teaches us how to apply the great spiritual lessons learned to our own lives. At every turn he floods the reader with hope and demonstrates unmistakably that the best is yet to come!

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Fireproof

In Albany, Georgia, Caleb and Catherine Holt's marriage is in crisis and they decide to divorce. However, Caleb's father proposes that his son should delay their separation for 40 days and follow a procedure called "The Love Dare" to reignite their love.—Claudio Carvalho, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage

Every aspect of a relationship takes on the nature of a dilemma when one or both partners are alcoholic. Here, the relatives and friends of alcoholics openly and honestly talk about their marriages and dealing with problems primarily involving sex, communication, maturity, feelings, personalities, security, and independence. Together, these Al-Anon members encourage the reader to "let the understanding, love, and peace of the [Al-Anon] program grow in you one day at a time."

Discipleship for the Future

Many Christian thinkers have come to see evolution as a pattern of ongoing progress, one begun in God, drawn forward by God, and culminating in an encounter with the fullness of God. Christian believers can look, then, upon human experience as an ever-greater opening to a fullness latent in all human longing, but now unveiled and made operative by the coming of Jesus Christ and the sending of the Holy Spirit—God's great sending and outpouring which moves creation toward a completion which is identical with the Kingdom of God. Christian spirituality contains aspects of looking back, but it must also contain look around in reflection. Its fundamental orientation is looking forward toward a tomorrow glimpsed only by hope. †

RCIA teams often struggle with getting catechumens and candidates to participate regularly in the church's liturgy. Those who do often feel bored or confused, or they see it as a nice tradition or an inconvenient obligation rather than the heart of our Catholic faith. So we fill the gap with more catechesis that explains the liturgy to seekers, and we pray they will have a better personal experience on Sunday. Yet neither causes them to love the liturgy as we do.

Divine Blessing

In *Divine Blessing: Liturgical Formation in the RCIA*, Timothy P. O'Malley shows us how we can break out of a classroom model about liturgy and instead invite seekers to be formed by the Risen Christ through the liturgy. This book will give you a process for preparing your catechumens and candidates to learn the liturgy's symbolic language of self-giving love that will sustain them with divine blessing and train them to be Christ's disciples in the world.

The Trinity is supposed to be the central doctrine grounding Christianity, yet we're often told that we shouldn't attempt to understand it because it's a mystery. But what if we breached that mystery? How might it transform our relationship with God?

The Divine Dance

Although the word trinity isn't found in the New Testament - it wasn't until the third century that it was coined - the idea of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit was present in Jesus' life and teachings. In this book, internationally recognized teacher Richard Rohr circles around this paradoxical idea - and circling around is an apt metaphor: Early Christians applied the Greek verb for dance to the mystery of the Trinity, saying whatever is going on in God is a flow - it's like a dance.

Divine Renovation Apprentice

Transforming a parish is challenging, demanding, and sometimes messy work. *Divine Renovation Apprentice*, Fr. Simon Lobo breaks open his experience as an associate pastor working on the renewal of St. Benedict Parish in Halifax, Nova Scotia, the birthplace of Divine Renovation. With honesty, humility, and great clarity, Fr. Simon offers his personal reflections on the actual process of renovation with practical wisdom critical to anyone who wants to see their parish experience new life. More than simply a biographical account of the change at St. Benedict, this book contains insights on how to Change Culture, Build a Game Plan, and Develop Leaders for lasting parish change.

For Love and Marriage

One woman's faith struggles when her husband didn't share her faith. How to love your spouse and experience God's blessing in a difficult marriage. In this Lighthouse Talk, Johnnette Benkovic shares her conversion back to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church and the struggles that came when her husband didn't share her faith. She explains how the Lord blessed her in unexpected ways and, through the promptings of His Holy Spirit, showed her how she could better love her spouse through it all.

Divine Renovation-Bringing Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission

An engaging guide for parishes seeking to cultivate communities of discipleship and vibrant, dynamic faith. Highly acclaimed for his work with parish renewal and the New Evangelization, Fr. James Mallon shares with us the many ways for bringing our parishes to life. Through humorous and colorful stories, Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. Accessible and engaging, *Divine Renovation* turns to the Church's many writings on evangelization and mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes. Pastors and parish ministers will be inspired by this book and turn to it for many years to come.

Divorce and Beyond

When a marriage ends it is more than a separation of two people. It is a death of an important part of their lives. *Divorce and Beyond*, the popular program for adults who have gone through a recent divorce, offers readers the support and guidance they need to help them through the divorcing process. Completely revised and updated, it will help readers through the initial stress, anger and guilt to ultimate forgiveness, happiness and growth. *Divorce and Beyond* is designed as a ten-session workbook for men and women who are already divorced or have filed for divorce. Each session or chapter covers the primary emotions experienced as a person works through the divorce process.

There is joy, strength, and healing available to you in the midst of separation or divorce.

Things may look bleak right now. Your world is a mix of shock, anger, hurt, and hopelessness. Many of the people around you don't understand the depth of your pain or the complexity of the challenges you face. You feel rejected, betrayed, and exhausted. You wonder if the pain will ever end. But recovery from separation and divorce is possible.

#### Divorce Care

In this 365-day devotional, you will meet men and women who have come through the darkness of separation and divorce and who now walk in the bright hope of God's love and healing. You will be encouraged and inspired by some of today's most respected and well-known Christian leaders and psychologists, including Kay Arthur, Dr. Tim Clinton, H. Norman Wright, and Dr. Tony Evans. The daily readings and heartfelt prayers in DivorceCare affirm God's love for you. You'll discover that the divorce process can be a powerful catalyst for good in your life, transforming deep loss into meaningful growth with God.

Better understand the role of Mary in your life

A Marian perspective on sports and the Christian life

#### Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality

Mike Sweeney was a five-time Major League Baseball all-star and played for the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, Oakland Athletics, and Philadelphia Phillies. In a this Lighthouse Talk given at the Catholic Athletes For Christ retreat for professional athletes, Mike gives a Marian perspective on sports and the Christian life by using what he has identified as the Four Pillars of Marian Spirituality.

#### The Divorcing Parents' Primer

Everyone wants their life to count. We all wish we could make a difference in a hurting world. The good news is that we can. Despite our own brokenness (and, in fact, because of it) each of us can be Jesus's hands and feet on Earth, reaching out to others in real and profound ways. With powerful true stories, illustrations from the life of Christ, and specific activities for readers to engage, DO Something! is a hopeful and practical book that shows how to live out faith in a way that improves people's lives. With transparency and humility, Miles McPherson shares his own shortcomings as a young pastor trying to connect with people in need. Stressing the importance of hurting with people before you can do something for them, McPherson takes readers through the 5 P's of making their lives count: preparation, purpose, pain, power, and passion. By putting into practice the principles found in this book, readers will experience spiritual fulfillment as they see that they can make

#### Do Something - Make Your Life Count

A story of embracing God's grace and mercy

One man's conversion from a disillusioned, hate-filled young man to a committed follower of Christ Joseph Pearce, an accomplished writer best known for his literary biographies, tells of his own conversion from disillusioned, hate-filled young man to committed follower of Christ. Here he presents his early life, which included a stint in a skinhead band, white supremacist activity, violent demonstrations, and time spent in prison, and how he eventually embraced God's grace and mercy. Joseph is one of the most prolific Catholic authors of our time and now serves as senior editor for the Augustine Institute.

#### From White Supremacist to Catholic Writer

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A Door of Hope

Victims of abuse-any abuse-need to know how other people have made it through the recovery process. As a victim of incest herself, Jan Frank understands the myriad emotions that victims struggle with and offers ten proven stops toward recovery in Door of Hope.

A powerful story of inspiration and restoration, Door of Hope, is Jan's journey toward wholeness. But it is much more than a story. It is hope for other victims. And in this updated edition, Jan provides a special section featuring answers to questions most often asked by abuse victims and those who love them.

Get to Know the Mother of God

Get the complete picture of Mary, the Mother of God  
Discover the role of Mary in Scripture, Church history, the lives of the Saints, and our lives  
There's a little bit about Mary in Scripture. We can glean a bit more from the Tradition of the Church. But where can we go to get the complete picture, to find out about the whole Mary? In an engaging style, Chris Padgett does just that as he walks us through what the Bible has to say about the Mother of God. What has she meant to the Church throughout the centuries, what have the saints told us about her, and most importantly, what we can learn from her ourselves?

Dying and Rising with Christ - The Theology of St Paul

Paul's vision has had enormous influence on subsequent Christian thought, and indirectly on Western thought in general. Dying and rising with Christ, Terrance Callan describes the theology of Paul that underlies and comes to expression in his letters. What is most distinctive about this presentation of Paul's theology is the argument that dying and rising with Christ as part of the body of Christ is central to Paul's understanding of Jesus as savior and to his understanding of Christian life. While other presentations of Paul's theology acknowledge the presence of this theme in Paul, none of them sees it as central to his theology. Dying and Rising with Christ also discusses Paul's understanding of God more extensively than other presentations. With this new perspective, this book presents aspects of Paul's visions that are new to contemporary believers and can renew their understanding of Christianity. It discusses Paul's understanding of God more extensively than others and is ideally suited to college or seminary courses on the New Testament, on Paul, and various theological topics. It is highly accessible to the non-specialist and excellent for parish discussion groups.

Empty Arms-Coping with Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Death

"I'm not picking up a heartbeat." These are the most dreaded words an expectant mother can hear. As joy and anticipation dissolve into confusion and grief, painful questions refuse to go away: Why me? Did I do something wrong? How will this affect my ability to have a family? What do I say to my children without scaring them? With the warmth and compassion of a Licensed Professional Counselor and writing as a mother who has suffered the loss of a baby and a sixteen-year-old son, Pam Vredevelt offers sound answers and advice. As an expert in love and loss, Pam gives reassuring comfort to any woman fighting to maintain stability and faith in the midst of devastating heartbreak. Empty Arms: Hope and Support for Those Who Have Suffered a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Tubal Pregnancy is the essential guidebook for anyone suffering the agony of losing a baby.

God's Mercy in Marriage

Christopher West shares how he has experienced God's mercy in his own marriage and his striving to live the theology of the body. An encouraging talk for any married couple or those who wish to better understand married life. It helps bring the theology of the body to a practical level. Third talk from the "Theology of the Body and the Mercy of God: Reopening Hearts to Love" 2006 Family Honor Conference.

Encyclopedic Dictionary -  
Abraham Ext'ism  
Encyclopedic Dictionary - Faith  
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"As March gave way to April in the spring of 2005 and the world kept vigil outside the apostolic palace in Rome, the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, then drawing to a poignant end, was already being described as one of the most consequential in two millennia of Christian history."

With these words, world-renowned author and NBC Vatican analyst George Weigel begins his long-awaited sequel to the international bestseller Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II. More than ten years in the making, The End and the Beginning: Pope John Paul II—The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy tells the dramatic story of the Pope's battle with communism in light of new and recently disclosed information and brings to a close Weigel's landmark portrait of a man who not only left an indelible mark on the Catholic Church, but also changed the course of world history.

The End and the Beginning

When he was elected pope in the fall of 1978, few people had ever heard of the charismatic Karol Wojty<sup>3</sup>a. But in a very short time he would ignite a revolution of conscience in his native Poland that would ultimately lead to the collapse of European communism and death of the Soviet Union. What even fewer people knew was that the KGB, the Polish Secret Police, and the East German Stasi had been waging a dangerous, decades-long war against Wojty<sup>3</sup>a and the Vatican itself. Weigel, with unprecedented access to many Soviet-era documents, chronicles John Paul's struggle against the dark forces of communism.

Moreover, Weigel recounts the tumultuous last years of John Paul's life as he dealt with a crippling illness as well as the "new world disorder" and revelations about corruption within the Catholic Church. Weigel's thought-provoking biography of John Paul II concludes with a probing and passionate assessment of a man who lived his life as a witness to hope in service to the Christian ideals he embraced.

his reader-friendly companion provides everything Catholics need for a richer experience of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Whether readers wish to follow a traditional, contemporary, or family program of devotion and prayer for Advent and Christmas, this all-in-one resource will be a treasured guidebook.

The Essential Advent And  
Christmas Handbook

The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook covers a wide range of topics including:

- Morning and evening prayer services
- A short history of Advent
- The preparatory nature of Advent
- Traditional hymns and symbols of Christmas
- Traditional Christmas practices
- A Christmas novena
- Daily Christmas meditations
- Family meal prayers for the holiday season
- A glossary of key terms

Eucharist

For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful. In this engaging theological treatise, Bishop Robert Barron offers a reintroduction to the ancient meaning and power of the Eucharist. Through a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence—distinct but tightly interwoven motifs grounded in Scripture—Bishop Barron draws readers into the profound truth flowing out of Jesus’ words at the Last Supper: “Take, eat; this is my body. . . . Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant.” We are not merely invited to remember Jesus or imitate his moral example; we are invited to the grace of communion—and ultimately, to the realm of God—by eating and drinking the very self that he offers in sacrifice.

Green Sex - The Case for Natural Family Planning

Dive into the case for Natural Family Planning  
Discover the beauty of God's plan for sexuality  
First comes loves, then comes marriage ... then what? If sex is natural, why are we so eager to make it artificial? In this Lighthouse Talk, Jason Evert presents the case for Natural Family Planning as he unveils the beauty of God's plan for sexuality. Jason has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author or more than a dozen books.

Eucharist as a Celebration of Forgiveness

An in-depth study of the history and theology of the Eucharist as primarily a celebration of forgiveness rather than as a tool for exclusion and the ethical consequences that arise from such a study.  
On many occasions throughout the history of the Catholic Church, God has provided visible proof of the invisible reality of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Eucharistic Miracles

In her book, Eucharistic Miracles, Joan Carroll Cruz documents 36 such miracles which occurred from 800 AD to the present day. This book tells of consecrated Hosts which have visibly turned to human flesh, have bled, levitated, and which have become hard as flint when received by a person in mortal sin. It details the official investigations that have been made into these miracles by scientists throughout the world, and where some can still be venerated today. Eucharistic Miracles also recounts miraculous Eucharistic phenomena in the lives of saints: saints who lived with only the Eucharist for sustenance, received Communion miraculously, or experienced raptures, ecstasies, levitations, visions, locutions, and more.

Pictures and photographs of the miracles, the churches they took place in, and the people involved are also included, adding the final touch to a comprehensive, detailed, and extraordinary overview of these miraculous happenings.

Eucharistic Miracles is a superb compilation of God's visible testimony of the truth of the Catholic Faith, proving the reality of one of its loftiest mysteries — the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

Dr. Scott Hahn is the author (or editor) of over forty books, including several recent titles (Joy to the World, Evangelizing Catholics, Angels and Saints, and Consuming the Word), along with best-selling titles like Rome Sweet Home, The Lamb's Supper, Hail Holy Queen, A Father Who Keeps His Promises, Lord Have Mercy, First Comes Love, Swear to God, Understanding Our Father, Scripture Matters, Spirit and Life, Understanding the Scriptures, Catholic Bible Dictionary, Many Are Called, Signs of Life, Reasons to Believe, Answering the New Atheism, Ordinary Work Extraordinary Grace, and Living the Mysteries. His academic publications include Kinship by Covenant: A Canonical Approach to the Fulfillment of God's Saving Promises (Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library), The Kingdom of God as Liturgical Empire: A Theological Commentary on 1-2 Chronicles, Covenant and Communion: The Biblical Theology of Pope Benedict XVI, Letter and Spirit: From Written Text to Living Word in the Liturgy, and Politicizing the Bible: The Roots of Historical Criticism and the Secularization of Scripture (1300-1700). He is the editor of the academic periodical, Letter & Spirit: A Journal of Catholic Biblical Theology, and co-editor of the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible.

Everyday Witness 7 Simple Habits  
for Sharig your Faith Copy 1

An exceptionally popular speaker and teacher, Dr. Scott Hahn has delivered thousands of popular talks and academic lectures, nationally and internationally, on a wide range of topics related to Scripture, Theology and the Catholic faith. Hundreds of these presentations have been recorded and distributed by Lighthouse Catholic Media. He has appeared on hundreds of television programs on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), where he has also been the regular host and presenter on several popular 13-week series (including Our Fathers Plan, The Lamb's Super, Genesis to Jesus, Consuming the Word).

Founder and President of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ([www.stpaulcenter.com](http://www.stpaulcenter.com) / [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)), Dr. Hahn holds the Fr. Michael Scanlan, TOR Chair of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he's taught since 1990. He also holds the William and Lois McEssy Distinguished Visiting Professor of Biblical Theology and the New Evangelization at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. In 2005, he was awarded the Pope Benedict XVI Chair of Biblical Theology and Liturgical Proclamation at St. Vincent Seminary (Latrobe PA) which he held through 2011. He also held the Cardinal Leahi Chair of Catholic Theology from

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Everyday Witness 7 Simple Habits  
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Rickard encourages us to adopt seven habits that will help us confidently share our faith in word and deed:

- choose joy
- be humble
- preach from the pulpit of life
- pray unceasingly
- listen closely
- practice the art of accompaniment
- engage in God-talk

Each chapter includes Rickard's reflection on witnessing the faith in her own life, a brief survey of what the Bible says on the topic, and the story of an ordinary person who gives witness to their faith in an extraordinary way. Each chapter also offers self-reflection questions, simple ideas about how to grow the habit, and a closing prayer that gives us not only food for thought but also practical help for becoming better witnesses to our Catholic faith.

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A personal, surprising, and heart-warming book wherein two spiritual masters of our time advance the central questions of life and faith. "Brother David Steindl-Rast and Father Anselm Grün are figures of hope, people who by the power of their example can offer an orientation in a world that has become too complex to comprehend. The spirituality they radiate is an everyday thing that is nevertheless both profound and vivid. . . .

"Our conversations, on which this book is based, could be read as a 'crash course' in Christian spirituality. This book will be an inspiration and an aid to spiritual life for many people of our time, whether they are believers or not." Johannes Kaup From the Introduction.

Faith Beyond Belief-Spirituality of Our Times

"The effect of reading this book is extraordinary. There's a sense of warmth and intimacy here that is often lacking in more systematic presentations of theology. It's like being invited to pull up a chair at the breakfast room table where two wise and gentle monks are having a conversation, pondering the deepest thoughts of their hearts. Their conversation draws on insights from the enduring religions of the world as well as from psychology, philosophy, and poetry. But it is all grounded in the real stuff of ordinary, human life. Brother David and Father Anselm delve deeply into places of the human heart that every reader knows well, and you might find yourself marvelling at how well they seem to know and embrace you. The words conversation and conversion share a common root—one conveys friendly intimacy and the other conveys dramatic power. This book conveys both." The Reverend Gary D. Jones, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia

In the first half of life, we are naturally preoccupied with establishing ourselves; climbing, achieving, and performing. But as we grow older and encounter challenges and mistakes, we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of falling down - that is in fact moving upward - is the most resisted and counterintuitive of messages in the world's religions.

#### Falling Upward

Falling Upward offers a new paradigm for understanding one of the most profound of life's mysteries: how those who have fallen down are the only ones who understand "up". We grow spiritually more by doing it wrong than by doing it right, and the disappointments of life are actually stepping stones to the spiritual joys in the second half of life.

The Fathers Know Best: Your Essential Guide to the Teachings of the Early Church is a unique resource. It introduces you to the teachings of the first Christians in a way no other work can. It is specially designed to make it easy for you to find the information you want and need. Amazing features in this fact-packed book include: - More than 900 quotations from the writings of the early Church Fathers, as well as from rare and important documents dating back to the dawn of Christian history. - Mini-biographies of nearly 100 Fathers, as well as descriptions of dozens of key early councils and writings. - A concise history of the dramatic spread of Christianity after Jesus told his disciples to evangelize all nations. - Special maps showing you where the Fathers lived, including many little-known and long-vanished locations. - A guide to nearly 30 ancient heresies, many of which have returned to haunt the modern world. - The Fathers' teaching on nearly 50 topics, including modern hot-button issues like abortion, homosexuality, and divorce. This groundbreaking work presents the teachings of the early Christians in a way unlike any other book. It flings open the doors of the crucial but little-known age covering the birth of Christianity and the triumphant march of the gospel throughout the ancient world.

#### The Fathers Know Best

Though daily Mass is held most frequently, resources for daily homilies can be in short supply. In this book, Bishop Sklba offers a rich collection of ideas — fire starters — for preparing brief, spiritually nourishing homilies for daily Eucharist. Like building a campfire, where one ignites the logs with more easily flammable paper, these "fire starters" are intended to provide the spark for weekday homilies. God's Spirit provides the flame.

#### Fire Starters

Each day, the biblical citations and summary phrases for the reading and the gospel plus the refrain from the psalm are provided. After each citation, Bishop Sklba offers a series of meaningful insights from his expertise as a Scripture scholar, prayerful study of Scripture, and many years of preaching and pastoral experience. These brief entries provide knowledge and inspiration that will stimulate personal prayer and spark homily possibilities for the preacher every day.

Fire Starters will support anyone privileged to be called to leadership at weekday celebrations of the Eucharist to prepare for the important ministry of preaching.

#### Fireproof your Marriage- Participants Guide

Fireproof Your Marriage will challenge you to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime! Founded on Biblical principles, this six session in-home study is a great way for you and your spouse to build and strengthen your marriage. The Fireproof Your Marriage study integrates movie clips from FIREPROOF, along with key Scriptures, thought-provoking questions and devotionals, including concepts from The Love Dare book. The Couple's Kit includes a six-session DVD and two Participant's guides. Also makes a great wedding or anniversary gift! Fireproof Your Marriage includes these six sessions: He Said/She Said-appreciating the God-designed differences between men and women? He First Loved Us-God's love for you and how it enables you to love others? Love for a Lifetime-marriage as a lifelong covenant? Breaking Free-freeing yourself from temptations that can destroy a marriage? Forgiveness-offering and receiving forgiveness? A Better Way of Loving-unconditional love

The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him, as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?"
Following the Saints - January - April Following the Saints - May-August	An insightful talk about God's mercy in the face of suicide Discover the Church's true teaching on suicide Death by suicide is sadly at pandemic proportions, killing more people every year than war and homicide combined. While many people know that the Church condemns suicide as a grave sin, few people know that the Church does not teach that a person who commits suicide is automatically condemned to hell. As Fr. Chris Alar, MIC shares in this insightful talk (based upon his book, After Suicide, given an imprimatur), while suicide remains grave and tragic, we must never despair of God's mercy, and we must know that our prayers can powerfully help those who have taken their own lives, and those who have been left behind.
Hope after Suicide	<b>Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.</b>
How to Save Your Marriage	Build a foundation for lasting love before marriage Discover how marriage prep begins far before engagement Can you divorce-proof a marriage before it begins? In this top-notch presentation, Jason Evert shows us how to build the foundation for lasting love, and reveals how marriage preparation starts before "engagement". Jason Evert has spoken about chastity to more than one million people around the world and is the author of more than a dozen books, including "How to Find Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul" and "Purity 365".
How to Talk About Same Sex Mariage	A gracious and persuasive exploration of misconceptions about same-sex marriage Examine what marriage truly is, and what it is not In this Lighthouse Talk, Catholic Apologist Trent Horn carefully considers same-sex marriage and provides an in-depth discussion that addresses the misconceptions held by many in our society today. This examination of what marriage really is, and what it is not, provides a truly gracious and persuasive response to the debate surrounding this important topic.
Following the Saints - September-December	Get your marriage off to a great start--or renew the marriage you've shared for years--with this six-week devotional for couples, which takes inspiration from Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body.
Forever-A Catholic Devotional for Marriage	Experts Jackie François Angel and Bobby Angel will teach you how to pray together as a couple, opening you up to the wonders that God bestows on your marriage.

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples.

These are times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church.

Consider these statistics for the United States.

Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing.

Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics.

The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically, by nearly 60 percent, between 1972 and 2010.

Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God.

If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized—in other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him. This work of discipleship lies at the heart of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, a book designed to help Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within.

Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world.

Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more.

And be prepared for conversion because when life at the parish level changes, the life of the whole Church will change.

Tired of being stumped when false claims are made about the Catholic Church? Want to be armed with knowledge that puts these mistruths to rest?

In these pages, veteran apologist Gerard Verschuuren provides thorough yet concise answers to forty of the most common and absurd lies about the Catholic Church.

With precision and charity, you'll soon be able to defend the Church when you're told that Catholics . . .

Still lives in the Dark Ages  
Reject modern ideas of justice  
Oppress women  
Oppose free speech  
Killed thousands during the Inquisition  
Take orders from the pope  
Reject science  
Worship statues and the Virgin Mary  
Added books to the Bible  
Invented purgatory  
Wrongly call priests "father"  
Celebrate pagan holidays  
Helped Hitler seize power  
And so much more!

Relying on historical works and official Church documents, Vershuuren authoritatively proves that these and many other claims are simply caricatures or outright misrepresentations of the real beliefs of Catholics.

Read this book and you'll be armed with the knowledge and confidence you need to defend the

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The Generosity Habit is built on a simple and profound principle: give something away every day. It doesn't need to be money or material things. It could be complimenting a stranger, teaching someone how to do something, spreading a positive message, helping someone who is in a hurry, or simply smiling at someone generously. In fact, the philosophy behind the generosity habit rests on this singular truth: You don't need money or material possessions to live a life of staggering generosity.

The Generosity Habit

The book you are holding in your hands is a profound and practical invitation to go beyond the problems plaguing society and become part of the solution. Along the way, you will discover the beauty and nobility of your own humanity.

Read less

Genesis is Volume I in the Anchor Bible series of new book-by-book translations of the Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha. Ephraim Avigdor Speiser was University Professor and Chairman of the Department of Oriental Studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

Using authoritative evidence from archaeology, linguistics, and comparative religion, the author presents some startling conclusions about the first book of the Bible. He proves, for example, that the famous opening phrase, "In the beginning," is not true to the meaning of the first word, that the designation "Torah" for the Pentateuch is a misnomer, that the best-known stories of Genesis are grounded in pagan mythology. Speiser is an iconoclast in the tradition of Abraham; he exposes the false in order to help achieve truth. As he says in his introduction, he "is not motivated by mere pedantry...but by the hope that each new insight may bring us that much closer to the secret of the Bible's universal and enduring appeal."

Genesis

Go in Peace

The best-selling collection of the beloved pope's most personal thoughts and writings—revised and expanded This definitive compilation brings together the words that Pope John Paul II most urgently wanted the world to hear and embrace. Arranged by the themes he emphasized in his quarter century as pope—including prayer, forgiveness, family, suffering, the church, and Christ—Go in Peace gives the reader an up-close and personal look at this great churchman's pastoral heart and passes along his vision for a vital life of Christian faith. "Make time for study, meditation, and reflection. Use your intelligence well; make an effort to reach correct convictions; do not waste time; deepen the motives and foundations of faith in Christ and in the Church, so as to be firm now and in your future. We remain firm in our faith by means of prayer; remember St. Paul wrote: 'Pray without ceasing.'"

—John Paul II, from Go in Peace

Go into the Street

Pope Francis has called for a church of and for the poor and has sought to reclaim the collegial vision of the Second Vatican Council. This book calls on ten distinguished theologians to explore the ecclesial vision of the first pope from the global South. Francis sees the church as the "holy, people of God." This is the church that enjoys in the Spirit what he calls "infallibility in believing" (infallibilitas in credendo): "We should not even think . . . that 'thinking with the church' means only thinking with the hierarchy of the church." Starting with an examination of how Francis' papacy both advances the themes of his predecessors and represents genuinely new developments, this volume considers his concern for a fresh reception of Vatican II, his efforts to move the church toward the periphery and accompany those who live on the margins of church and society. The pope seeks to shape a dialogical church that listens. Key chapters also explore the tension between the church universal and local churches, Francis' understanding of the importance of popular religion, and his particular vision of social justice. †

The God Box

In The God Box, we witness the faith and struggles of a community. We learn from each other how to pray, how to surrender, how to hope, how to grieve, how to celebrate life.

Here, you see how:

- \* prayer and the support of others can help healing,
- \* cyberspace can become sacred space,
- \* the story of an online community of loving kindness can inspire you to create such a community of your own or join one that already exists.

God For Us

Explore the meaning of Lent, its importance in spiritual formation, its significance in the preparation of Easter, and the holy season of Easter itself. Reflections from leading spiritual writers in North America reveal what one theologian has called the "bright sadness" of Lent — that it is not about becoming lost in feelings of brokenness, but about cleansing the palate so that we can taste life more fully. Lent and Easter reveal the God who is for us in all of life — for our liberation, for our healing, for our wholeness. Lent and Easter remind us that even in death there can be found resurrection. Contributors include: Kathleen Norris, Scott Cairns, Richard Rohr, Ronald Rolheiser, James Calvin Schaap, Luci Shaw, Lauren F. Winner and Beth Bevis

The Good Enough Catholic  
A Guide for the Perplexed

Many Catholics face a dilemma: how can one be faithful to traditions, yet remain open to new discoveries, both about yourself and Catholicism?

In The Good Enough Catholic, Paul Wilkes plumbs the hunger in Catholic souls for a relationship with God and a spiritual life, and boldly confronts the controversial issue of Church authority. After each chapter, there is an invitation to put into practice what has been explored through a rich mixture of doctrine, history, current thinking, and the personal experiences of "good enough" Catholics across America.

With this book, Wilkes beckons us to look to the essence of our religion for the guidance and strength to live lives filled with spiritual transcendence.

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Teaching the Bible to young adults is easy with the Six Weeks with the Bible for Catholic Teens series. In Mark: Getting to Know Jesus, one of eight guided studies in the series, young adults come to understand more deeply the message and mission of Jesus.

Designed as a guided discovery, Six Weeks with the Bible for Catholic Teens introduces high school students to books of the Bible by integrating the biblical text with insightful questions to help youth discern what Scripture means for their lives today. The series provides students with a clear explanation of Biblical text, opportunities for prayer, and a means to enter into conversation with God.

#### A Guided Discovery of the Bible

The Bible invites us to explore God's word and reflect on how we might respond to it. To do this, we need guidance and the right tools for discovery. The Six Weeks with the Bible series of Bible discussion guides offers both in a concise six-week format. Whether focusing on a specific biblical book or exploring a theme that runs throughout the Bible, these practical guides in this series provide meaningful insights that explain Scripture while helping readers make connections to their own lives. Each guide

- is faithful to Church teaching and is guided by sound biblical scholarship
- presents the insights of Church fathers and saints
- includes questions for discussion and reflection
- delivers information in a reader-friendly format
- gives suggestions for prayer that help readers respond to God's word
- appeals to beginners as well as to advanced students of the Bible

By reading Scripture, reflecting on its deeper meanings, and incorporating it into our daily life, we can grow not only in our understanding of God's word, but also in our relationship with God.

Gospel of Mark Getting to Know Jesus

Grace and Divorce, written by noted author and psychotherapist, Dr. Les Carter, provides sound theological thinking on divorce and wise and compassionate suggestions for reframing and deepening our understanding of this difficult and controversial topic. Using stories from his practice as a therapist, Dr. Carter offers healing to both those who divorce and those who know and love them. He explains that Jesus never intended us to be so fixed about right and wrong and so judgmental that we lose the ability to love those who do not meet His perfect standards. With kindness and love, he shows that the wonderful gift of God's grace is the best way to respond to people facing this trying life challenge.

Grace and Divorce

Women are called to be incredible models of the faith even when it can be difficult to see that quality within themselves. Join Rachel Bulman as she dives into the deep to guide women through their faith while exploring the life of Sr Mary Magdalene.

Into the deep

Businessman, professor, and philanthropist, William E. Simon Jr. has been highly influenced by the dynamic and inspiring Catholic parishes he has attended for more than 25 years. In 2012, he founded Parish Catalyst, an organization devoted to researching and supporting the health and development of Catholic parishes. Great Catholic Parishes looks at Simon's insights and the success stories of 244 vibrant parishes to show what makes them great.

In 2012 and 2013, Simon and his team studied 244 Catholic parishes to determine what made them exceptional. The study found that all of the parishes shared four foundational practices that led to a profound sense of belonging within their parish communities and a deepening commitment to discipleship:

Share leadership by using clergy and lay staff with the best talents and skills to direct the community  
Foster spiritual maturity and plan for discipleship by offering a variety of formation programs and ministry opportunities to reach parishioners at differing points in their lives

Excel on Sundays by dedicating significant time, energy, and money to liturgical celebrations that parishioners and visitors find welcoming

Intentionally evangelize by challenging insiders to look outward and providing service programs, social events, global mission opportunities, and pastoral care at key sacramental moments that focus on inviting outsiders to deeper relationship with Christ and the Church.

In Great Catholic Parishes, Simon shares personal stories such as finding a welcoming parish home and what he learned about evangelizing from a mission trip to Kenya. Pastors from exceptional parishes offer helpful ideas, strategic advice, and practical strategies, as well as anecdotes about lay ministry development initiatives and reworking religious education so that it is family focused and web-based. You will also learn creative solutions to familiar challenges such as spiritual stagnation among parishioners, reconciling diverse needs in the parish, allowing the pastor to focus on pastoring and preaching, and reaching youth and young adults who leave the Church in disproportionate numbers.

Great Catholic Parishes

Each chapter closes with either crucial takeaways or a summary of practical challenges that will help

Growing in Grace-Christian Formation

A collection of homilies, speeches, and "messages of the day" that brings together Pope Francis' wisdom on finding happiness in the here and now

For Pope Francis, the appreciation of our everyday lives is a spiritual undertaking. Joy is a divine attribute, and creating joy around us an essential part of faith. Every homily and speech in this audiobook delivers, in warm, engaging language accessible to believers and nonbelievers alike, a key lesson, instructing listeners on finding love and happiness in a chaotic world.

Happiness in this Life

Along the way, Pope Francis discusses the sanctity of women's rights, talks about how the love of sports can bring out our best qualities, and explains why fighting discrimination is the essence of loving thy neighbor. He shares personal stories and anecdotes from his life, provides comforting messages of hope, and discusses the ways flawed families can make you a better person. The core ideas of Francis' papacy - mercy, support for marginalized people, and diplomacy - shine through.

Have you ever read something in the Bible that made you just scratch your head? Has a skeptic ever challenged you to defend a seemingly scandalous verse of Scripture? You're not alone. The Bible contains more than a few hard sayings (John 6:60): ancient idioms, apparent contradictions, myth-like events and figures, and passages that seem to be embarrassingly out of step with modern culture or science. How can a Catholic reconcile such things with his own faith, and with what the Church teaches about the inspiration and inerrancy of Sacred Scripture? Don't worry. As Trent Horn (Answering Atheism) explains in Hard Sayings, God's revelation in the Bible is not something Catholics need to be ashamed of or read with a mental reservation. Trent examines dozens of the most confounding passages in Scripture and offers clear, reasonable, Catholic explanations to unlock their true meaning. He also provides basic principles for reading and interpreting Scripture that the wisdom of the Church has developed over the centuries.

Hard Sayings

Healing Our Church

The recent wave of news about sexual abuses committed by Catholic clergy and coverup by church leaders has left many of the faithful in emotional turmoil regarding their relationship with the church. Amidst the other difficulties the situation presents, how do dioceses and parishes find a way to minister to these hurting parishioners? RENEW International has created Healing Our Church, a small-group resource which faces the issue head-on and helps the faithful begin the healing process. Healing Our Church will help the faithful deal with the complex emotions this scandal has caused and start on the path to healing and renewed discipleship. This six session faith-sharing resource can be used as part of a diocesan process, or by individual parishes. The six sessions are: ■Facing the Truth ■Healing Our Wounds ■Rebuilding Our Church ■Why Do I Remain a Catholic? ■We Believe ■A Way Forward

Healing the Wounds of Divorce  
A Spirial Guide to Recovery

Shlemon shares her own personal experience with divorce and the healing process that followed and offers seventeen chapters dealing with such issues as children, finances, and relatives, fear, guilt, and forgiveness. Each concludes with a prayer that enables readers to place their experience before the Lord.

In Hear, O Heavens and Listen, O Earth, Joan E. Cook guides students of theology, Scripture, and ministry in reading the prophetic books according to the current methodologies for biblical study. She encourages readers to apply the messages of the prophets to contemporary religious and social concerns.

Hear o Heavens and Listen O Earth

Cook focuses on how to read the Old Testament books of the prophets and addresses the pastoral implications. The study proceeds chronologically and biblical quotations and references are based on the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Cook encourages students to engage the biblical text and suggests points for reflection and questions for thought and action based on each of the prophetic books.

Chapters are Introductory Topics, The Early Prophets, The Eighth Century Prophets in the Northern Kingdom, The Seventh Century Prophets Zephaniah, Nahum, and Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations, and Baruch, Ezekiel and Obadiah, Exile: Isaiah of Babylon, The Second Temple Period: Third Isaiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, Joel and Jonah, and Conclusion.

Winner of a 2013 Excellence in Publishing Award from the Association of Catholic Publishers.

A Heart on Fire

In A Heart on Fire: Rediscovering Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Rev. James Kubicki, S.J., presents a a persuasive and engaging guide to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an age-old and often misunderstood Catholic devotion. He delves into the rich theological and spiritual roots of the devotion and demonstrates how the faithful may encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus in one another, scripture, the sacraments, and especially in the Eucharist.

Fr. Kubicki, former national director of the Apostleship of Prayer (now the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network), brings to life the rich imagery associated with the devotion's history and provides a contemporary look at traditional devotions like the Twelve Promises, family consecration and enthronement, the Sacred Heart Badge, the Litany of the Sacred Heart, holy hours, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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From the young Vietnamese girl who turned down freedom in order to share the gospel in her Communist homeland, to the Australian missionary who spread the message of forgiveness and healing across India after her husband and sons were burned alive, these women overcame extreme adversity to become leaders and ministers of the underground church in Pakistan, India, Romania, the former Soviet Union, China, Vietnam, Nepal and Indonesia.

This gentle, instructional book will help anyone create a funeral or memorial service for their beloved pet, and create opportunities to share memories, to laugh, to cry, and to record these feelings in the pages of this book. As the book says: "Don't worry about what others may think.

Heaven Bound-Creating a Funeral  
or Memorial for Your Pet

Surround yourself with friends during this time. It is good to grieve, and to share your grieving with others who care about you." Contents include: Dedication Page, How to Use this Book, Planning a Memorial Service, A Simple Order of Service, Suggested Readings, Memories!, and Additional Resources.

#1 New York Times bestseller with more than 11 million copies sold! When 4-year-old Colton Burpo emerges from life-saving surgery with remarkable stories of his visit to heaven, his family doesn't know what to believe. Heaven is For Real details what Colton saw and his family's journey towards accepting their young son had visited the afterlife.

"Do you remember the hospital, Colton?" Sonja said. "Yes, mommy, I remember," he said. "That's where the angels sang to me."

Colton told his parents he left his body during an emergency surgery—and proved that claim by describing exactly what his parents were doing in another part of the hospital during his operation. He talked of visiting heaven and described events that happened before he was born and how he spoke with family members he'd never met. Colton also astonished his parents with descriptions and obscure details about heaven that matched the Bible exactly, even though he had not yet learned to read.

Heaven Is For Real

With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton recounts his visit to heaven, describing:

Meeting long-departed family members

Jesus, the angels, how "really, really big" God is, and how much God loves us

How Jesus called Todd, Colton's father, to be a pastor

The Battle of Armageddon

Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words, Heaven Is for Real offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us, where as Colton says, "Nobody is old and nobody wears glasses."

Heaven Is for Real will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child.

Hebrews and James

Through 28 lessons, study the essential teachings of Hebrews and James and learn the critical role they play in the teachings of the Catholic Church. You'll be amazed by the depth of teaching and exegesis these studies contain, whether you are studying for yourself or leading a small group in your parish.

Holy Moments

Holy Moments are the profoundly simple and astonishingly practical way to collaborate with God, moment by moment, for the rest of your life. Master your power to create Holy Moments and you will discover the life of extraordinary meaning and divine purpose God made you for!

The Holy Temple Revisited

A detailed exploration of the Temple Mount and ancient Jerusalem, containing over 100 photographs, drawings, and maps.

How to Understand the Sacraments

The Journey from Unbelief to Faith

Drawn from the backstories of four very different individuals, The Journey from Unbelief to Faith shows God at work in the world. Regardless of our troubled pasts, entrenched beliefs, willful antagonisms, or pre-conceived notions, God can cut through our callous exteriors, making a shambles of the self-deluding facades we erect to keep Him out.

A Journey Through Advent Cycle B

Get the most out of Advent and Christmas!

A series of homilies by Bishop Barron to correspond with Sunday Mass readings

After a week of hearing ghostly noises, a man is visited in his home by the spirit of his mother, dead for three decades. She reproaches him for his dissolute life and begs him to have Masses said in her name. Then she lays her hand on his sleeve, leaving an indelible burn mark, and departs...

A Lutheran minister, no believer in Purgatory, is the puzzled recipient of repeated visitations from "demons" who come to him seeking prayer, consolation, and refuge in his little German church. But pity for the poor spirits overcomes the man's skepticism, and he marvels at what kind of departed souls could belong to Christ and yet suffer still...

Hungry Souls  
Supernatural Visits, Messages and  
Warnings from Purgatory

Hungry Souls recounts these stories and many others trustworthy, Church-verified accounts of earthly visitations from the dead in Purgatory. Accompanying these accounts are images from the "Museum of Purgatory" in Rome, which contains relics of encounters with the Holy Souls, including numerous evidences of hand prints burned into clothing and books; burn marks that cannot be explained by natural means or duplicated by artificial ones. Riveting!

I Want to See. Roc O'Connor, SJ offers spiritual growth from the Gospel of Mark. Using the story of Bartimaeus, Roc O'Connor, SJ describes how one can find peace and joy in the world. Renowned liturgical musician Roc O'Connor, SJ uses the story of the blind Bartimaeus to show how we can find joy and peace in the world.

I Want to See

With heart-warming reassurance, Friar Jack reminds us that God's goodness is reflected in the whole family of creation. We can be confident that our beloved animal companions will be waiting for us at the pearly gates with wagging tails, soft purrs, and enthusiastic welcomes.

I Will See You in Heaven

The British Library houses one of the world's great collections of illuminated manuscripts, and Janet Backhouse has drawn on this resource to make a selection of examples that span over 800 years of medieval book production.

The first manuscript featured here is the priceless Lindisfarne Gospels. It was written and illuminated at the end of the seventh century, when Europe was still largely heathen and the British Isles were on the outer limit of the known world. The last colour plate shows a map of the New World and dates from about a thousand years later when Europe was going through Reformation and Counter-Reformation. It is easy to forget that paintings in manuscripts far outnumber all other types of painting and decoration during this period. They are vital witnesses to the development of European art, but they were always conceived as book illustrations and always intimately connected with a text. Janet Backhouse also points out that illumination was a craft rather than an art in the twentieth-century sense, and that by the thirteenth century the production of books was a professional business. The popular belief that all manuscripts were made by monks toiling away in draughty cloisters can only be true of the early Middle Ages. The technicalities of manuscript production are clearly explained: the vellum for a single volume of the great Carolingian or Romanesque Bibles may be thought of in terms of a flock of between two and three hundred sheep. But it is the illuminations themselves and their variety both in style and content that are so amazing. All the plates, which are drawn from Bibles, Psalters, Bestiaries, Books of Hours, Lives of Saints, Romances and many other sources, are selected from the magnificent collection of the British Library. -- Inside jacket flap.

The Illuminated Manuscript

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Dissolve the distractions of ego to find our authentic selves in God.

In his best-selling book *Falling Upward*, Richard Rohr talked about ego (or the False Self) and how it gets in the way of spiritual maturity. But if there's a False Self, is there also a True Self? What is it? How is it found? Why does it matter? And what does it have to do with the spiritual journey? This book likens True Self to a diamond, buried deep within us, formed under the intense pressure of our lives, that must be searched for, uncovered, separated from all the debris of ego that surrounds it. In a sense True Self must, like Jesus, be resurrected, and that process is not resuscitation but transformation.

Immortal Diamond

Shows how to navigate spiritually difficult terrain with clear vision and tools to uncover our True Selves

Written by Father Richard Rohr, the best-selling author of *Falling Upward*

Examines the fundamental issues of who we are and helps us on our path of spiritual maturity  
*Immortal Diamond* (whose title is taken from a line in a Gerard Manley Hopkins poem) explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning in Richard Rohr's inimitable style.

The Lay Moment

Hear the call of Vatican II and a renewal of the Church

Uncover the similarities of today's time to that of the early Church

This volume gathers the chief texts on the Heart of Christ which Fr. Pedro Arrupe issued during his term as General of the Jesuits. The book contains, the Director of the Apostleship wrote, "pastoral orientations on the spirituality of the Heart of Christ, an ample theological study, and directives to the Society of Jesus." To those interested in the spirituality of the Heart of Christ, this book will bring heartwarming joy and hope.

In Him Alone is Our Hope

Arrupe lived through the entire 20th century and his perspective on Christ and the Sacred Heart expanded. This incredible collection documents his growth.

*In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?* is a religious fiction novel written by Charles Monroe Sheldon which was first published in 1896.

In His Steps-What Would Jesus Do

*In His Steps* takes place in the railroad town of Raymond, probably located in the eastern U.S.A., and Chicago Illinois. The main character is the Rev. Henry Maxwell, pastor of the First Church of Raymond, who challenges his congregation to not do anything for a whole year without first asking: "What Would Jesus Do?"

In Search of Stones - A Pilgrimage of Faith, Reason, and Discovery

From the acclaimed author of *The Road Less Traveled* comes the personal story of his own journey of self-discovery. On a three-week spiritual quest with his wife to see the ancient megalithic stones in the countryside of Wales, England, and Scotland, he gained insight into such issues as parenthood, holiness, romance, art, and his own shortcomings.

The taste of fresh berries, the quiet cadence of waves lapping a lakeshore, the song of an owl in the night, the glory of a sunset: so many details manifest the reality that Earth is not merely the place where we are, but that it is truly our home and is meant to be our home.

Most modern scientists dismiss this notion as romantic nonsense, arguing instead that Earth and, indeed, the entire universe is actually a cosmic accident, the mystifying result of billions of years of random events.

Here in this work of basic science written for nonspecialists, scientist Gerard Verschuuren confronts those men and women on their own territory force for force, atom for atom, cell for cell, and even planet for planet.

In the Beginning

With clear, well-documented explanations, he shows that the latest findings of modern cosmology, physics, chemistry, geology, and other sciences tell a remarkably different story. Instead of the vaunted randomness of our immense universe, scientists have recently discovered indisputable patterns in the structures of matter and energy. Over the eons, these distinctive patterns drove the universe inexorably toward formation of the Earth as what we experience it to be: our secure, exceptional, and singularly welcoming home.

In these pages, you'll learn, among other things:

- Why the universe is so old . . . and so vast!
- Earth's unique chemical and geological characteristics that make it a hospitable place for mankind
- How the moon became critical to life on Earth
- How volcanism, mass extinctions, and even changes in the Earth's orbit prepared the way for mankind
- Evidence that evolutionary changes are not, as the atheists claim, random
- Why the Catholic Church has always distinguished the Book of Scripture from the Book of Nature

Interpreter's Bible - James, Peter, John, Jude, Revelation, General Letters, Indexes

Delve into the Book of Leviticus

Discover the connections to Judaism and Christianity

For many, Leviticus is a strange and difficult book of the Old Testament. As the third book of the Torah, Leviticus lies at the heart of the Law of Moses, and to truly understand it is to unlock a key to relationship with God. Join Biblical scholar Dr. Mark Giszczak as he takes you on a fascinating look deep into the Book of Leviticus where you'll learn about love, charity, remission of sin, grace, as well as gain new insights into the Old Testament and see pointers to the New Testament.

Leviticus Explained

**Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.**

For almost a year, veteran National Geographic photographer Jim Stanfield captured nearly every corner of the Vatican, both the world's smallest country and the center of the Roman Catholic Church. Along with author Bart McDowell, he provides an insiders view into the history of this 108.7-acre enclave, from the first St. Peter's, built in the fourth century, through the amazing reign of Pope John Paul II, and beyond. Rarely seen areas of the complex, such as the Popes personal quarters and the world-renowned libraries, and up-close views of the stunning and priceless art and architecture provide an insiders look into this amazing nation. This revised trade paperback edition brings the story of the Vatican up-to-date, including the death and funeral of Pope John Paul II and the selection and ordination of Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Benedict XVI's recent trip to the United States is also documented in poignant words and images. Author: Bart McDowell and James L. Stanfield  
Format: 256 pages

Inside the Vatican

Instrument of Your Peace  
John Paul VI's visit to NY and the UN

Life is Worth Living	<p>Bishop Fulton Sheen's renowned and inspiring television series, "Life is Worth Living," was watched by millions of viewers from all walks of life and every religious belief. This book contains the full-length scripts of 44 of the top rated programs that drew thousands of letters weekly to Sheen from his viewers in response to the advice and insights he gave on his shows.</p>
The Life of Padre Pio	<p>Experience the life of St. Pio of Pietrelcina          Uncover Padre Pio's miracles and his willingness to bear the stigmata          Matthew Arnold is a Roman Catholic speaker, author, and producer.          Matthew Arnold recounts the life story of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio.          This presentation includes fascinating details about St. Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope, and don't worry."</p>
Life's Journey Interpreter's Bible - Acts, Romans	<p>Retreat series          In this presentation, Chris Stefanick addresses every human person's desire for a joyful life. Some seek joy in money, power, success or pleasure, but Jesus promised "I have told you these things that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete" (John 15:11). Do you believe that true, lasting joy is possible? Listen to this presentation to discover practical everyday steps toward a more joyful life centered on Jesus Christ.</p>
Living Joy	<p><b>Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.</b></p>
<p>Interpreter's Bible - Corinthians, Galations, Ephesians          Interpreter's Bible - Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Isaiah, Jeremiah          Interpreter's Bible - General and Old Testament Articles, Genesis, Exodes          Interpreter's Bible - Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job          Interpreter's Bible - Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, Twelve Prophets</p>	<p>A conversion story from pop culture to Jesus          Be inspired by Leah's story of encountering mercy          A former model on reality TV, Leah Darrow experienced a life-changing conversion back to the Catholic faith and since then, she has had a driving passion to lead and inspire women to embrace the mercy of Christ in their lives.          Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant on America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year to audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila Philippines, Pro-Life events, and local parishes on five different continents. In this Lighthouse Talk, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion in Leah's life.</p>
Made for Greatness	
<p>Interpreter's Bible - Leveticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel</p>	
<p>Interpreter's Bible - Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Pastoral Epistles, Philemon, Hebrews</p>	
<p>Interpreter's Bible - Psalms, Proverbs</p>	

Intro to the New Testament

The late Father Raymond Brown wrote this monumental introduction to the New Testament for modern readers. As a beloved professor and author of over 35 books, Brown has received thirty honorary degrees from Catholic and Protestant universities worldwide. This large work features basic summaries of each book, a historical overview of the ancient Greco-Roman world, discussions of key theological issues, and the rich supplementary materials, such as illustrative tables, maps, bibliographies, and appendixes.

Men, Women, and Marriage

Connecting great humor and storytelling with practical insights on marriage  
Encourages the possibility of a long and happy marriage  
Having a good sense of humor can really help in marriage! In this talk, psychologist, speaker, and author Dr. Ray Guarendi weaves great humor and storytelling into his constructive advice and practical insights on all things men, women, and marriage—differences, communication, habits, parenting, the importance of apologies, and more. Be entertained and be encouraged to live and love a good marriage. “My wife thought I was afraid of commitment... two years into the relationship, she said to me, ‘You either tell me your name, or it’s over!’”  
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James

For hundreds of years Christendom has been blessed with Bible commentaries written by great men of God highly respected for their godly walk and their insight into spiritual truth. The Crossway Classic Commentaries series presents the very best work on individual Bible books, carefully adapted for maximum understanding and usefulness for today’s believers.

James

The epistle of James abounds with punch and clarity. Amazingly relevant and practical for our age, it continues to be a popular New Testament book for followers of Christ. Its themes, which include good works issuing out of genuine faith, equal treatment of the rich and poor, taming the tongue, heavenly wisdom, and patience in the midst of suffering, have brought great encouragement to God’s people.

This enlightening commentary puts these important issues in perspective and reveals the full content of this noteworthy Bible book.

Jerome Biblical Commentary

A series of books of Biblical scholarship, whose first edition was published in 1968. It is arguably the most-used volume of Catholic scriptural commentary in the United States.

The book’s title is a reference to Jerome, known for his translation of the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate), and his extensive Biblical commentaries.

Experience a deeper relationship with Jesus as you savor the presence of the One who understands you perfectly and loves you forever. With Scripture and personal reflections, New York Times bestselling author Sarah Young brings Jesus' message of peace—for today and every day.

Jesus Calling is your yearlong guide to living a more peaceful life. More than 30 million copies sold!

By spending time in the presence of the Savior with the much-loved devotions in Jesus Calling, you will:

Feel comforted by words of hope and encouragement

Be reassured of Jesus' unending love for you

Receive gentle guidance based on Scripture

Strengthen your faith with Scripture verses

Connect with Jesus further with reflection and meditation based on God's Word

With 365 devotions, this padded hardcover edition is a favorite for its small size and is a perfect fit on a nightstand or in a travel bag. Jesus Calling resonates with men and women.

Written as if Jesus Himself is speaking directly to you, Jesus Calling invites you to experience peace in the presence of the Savior who is always with you.

Jesus Calling

Audio discussion of the first episode of the Lectio: Mary series

Clear and easy explanations about Mary, the Mother of God

Featuring the insightful biblical teaching of Dr. Brant Pitre, this audio presentation of the first episode of Lectio Mary: The Bible and the Mother of God examines what Scripture, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about Mary.

By closely examining the connections between the Old and New Testaments, Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

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The New Eve

Encounter God's mercy through a woman's story of abortion and addiction

Discover how Shawna found her way back to the Church and the loving embrace of the Father

Shawna Arnold is a messenger of God's mercy and love.

Depression and guilt. Sadness and anger. Drug and alcohol abuse. Feeling unforgivable. As Shawna Arnold explains, these symptoms of post-abortion trauma can be overwhelming—but they cannot withstand the love and mercy of God, who makes all things new. In this moving Lighthouse Talk, Shawna describes her life experiences, and how she found her way back to the Church and the loving embrace of the Father.

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A New Heart

How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the Jesus we think we know so well? Join bestselling author Philip Yancey as he conducts an enlightening biblical and historical investigation into the real Jesus.

From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Philip Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers--a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith.

In *The Jesus I Never Knew*, Yancey:

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Cuts through existing views and preconceptions of Jesus, citing experts from church history, modern history, and popular culture

Discusses how different people and cultures view Jesus

Dissects popular quotes about Jesus

Points us back to the Bible

*The Jesus I Never Knew* will engage your heart, mind, emotions, and senses, preparing you for a new, life-changing encounter with the real Jesus described in the Gospels.

Who was Jesus? A prophet? There have been many of those. A miracle-worker? A radical revolutionary? A wise teacher? There have been many of these, too. In his latest book, renowned Scripture scholar Gerhard Lohfink asks, What is unique about Jesus of Nazareth, and what did he really want?

*Jesus of Nazareth*

Lohfink engages the perceptions of the first witnesses of his life and ministry and those who handed on their testimony. His approach is altogether historical and critical, but he agrees with Karl Barth's statement that "historical criticism has to be more critical."

Lohfink takes seriously the fact that Jesus was a Jew and lived entirely in and out of Israel's faith experiences but at the same time brought those experiences to their goal and fulfillment. The result is a convincing and profound picture of Jesus.

*Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* by Marcellino D'Ambrosio is a book of approximately 200 pages that stands alone but also accompanies the 10-week video study program presented by Catholic experts Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri.

In this book, Catholics walk step by step with Jesus from his infancy to the Ascension. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, it explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what this means for us as Catholics today.

This study shows, in a simple way, how Jesus, the Incarnate God, is both fully divine and fully human—his intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the heart of the Father, and his extraordinary influence on his disciples, his followers, and even his enemies.

Most importantly, this encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life in him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

*Jesus, The Way, The Truth, and the Life*

In this book, Catholics will learn...

Who Jesus is and how he answers the longings of the human heart.

Why Jesus was baptized.

The significance of the Transfiguration.

The essentials of Christology explained in a way the average Catholic can understand.

The mystery and meaning of the Resurrection, Christ's triumph over death.

The nature of Jesus' mission and the redemption of humanity.

Our role today as Catholics in the Great Commission.

Love is "one of the greatest dramas of human existence," writes Pope John Paul II. In this illuminating three-act play--here in the only English translation authorized by the Vatican--he explores relationships between men and women, the joys--and the pain--of love and marriage. The action unfolds in two settings at once: a street in a small town, outside the local jeweler's shop (people go to buy their wedding rings there), and the mysterious inner landscape of personal hopes and fears, loves and longings. Each act focuses on a different couple: the first happily planning their wedding, the second long-married and unhappy, the third about to marry but full of doubts. Writing with power and understanding about a love that survives the grave, a love that has withered and died, a love budding out of complexes and insecurities, the Pope addresses such fundamental human concerns as: What does it mean to fall in love? When do we know that a love is real--and can it last? If it dies, how do we go on living--and loving again? There are no easy answers, and there is no happy ending--such is the nature of men and women, and such is the nature of love--but there is hope, if we only acknowledge our need and accept the risks of a deep and lasting commitment.

#### The Jeweler's Shop

This is a play full of wisdom on a subject of great relevance to all, and it provides a special insight into the thoughts of the man who, like no other, has captured the imagination of people of all faiths throughout the world. The Jeweler's Shop has been made into a full-length movie now available on video.

Karol Wojtyla--Pope John Paul II--has long been involved with the theater. As a student of literature, then priest, bishop and archbishop, he acted, directed, wrote dramatic criticism, made a Polish translation of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex, and has authored six plays.

Invitation to Joy is an indispensable book for anyone who wants to understand the papacy of John Paul II. It is a straightforward, simple pictorial memoir that collects excerpts from the pope's writings and speeches (including one previously unpublished original prayer), sewn together with Vatican-approved commentary by former Time correspondent Greg Burke. In four chapters (entitled "The Human Family"; "The People of God"; "Human Dignity"; and "A Devotional Life"), John Paul II presents an epigrammatic, rough-cut portrait of his life and religious vision. ("Life' is one of the most beautiful titles which the Bible attributes to God. He is the living God.") Each chapter contains dozens of color photographs of the pope, in almost every conceivable setting--from his own confessional in the church of St. John Lateran to New York's Central Park. (Many of these photographs sprawl across two full pages, and their emotional impact is difficult to describe in words.)

#### John Paul II - An Invitation to Joy

Archbishop Jorge Maria Mejia, archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman Church, has written an exuberant introduction to the book, which is the best possible summary of the message that John Paul II offers in the pages that follow: "Here is a man, known around the world, who proclaims with gestures and words that life is worth living: that it has a meaning, that it is not closed off between two inscrutable abysses, that it is not inside itself, but is open to others; that love is possible and enriching; that all of us, men and women, whatever the hue of our skins, are called to form a family, with God."

#### John Paul II - Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way

Following the success of the international bestseller *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, Pope John Paul II provides the world with a glimpse into his past in *Rise, Let Us Be On Our Way*. Chronicling the years he spent as a bishop and later archbishop in Krakow, Poland through his election as the first Polish Pope in 1978, he recounts everything from communist efforts to suppress the church in Poland to his efforts to adopt a new and more open style of pastoral ministry. With recollections on his life as well as his thoughts on the issues facing the world now, Pope John Paul II offers words of wisdom in this book that will appeal to people of any faith looking to strengthen their spirituality.

#### John Paul II 1920-2005

Joshua and the Children

Joseph F. Girzone has woven another magical story, a modern-day parable, in *Joshua and the Children*, which gracefully continues the teachings and inspirations from his previous bestseller, *Joshua*. A stranger Joshua arrives in a deceptively ordinary village only to witness the doings of unscrupulous leaders and violent people. The children are the first to recognize that something is quite different about this stranger who has come seemingly from nowhere. It is through the villagers' children that Joshua is able to restore a sense of peacefulness and honesty. "A new day had dawned, a new spirit spread throughout the land, and it all seemed to have happened because of the simple, unassuming goodness of one gentle stranger who knew only how to love." Read *Joshua* first

Joshua and the City

The fourth installment in the *Joshua* series, *Joshua and the City* reaches some encouraging and very important conclusions. In an urban community where poverty, senseless violence, racism, and AIDS seem like insurmountable problems, Joshua manages to sow seeds of renewal with his words of love. He reaches out to every person with transforming openness, showing how to regenerate the city and bring about undreamed-of economic revitalization.

Yet many other problems remain that money cannot help. And it is, most importantly, to these that Joshua addresses his healing message. In a world of despairing doubt, *Joshua and the City* gives the reader hopeful answers that lead toward peace and understanding.

With simple and profound prose, Joseph Girzone brings to light incredible insights into modern Christianity and adds to his bestselling series with the story of the revolutionary Joshua in a contemporary setting.

It is the end of a bitter cold winter. A crowd of people files into a cathedral to celebrate the consecration of a new bishop—a good man, they think, strict in doctrine but capable of compassion. A man of tradition, not of reform. A “company man.” His name is David Campbell.

Joshua and the Shepherd

And sitting in the last pew of the cathedral is a clean-shaven man of ordinary build, with gentle hazel eyes. His name is Joshua.

Within twenty-four hours of his first encounter with Joshua, David Campbell will propose the most far-reaching reforms in a millennium, reforms to destroy sectarian barriers, reforms to change the direction of the church, reforms to return Christianity to its founders with a simple message. With Joshua as his mentor, David Campbell—the Shepherd—preaches to Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, and Jews of the universal truth of God's love. It is a message that changes everyone it touches. And no one who reads *Joshua and the Shepherd* will ever forget it.

The bestselling Joshua series takes an invigorating, timely new turn as Girzone's beloved hero spreads his message of love and compassion from the streets of our nation's capital to the blood-soaked lands of the Middle East.

#### Joshua in a Troubled World

Joseph Girzone possesses a unique ability to make Jesus' words and actions come to life for contemporary audiences. His fictional depictions of Jesus' return to the present-day world—the Joshua series—have inspired millions of readers. Joshua in a Troubled World is at once a magnificent continuation of his perennially popular series and an enlightening perspective on the political paranoia and destructive acts of vengeance that fill the front pages of our daily newspapers. Arriving in Washington, D.C., Joshua walks along Pennsylvania Avenue with a cool detachment and determination that sets him apart from the bustling crowds. Under ordinary circumstances, he would no doubt be seen simply as a man wrapped in his own thoughts. But in these security-obsessed times, his Middle Eastern appearance and his spontaneous stops at various churches, temples, and mosques inevitably arouse suspicions. Taken into custody by two government agents, Joshua challenges the legal and moral justness of their actions and they reluctantly release him to continue his mission. It is the most difficult and controversial mission he has ever undertaken—a plan to unite Arab- and Jewish-Americans and to work with them to resolve the bitter wars and religious animosities in the Middle East. Read Joshua first.

But home is no more peaceful than it was during the "time long ago" remembered by Joshua. Violent, seemingly intractable disputes poison the very air. It falls to Joshua, retracing the path taken two millennia ago, to lead his followers to peace in this world as well as in the next. Joshua in the Holy Land will carry every reader back to where it all began.

#### Joshua in the Holy Land

Back to Nazareth and Bethlehem.

Back to Capernaum and Bethany.

Back to Jerusalem.

Full of resonances with the Gospels, Joshua in the Holy Land is a profoundly satisfying addition to the Joshua phenomenon. Read Joshua first

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#### Joshua the Homecoming

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The Joy of Love

Maybe you come from a happy family, a healthy family. Or maybe yours is a flawed family, a struggling family, a broken family. Maybe you're scared to get married and have a family. No matter who you are, you are part of a family, and Pope Francis wrote this love letter to you. He addresses all the myriad realities of families today with compassion, hope, and encouragement.

Pope Francis sees marriage as a dynamic path to personal development and fulfillment. Instead of wasting energy worrying about our family struggles, we can find creative, transformative ways to offer truth, mercy, and hope to our loved ones. Love enables us to see, beyond all else, the great worth of a human being. With enthusiasm and joy, we can celebrate all that it means to be part of a family.

The Joy of the Gospel

The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) is the long-awaited teaching of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world with encouragement to begin a new chapter in evangelization. This dynamic document is written in the plain, everyday language for which the pope has become famous.

Kara

The author of the nationally bestselling Joshua series brings back his inspiring tale of life, love and self-sacrifice. Kara the falcon finds his world transformed when he vows never to kill another animal again, even if his very survival depends on it. A tale of life, love, and self-sacrifice as they occur among both the meek and the powerful animals in a forest. Kara is the fastest, fiercest, and consequently loneliest falcon in the forest--until he vows, as the result of a moving experience, to never again kill another animal, even if it threatens his own survival. This description may be from another edition of this product.

Koran

The book composed of sacred writings accepted by Muslims as revelations made to Muhammad by Allah through the angel Gabriel

A thorough look of the Advent season and its events

Be prepared to receive mankind's greatest gift - Jesus Christ

Prepare the Way of the King

Dr. Scott Hahn - one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today- reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind - Jesus Christ.

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" These words uttered 2,000 years ago are echoed today.

Presence

Join us as Dr. Tim Gray examines a few objections to the Church's Eucharistic teaching and provides scriptural evidence for these objections. This apologetic helps us to give a reason for our faith and to gain a deeper insight into what it means to be Catholic and experience the true presence of God in the Eucharist.

Protecting Innocence	<p>Bolster your parenting ability to protect your children from pornography Effectively address the nature of pornography</p> <p>Matt Fradd, a best-selling Catholic author, presents new data to show how the changes in the types and accessibility of pornography being promoted today make it far more dangerous and harmful than ever before. Matt draws from a wealth of experience to guide parents in taking decisive action to protect their children, and he empowers adults with specific wording to effectively address this sensitive topic with children of all ages before they encounter pornography or after they've been exposed to it.</p>
Purgatory	<p>Learn about the theology of purgatory and life after death His talk is deeply rooted in Scripture and Tradition</p> <p>What is Purgatory? Does it exist? Does it matter? As professor and speaker Dr. Mark Miravalle explains, not only is the doctrine of Purgatory true, and deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture and Tradition, but the practice of offering prayers and sacrifices for the souls of the dead is a critically important responsibility for every member of the Body of Christ—the family of the Church.</p>
The Ladder of Divine Ascent	<p>St. John Climacus is honored by the Church as a great ascetic and as the author of a remarkable work entitled, <i>The Ladder of Divine Ascent</i>, and therefore he has been named “Climacus,” or “of the Ladder.” In <i>THE LADDER</i> Saint John describes the ascent toward spiritual perfection, which is essential for anyone who wishes to save his soul. It is a written account of his thoughts, based on the collected wisdom of many wise ascetics, and on his own spiritual experience. The book is a great help on the path to truth and virtue. The steps of <i>THE LADDER</i> proceed gradually from strength to strength on the path of perfection. The summit is not reached suddenly, but gradually, as the Savior says: “The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force” (Mt.11:12).</p>
Lectio Divina of the Gospels for 2021-2022 Copy 1	<p>Lectio Divina of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year, 2021-2022 takes the reader through the traditional process of lectio divina, with reading, meditation, prayer, and contemplation, focused on the Sunday gospel reading. This guide includes reflections on the Gospels for Sundays and major feasts of the liturgical year, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent on November 28, 2021 and concluding with the last Sunday in Ordinary Time on November 20, 2022.</p>
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Lectionary	<p>Becky Tirabassi's Classic book on prayer has sold over 250,000 copies. For two decades, this companion to <i>My Partner Prayer Notebook</i> has taught men, women and students to discover the power of prayer, decide to pray and have a design for prayer.</p>
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Letter to a Suffering Church	<p>The sexual abuse scandal has gripped the Catholic Church for the past thirty years, and continues to wreak havoc even today. It's been a diabolical masterpiece, one that has compromised the work of the Church in every way and has left countless lives in ruin. Many Catholics are understandably asking, <i>Why should I stay? Why not abandon this sinking ship before it drags me or my children under?</i> In this stirring manifesto, Bishop Robert Barron, founder of <i>Word on Fire Catholic Ministries</i> and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, explains why this is not the time to leave, but the time to stay and fight. Reading the current crisis through the lenses of Scripture and Church history, Bishop Barron shows that we have faced such egregious scandals before; that the spiritual treasures of the Church were preserved by holy men and women who recommitted themselves to fighting evil; and that there is a clear path forward for us today. For Catholics questioning their faith, searching desperately for encouragement and hope, this book will offer reasons to stay and fight for the Body of Christ.</p>

The Realities of Marriage	<p>Marriage—terrifying and beautiful, difficult and rewarding. A true vocation from God. Theologian and well-known speaker and author Dr. Edward Sri is joined by his brilliant wife Elizabeth as they insightfully and entertainingly share the wisdom and experiences they've gained in tackling over 20 years of marriage and family life together. Be inspired and challenged to discover God's plan for this vocation in your life.</p> <p><b>Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.</b></p>
Levoca	<p>Levoca is a Slavic city. In 1969 Plicka published "Spis," in 1974 "Czecho-Slovakia" and in 1980 "Levoca" Plicka's imposing photographic accomplishment is a celebration of earth, respectful admiration of spirit of history, confession of love towards mankind-creator and follower of the spiritual traditions.</p>
Life is Messy	<p>Life is messy. It isn't a color within the lines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments.</p> <p>In our disposable culture, we throw broken things away. So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves? We are all broken and wounded.</p> <p>This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. There has never been a more urgent need for us to attend to what is happening within us. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.</p>
Little Lives of the Great Saints	<p>A great Lives of the Saints containing 5 to 30 pages on 33 of the most famous Saints of the Church, from the beginnings thru the 18th c. Covers the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, St. Paul, St. Christopher, St. Cecilia; plus St. Agnes, St. Basil the Great, St. Monica, St. Jerome, St. Patrick, St. Bridget, St. Bernard, St. Elizabeth, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Francis de Sales, St. Alphonsus Liguori, etc. Impr. 495 pgs, PB.</p>
Living the Mass	<p>Second Place, Liturgy category Catholic Press Association book awards, 2012 "This little book is a gem!" From Sunday Mass to Monday mayhem: Can the central act of Catholic worship transform our daily lives?</p> <p>In the United States, only 25% of self-proclaimed Catholics attend Mass on a weekly basis. Many Catholics believe that far more people would attend if only the homilies were better, or the music were more inspiring, or . . . the list goes on. But best-selling authors Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki are convinced that the real problem lies not in the Mass itself but in a lack of understanding of how the Mass prepares each person to live day in and day out as a baptized Catholic Christian.</p> <p>In Living the Mass, Grassi and Paprocki show how each part of the Mass relates to our baptismal call, closing the chasm between Sunday Mass and daily life. This newly revised edition takes into account the changes in the new Roman Missal, yet rather than isolating those texts or commenting on them, the authors have integrated the changes seamlessly into the book. This assimilation ensures that readers stay focused on the core message of the book—how the Mass as a whole changes us—rather than become sidetracked by the Missal's new texts.</p> <p>Ideal for the countless Catholics who attend Mass simply out of habit, for the many who haven't been to Mass in a while, or for anyone seeking to join the Catholic Church, Living the Mass compellingly demonstrates how the one hour spent at Mass on Sunday can truly transform the other 167 hours of the week.</p>

**Living the Sacred-Spirituality for  
Everyday Life Part II**

Living in the Sacred is a follow-up faith-sharing resource for RENEW International's popular Longing for the Holy and is based on Ronald Rolheiser's latest book, Sacred Fire. Living in the Sacred takes participants on a deeper spiritual journey exploring the second stage of discipleship: "Giving your life away". Having moved through the "getting your life together" stage participants have made life commitments either in marriage or other relationships, child raising, to sick or elderly parents or other relatives, careers, communities, etc. Living in the Sacred is about how we stay true to these commitments as disciples of Christ.

**Longing for the Holy-Spirituality  
for Everyday Life Part I**

Also available as Audio Book. Based on selected insights of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life is for those who want to enrich their sense of the presence of God and develop a deeper spirituality. It concerns the way we channel the deep longing at the core of our beings and explores the implications of the central mysteries of faith—the Incarnation, the Eucharist, and the Paschal Mystery—for spirituality. Attending to the cultural challenges that keep us from realizing our true desire, it considers the important themes of church community, justice, sexuality, the practices of the spiritual life, and being a mystic of the everyday. "We need someone to name the essentials. The Holy Longing tries to do that and Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life is a huge help in highlighting those essentials and making suggestions as to how we might integrate them more into our lives." Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. "A very Good guide for faith-sharing meetings, incorporating several important sources. Father Rollheiser's insights put the concepts of traditional Catholic spirituality in contemporary terms, which have proved helpful to many." Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. "RENEW International has done it again! In Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life they have mined the depths of Rolheiser's classic work, and made faith sharing, grounded in authentic Christian Spirituality, a journey worth taking." Rebecca Titford, Director of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Mobile. Published with Imprimatur from the Archbishop of Newark.

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Unconditional love is eagerly promised at weddings, but rarely practiced in real life. As a result, romantic hopes are often replaced with disappointment in the home. But it doesn't have to stay that way.

The Love Dare, the New York Times No. 1 best seller that has sold five million copies and was major plot device in the popular movie Fireproof, is a 40-day challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love.

The Love Dare

Whether your marriage is hanging by a thread or healthy and strong, The Love Dare is a journey you need to take. It's time to learn the keys to finding true intimacy and developing a dynamic marriage.

This second edition also features a special link to a free online marriage evaluation, a new preface by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, minor text updates, and select testimonials from The Love Dare readers.

Physician Ed Wheat has helped thousands of couples improve their love lives and build happier marriages. In Love Life for Every Married Couple he'll help you improve your marriage through sharing, touching, appreciating, and focusing healing attention on your mate.

Love Life for Every Married Couple

Madona

How to be ready to share your faith with anyone

You never know when you might be able to talk about Catholicism

Right Here Right Now

It's profound to consider what hangs in the balance when we share our faith with others. Patrick Madrid, in his highly engaging manner, speaks from a lifetime of experience to help Catholics effectively share the truth about Christ and his Church whenever the opportunity arises.

What does it take to succeed in the dating process and in marriage? What should you know and do? Road To Cana is a series that helps single Catholics prepare for dating and marriage, and become the best person possible for their future spouse. Join hosts Anthony Buono and Fr. Edward Connolly for this insightful, practical (and often humorous) look at issues facing single Catholics and marriage itself. Season 1 is 14 episodes, 30 minutes each. Experts include: Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons, Fr. C.J. McCloskey, Patricia Wrona, and Susan Gertz. All episodes are in MP3 format files stored on this one CD. Transfer the files to your computer for use on an iPod or any device that stores MP3 s, or use a CD.

Road to Cana-A Marriage  
Readiness Program for Catholics

Dr. Elizabeth Klein, theologian and millennial, with a special devotion to St. Augustine discusses the many reasons why Augustine should also be the patron saint of this generation. His teachings are as timely as ever as millennials today search for ways they can live out their vocation by way of his teachings and guidance.

Saint Augustin Patron Saint of  
Millenials

The earliest and briefest of the four Gospels has traditionally been ascribed to a disciple named Mark. In some ages it has been overshadowed by its lengthier neighbors in the New Testament, but its pages hold rich rewards for those who ask the right questions. Who was "Mark," and what were his purposes--historical, theological, or otherwise? How does he shape his story of Jesus, and what interpretation of the origins of Christianity does that shaping reveal? More particularly, what is his understanding of his central character, Jesus of Nazareth? And finally, what abiding value does his story hold for those who read this "good news" as a key part of the charter of the Christian church in its life today?

Mark-Storyteller, Interpreter,  
Evangelist

Seminarians, other graduate students and advanced undergraduates, pastors, and other readers seeking an introduction to the Gospel of Mark through the lens of sensitive literary, historical, and theological scholarship need look no further. In Mark: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist, Francis J. Moloney offers the fruits of top-level biblical scholarship in a broadly accessible format. Students and professors alike will appreciate and profit from his fresh and lucid presentation of the message of one of the Christian faith's earliest and most enigmatic proponents and the inventor of its most revered literary genre.

What if you were sitting in a room with all sorts of dysfunctional couples, and you were one of them! What would it take to turn your marriage around in a short period of time? Mitch Temple says it would take a change of mind, of heart, and of practice, all of which could be done by two people willing to discard the old myths and put on the new truth.

#### The Marriage Turnaround

Mitch has been a family therapist for many years, and is on staff with Focus on the Family, bringing his counseling expertise and humor to the table for you to munch on. Real-life stories and biblical solutions will have the reader uncovering a great marriage behind their long-held myths.

Learn the importance of giving your complete "yes" to Jesus Christ

Based in Scripture, discover how dedicating yourself to the Lord can allow you to accomplish much more than without him

#### Say Yes to Christ

Internationally renowned speaker and theologian Dr. Scott Hahn teaches the importance of giving our complete "yes" to Jesus Christ and fully recognizing him as King of Kings, and Lord over all.

Dr. Hahn delves into Scripture to show that by dedicating ourselves to the Lord, he can accomplish more in us and through us than we ever could on our own. This talk is filled with wisdom for all who want to grow closer to God.

A debunking of the myth that Faith and science are incompatible

Discussed by an expert in physics, philosophy, and theology

#### Science, The Origin of the Universe and God

In this informative Lighthouse Talk, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ – expert in physics, philosophy, and theology – debunks this powerful myth as he discusses the Big Bang and the Origin of the Universe with sound reason, credible science, and faithful theology. This talk is a must-listen for anyone wrestling with the biggest questions regarding Science and Faith.

This booklet gives a short outline of the origins of the devotions to Mary and the saints, the way in which saints are proclaimed today, and the place apparitions of Mary have in the context of the Church. The hope is that catechetical leaders will find here a resource that will help explain the place of Mary and the saints within the context of the life of the Church. Many of the most touching images in the Catholic imagination are those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of favorite saints. We imagine, for example, the young Mary facing an angel who asks her to make a choice not only for herself but for the world as well or the image of a sorrowful mother at the foot of the cross. We also imagine the saints and their heroic love for God and others: the joy of St. Francis of Assisi preaching to the birds; the sacrifice of St. Maximilian Kolbe giving up his life so another can live.

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Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Series offers an in-depth yet accessible understanding of the fundamentals of the Catholic faith for adults, both those active in pastoral ministry and those preparing for ministry. The series helps readers explore the Catholic tradition and apply what they have learned to their lives and ministry situations. Includes study questions and suggestions for further reading.

Are you helping those you love become the best-version-of-themselves? Are they helping you become the best-version-of-yourself? This program is full of practical and humorous insights that will help you take your relationships to the next level.

#### The 7 Levels of Intimacy

Kelly's 7 Pillars are: Confession, Contemplation (which I applaud, but he spends very little time on it - and doesn't do it justice), Mass, Reading the Bible, Fasting, Spiritual Reading, and finally - the Rosary. He tells silly anecdotes to drive home his points, and follows with "Yes, or yes"?

#### The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

Mary's Son-A Tale of Christmas

Eleven-year-old Sarah Stone is lonely in a mansion amidst butlers, nannies, housekeepers, and a father who is too busy for her. She is angry at the world. On the other side of town, in a slum called the Sink, Jared Roberts and his gang barely survive broken families and a hardscrabble existence. Jared, too, is angry, and intends to do something about it. He eyes Sarah's mansion for a pre-Christmas burglary that will show the world who he really is. Into this mix comes a mysterious little man named Nicholas, who intrigues, yet scares, Sarah and Jared. Against incredible doubt and cynicism, Nicholas tries to guide the two youths away from their anger and the suffering that will follow, only to realize he can not move them. Finally, he whisks them to another time and place where a Christmas long ago teaches them the true meaning of life in a way they never imagined. MARY'S SON is a modern tale of the fears and passions of youth overcome by the wonder of the real Christmas story.

Seven Secrets of the Eucharist

Discover amazing truths you never knew about the Eucharist. Rich in content and full of surprises, this powerful talk reveals hidden treasures which will change your life and bring you closer to Jesus the very next time you receive Holy Communion. Perfect for a variety of parish programs. This is the first Mary Foundation talk based on a book. Pope John Paul II referred to the Holy Eucharist as "the greatest treasure of the Church," and yet most practicing Catholics have received very little in-depth or inspirational theological insight about this critical aspect of our spiritual lives since our school days. Mr. Flynn's "secrets" are actually a series of surprising principles, insights, and "hidden" truths, presented together for the first time in one exciting talk. All seven secrets are based on truths found in the Bible, the writings of the Saints, the Catechism, and recent teachings of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict. These truths have always been embraced by the saints, Church Fathers, theologians, and mystics, but have never before been presented together, and rarely in such a meaningful and accessible way. This talk also includes two "bonus secrets" about Our Lady's relationship to the Eucharist which are not found in Vinny Flynn's book. Vinny Flynn will show you how reception of the Eucharist can be a life-changing experience the very next time you receive Holy Communion.

The Matter of Life

The Matter of Life takes you on a journey to unravel the complexities of the abortion debate by addressing the issue through science, philosophy, history and powerful personal stories. The film answers hard questions and provides hope for the future.

"Miracles from Heaven is a powerful, healing story about family, love, faith, and hope. It amazed me and it will inspire readers everywhere." -- T.D. Jakes, bestselling author of Destiny

In a remarkable true story of faith and blessings, a mother tells of her sickly young daughter, how she survived a dangerous accident, her visit to Heaven and the inexplicable disappearance of the symptoms of her chronic disease.

Miracles from Heaen

Annabel Beam spent most of her childhood in and out of hospitals with a rare and incurable digestive disorder that prevented her from ever living a normal, healthy life. One sunny day when she was able to go outside and play with her sisters, she fell three stories headfirst inside an old, hollowed-out tree, a fall that may well have caused death or paralysis. Implausibly, she survived without a scratch. While unconscious inside the tree, with rescue workers struggling to get to her, she visited heaven. After being released from the hospital, she defied science and was inexplicably cured of her chronic ailment.

Miracles from Heaven will change how we look at the world around us and reinforce our belief in God and the afterlife.

The author of the bestselling Joshua series and other popular inspirational books chronicles his own spiritual journey and describes with stunning honesty the difficult decisions he made along the way. Joseph Girzone has attracted a tremendous following with his series of novels that imagine Jesus living in the contemporary world. His nonfiction writings and talks on spirituality have affected audiences around the world. Girzone's ability to capture the meaning of faith in simple, direct language is more apparent than ever in this moving book about his personal journey through a dark night of the soul.

#### My Struggle with Faith

In *My Struggle with Faith*, Girzone recounts the long, complicated, and often painful process he went through as he sought to find peace with his beliefs. He writes about hard decisions that set him on unexpected paths and about the immense feelings of loneliness he experienced in making those choices. In thoughtful and thought-provoking reflections he brings to life the years of searching and the deep, critical thinking that gave him the courage to embrace his beliefs, opening a world of excitement and adventure for him.

In writing about what his beliefs have meant to him and about the intimate relationship with God that has sustained and guided him, Girzone illuminates the universal human struggle to find meaning in life. *My Struggle with Faith* offers readers insights, inspiration, and encouragement to follow their beliefs and create a more meaningful spiritual life.

#### Mystics and Miracles

*Mystics and Miracles* by Bert Ghezzi explores the lives and saintly miracles of twenty-four ordinary people chosen by God to do his extraordinary work. From visions and healing to prophecies and miracles, these mystics provide a direct connection between the human and the divine. Ghezzi's easy-to-understand writing style makes this collection of biographies ideal for anyone who wants to better understand the saints and the miracles they performed.

#### 6 Secrets of a Lasting Love

Everyone wants a marriage that will last a lifetime, and now Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg, have disclosed six secrets that will not only help you create the marriage you've always dreamed of, but will create a marriage that will last a lifetime. This revised and updated repackaging of the Gold Medallion-winning *Divorce-Proof Your Marriage* walks couples through the six loves (forgiving, serving, persevering, guarding, celebrating, and renewing) that can effectively shield their marriage from the ravages of disappointment, discouragement, distance, disconnect, discord, and emotional divorce.

#### New Jerome Bible Handbook

This handbook is drawn from the New Jerome Biblical Commentary with the full co-operation and help of the contributors and editors on whose work it is based. It makes available to general readers the background knowledge they need in a simple form, with the help of pictures and maps. The teaching of each book of the Bible is brought out in detail, and a highlight from each book is featured, to give a flavour of its style. The handbook includes a comprehensive index and contains 13 articles on relevant subjects from archaeology to fundamentalism. It is aimed at Bible study groups, school students and those interested in the Bible.

Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary. What will you do?

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling catholic author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love as you draw closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

No Greater Love

What was Jesus going through at each moment?  
How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?  
Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?  
What was the meaning behind of the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, the, and other events during Christ's Passion?  
What do the cryptic last words of Jesus mean?  
Though this book is used as part of the video study program by the same name for parishes, small groups, and families, this book stands on its own and does not require additional background or resources. Questions at the end of each chapter can be used for personal reflection or group discussion.

7 Secrets of Divine Mercy

Explore Divine Mercy at the center of the Christian faith  
Vinny Flynn shares his 7 secrets of Divine Mercy  
Vinny's personal, straight-forward style of writing and speaking makes theological concepts and the teachings of the Church come alive with new meaning and relevancy.

7 Secrets of Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have made it clear that Divine Mercy is at the very center of the Christian faith. In this talk, best-selling author Vinny Flynn shares his 7 Secrets of Divine Mercy, and Christ's message of love for each of us, and for the whole world.

No Irrelevant Jesus

Is Jesus relevant for today? If you think not, don't bother with this book. But if you think that Jesus might have something to say to today's world, which Jesus comes to mind? Is he "gentle Jesus, meek and mild," offering individual salvation but with no message for a suffering world? Is he to be remembered as a Zealot fighting for a hopeless cause or as an outstanding rabbi? Was he a prophet in the long series of Israel's prophets or a religious founder like Muhammad or Gautama? Or was Jesus unique, a man utterly consumed by zeal for the reign of God, by the "fierce urgency of now," the leader of a movement dedicated to God's cause but committed to nonviolence and living for others? If we seek him, can we find him in the churches? In No Irrelevant Jesus, Gerhard Lohfink, author of the acclaimed Jesus of Nazareth, explores these questions and offers a resounding yes to the relevance of Jesus today.

So Help Me God

Uncover the mystery and importance of the connection between oaths and the Sacraments  
Discover that the Sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible  
In this dynamic talk Dr. Scott Hahn explains the importance of oaths, which invoke God's name and implore His assistance.  
He shows that oaths are also the means of transforming our personal relationship with Christ into a covenant relationship. Dr. Hahn then explains what led him to move from believing in only two Sacraments to all seven. In sharing these insights, he connects oaths to the seven Sacraments and unveils their mystery and importance. He reveals that the Sacraments are the ordinary means by which God empowers us to do His will. You'll discover that the Sacraments don't make holiness easy, but they do make it possible.

The Spirituality of Marriage

Discover the depth and mystery of the Sacrament of Marriage  
Understand how marriage is a bold witness to the love and saving power of God  
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The Official Catholic Directory  
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Suffering and the Love of God

Learn how to teach other Christians how to suffer well  
Better understand suffering and learn how to embrace Why would an all-powerful, all-loving God allow suffering and evil in the world?  
As Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. explains, unsatisfying answers to this important question are the #1 reason for atheism today. But by answering this question with logic and love (as well as with scientific, peer-reviewed evidence for the existence of life after death), we can not only answer this question truthfully and satisfactorily, but also teach our fellow Christians how to suffer well, in preparation for the limitless love of God that awaits us in eternity.  
This talk was recorded by FOCUS, at SEEK 2013. [focus.org](http://focus.org)  
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Swimming Upstream

Discover what it means to be a Christian for the New Evangelization in today's world  
Learn from the stories of early Christian martyrs  
By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization.  
Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

Learn the importance of prayer and theological study in your relationship with God  
Full of deep biblical insights as well as humorous personal stories  
Have you ever struggled with prayer? Lack of time, focus, or understanding of what to do can all be a challenge.  
As Augustine Institute professor and author Dr. Michael Patrick Barber explains, prayer is critical to our relationship with God, just as good communication is critical to our relationships with our loved ones. Citing deep biblical insights and humorous personal stories, Dr. Barber offers encouragement and practical suggestions for how we can better approach the practice of prayer, and teaches the surprising importance of theological study. "The more you love someone, the more you want to know about them; and the more you know them, the more you love them."  
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Talking with God -

The conversion story of internationally acclaimed Christian speaker, Matt Maher  
Discover the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel and help bring about the unity desired by Christ  
Since his 2008 major label debut, Matt Maher has become a staple in the artistic and songwriting community.  
In this Lighthouse Talk, Matt Maher, an internationally acclaimed Christian singer, song-writer, and eight-time Grammy Award nominee, shares the amazing story of his spiritual journey.  
He emphasizes the importance of forming relationships with others in order to be effective witnesses of the Gospel and help bring about the unity desired by Christ.

That They May All Be One

An inspiring spiritual journey from soccer to religious life  
A strong testimony about the correlation between happiness and holiness  
Sister Raffaella Cavallin, a consecrated lay-person with the Apostles of the Interior Life, shares her inspiring spiritual journey. At the height of her professional soccer career, while attending a parish mission, she discovered that the ultimate goal in life is to become a saint. Sister Raffaella's story illustrates how holiness and happiness go hand in hand, and that through prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual direction, we can live a Christ centered life and become the person God wants us to be.

The Ultimate Goal

Salvifici Doloris On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering Apostolic Letter of John Paul II  
Published on February 11, 1984, Salvifici Doloris addresses the question of why God allows suffering. In this apostolic letter, Pope John Paul II reflects on the origins of suffering, explores the different types of suffering we endure, examines our quest to discover its meaning and purpose, and explains how we are to respond to suffering. He links our personal experiences with suffering to the mystery of humanity, of God, and to the redemption brought by Christ's suffering.

On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering

What if the Church radically shifted the focus of her mission to making disciples one person at a time?

Everett Fritz outlines a framework for one-to-one outreach that helps us develop as mentors in faith, furthering the Kingdom of God as Jesus commanded when he told us to go and make disciples. When we learn how to focus on a ministry of one, we will multiply our efforts to create a movement that meets the spiritual needs of many.

Whether you're someone who's actively involved in professional or volunteer ministry or an everyday Catholic who wants to share your faith, *One Disciple at a Time* reveals how you can live out your calling to spread the Gospel by focusing on forming disciples one at a time.

#### One Disciple at a Time

Drawing on insights gleaned from his personal spiritual journey and work in Catholic parish ministry, Fritz—founder and executive director of Andrew Ministries—shares practical steps for transforming our approach to living our faith and sharing it with others. In this book, you will learn:

There is great power in a personal invitation because it becomes the seed to develop a relationship. If you want to make a lifelong disciple of Jesus Christ, you have to be committed to accompany them throughout their lifetime.

Lessons from Jesus's relationship with Simon Peter can transform the way we mentor in faith.

Taking someone from disciple to sainthood requires assisting that person with the crosses that they bear, as well as witnessing to the reality of the cross in your own life.

Formation needs to include identifying the person's God-given gifts and working with them to use those gifts to build up the Church.

#### One Hundred Years of Service History of the Knights of Columbus

#### The Order of the Mass The Order of the Mass with Chat

In the latest chapter of his best-selling Joshua series, Joseph Girzone offers fresh inspiration in this collection of fifty never-before-published contemporary vignettes that underscore the most important lessons of the gospel.

#### The Parables of Joshua

Joseph Girzone's novels about Joshua, the carpenter who transforms ordinary lives with words of peace and loving actions, have sold more than three million copies and captured the hearts of listeners and readers around the world. In *The Parables of Joshua*, perhaps his most powerful since the original Joshua, Girzone distills the essence of Christian teaching in entertaining and inspiring "bite-sized" tales set against the background of current society. For some today, the parables of the New Testament are quaint, old-fashioned stories, with little relevance to everyday life in the twenty-first century. As Girzone writes in his Introduction, "I have heard the most callous people comment with such great piety on the parables that I could not help but wonder if we haven't made parables pleasant-sounding fables about human situations long past, but with no present-day meaning." In order to recapture their original vitality, Girzone revives the timeless messages behind the original parables by "dressing them in modern clothes," presenting them through Joshua in a conversational style that will resonate with a modern audience.

Parables of the Kingdom

"Do you not understand this parable?" is a question Jesus posed to his disciples (Mark 4: 13). Just as the first disciples often did not understand Jesus' many parables, so it is for listeners and readers nearly two thousand years later. In *Parables of the Kingdom*, Mary Ann Getty-Sullivan helps readers to "hear" and "see" and "understand" the parables of Jesus. She offers a general introduction to the use of parables in the life and ministry of Jesus and the early church. In addition, Getty-Sullivan helps readers learn to interpret parables, to enter into what the parables can reveal about Jesus and his audience, about the evangelists and their communities, and about how we are to understand the Kingdom of God today. *Parables of the Kingdom* helps us hear and see Jesus' parables with new eyes and renewed hearts--thereby allowing the parables to transform our lives and help us respond with new conviction to the gospel's power in our world.

In this definitive biography, renowned Bible scholar, Anglican bishop, and best-selling author N. T. Wright offers a radical look at the apostle Paul, illuminating the humanity and remarkable achievements of this intellectual who invented Christian theology - transforming a faith and changing the world.

For centuries, Paul, the apostle who "saw the light on the Road to Damascus" and made a miraculous conversion from zealous Pharisee persecutor to devoted follower of Christ, has been one of the church's most widely cited saints. While his influence on Christianity has been profound, N. T. Wright argues that Bible scholars and pastors have focused so much attention on Paul's letters and theology that they have too often overlooked the essence of the man's life and the extreme unlikelihood of what he achieved.

Paul

To Wright, "The problem is that Paul is central to any understanding of earliest Christianity, yet Paul was a Jew; for many generations Christians of all kinds have struggled to put this together." Wright contends that our knowledge of Paul and appreciation for his legacy cannot be complete without an understanding of his Jewish heritage. Giving us a thoughtful, in-depth exploration of the human and intellectual drama that shaped Paul, Wright provides greater clarity of the apostle's writings, thoughts, and ideas and helps us see them in a fresh, innovative way.

Paul is a compelling modern biography that reveals the apostle's greater role in Christian history - as an inventor of new paradigms for how we understand Jesus and what he accomplished - and celebrates his stature as one of the most effective and influential intellectuals in human history.

The 3 Stages of the Interior Life

Journey toward sainthood with this presentation on the interior life  
Progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila  
Join Matthew Leonard as he walks through the three stages of the spiritual life, helping you progress toward union with God and enter the interior castle written about by St. Teresa of Avila.  
With humor and concrete examples, this presentation is sure to aid you in your journey to becoming a saint.

Paul and John

In this second of two volumes, Father Dicharry continues his portraits of New Testament authors and analyses of their writings. He presents the first recorder of the Good News, Paul, and the last, John, as "bookends" holding between them Mark, Matthew, and Luke. And as the first volume concluded with Acts, the first Church history, this volume concludes with the Apocalypse, the first theology of Church history.  
Passionate Paul and the early letters  
Prolific Paul and the later letters  
Ingenuous John and the sublime gospel  
Ingenious John and the veiled revelation

Perfectly Yourself Copy 1

This life-changing book addresses the opportunities and obstacles we encounter when we decide to ask life's BIG questions: Who am I? What am I here for? Full of powerful and practical lessons, Matthew Kelly shows us how to find lasting happiness in a changing world. Newly revised to reflect an even greater emphasis on spiritual growth and realizing God's dreams for us, Perfectly Yourself is a book for anyone who has failed at a diet, survived the collapse of a relationship, or wondered if he or she would ever find a fulfilling career. Kelly teaches us how to find the balance between accepting ourselves and striving to become all God dreams for us to become. It's a book for all of us who long to be at peace with who we are, where we are, and what we are doing, not in some distant tomorrow, but here and now today.

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The Pilgrims Progress

Often disguised as something that would help him, evil accompanies Christian on his journey to the Celestial City. As you walk with him, you'll begin to identify today's many religious pitfalls. These are presented by men such as Pliable, who turns back at the Slough of Despond; and Ignorance, who believes he's a true follower of Christ when he's really only trusting in himself. Each character represented in this allegory is intentionally and profoundly accurate in its depiction of what we see all around us, and unfortunately, what we too often see in ourselves. But while Christian is injured and nearly killed, he eventually prevails to the end. So can you.

The best part of this book is the Bible verses added to the text. The original Pilgrim's Progress listed the Bible verse references, but the verses themselves are so impactful when tied to the scenes in this allegory, that they are now included within the text of this book. The text is tweaked just enough to make it readable today, for the young and the old. Youngsters in particular will be drawn to the original illustrations included in this wonderful classic.

True Femininity

Better understand the gift of true, God-given femininity  
Includes personal stories and profound insights from the life of Mary and the writings of St. John Paul II  
Noelle Garcia is a Catholic recording artist and speaker, wife, and mom to five kids.  
With humor, personal stories, and profound insights from the life of Mary and the writings of St. John Paul II, speaker Noelle Garcia shares how by growing in relationship with Mary, we can heal our understanding and relationships as women—daughters, mothers, friends, and wives—and discover the beauty, joy, and gift of true, God-given femininity.  
**Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.**

Truth-God's Word Has Power

Truth in our time has become relativized, dependent on one's own subjective feelings. But throughout all of history, God's truth has remained constant and unchanged. In this talk, Noelle Garcia urges us to follow our faith and to live our lives according to the truth. God's word has power and because of this, we can live just, truthful, and holy lives.

13 Reasons Why You Matter	<p>Do you need a way to talk about suicide and self-harm? Join Noelle Garcia as she tackles these issues head-on, encouraging those who are struggling (or know someone who is) that God's mercy and love are waiting for them; that you, and your life, truly matter.</p> <p>Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for youth and young adults. Yet despite the many TV shows, movies, and articles on this topic, suicide, depression, self-harm, and loneliness remain difficult subjects for adults of any age to discuss. Speaking with honesty, humor, and personal experience, Noelle Garcia tackles these issues head-on, encouraging those who are struggling (or know someone who is) that God's mercy and love are waiting for them; that you, and your life, truly matter.</p>
Planning a Great Wedding Ceremony	<p>Vows, prayers, readings, and more-planning a Catholic wedding ceremony or Mass may seem overwhelming! Not with this planner. This book breaks down everything clearly for you, so you never have to wonder how things are supposed to work at a Catholic wedding or what's left for you to do. You'll be able to . . .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>easily select Scripture readings and a Gospel passage that reflect your love and personality as a couple</li> <li>choose vows and prayers that are meaningful to you both</li> <li>plan how you will enter and exit the church</li> <li>submit your Mass or ceremony selections to your pastor or marriage prep coordinator using the online checklist</li> <li>keep track of who is doing what during the ceremony, and much more!</li> </ul> <p>Additionally, this book provides answers to tough questions you may have along the way, such as, Can we be validly married in the Catholic Church if one of us is not baptized? Or, Can we write our own vows? This book will be an anchor in your wedding planning adventure.</p> <p>This book is part of the Better Together series by Dynamic Catholic.</p>
The Ultimate Goal	<p>An inspiring spiritual journey from soccer to religious life</p> <p>A strong testimony about the correlation between happiness and holiness</p> <p>Sister Raffaella Cavallin, a consecrated lay-person with the Apostles of the Interior Life, shares her inspiring spiritual journey. At the height of her professional soccer career, while attending a parish mission, she discovered that the ultimate goal in life is to become a saint. Sister Raffaella's story illustrates how holiness and happiness go hand in hand, and that through prayer, the Sacraments, and spiritual direction, we can live a Christ centered life and become the person God wants us to be.</p>
Ponder-Year C	<p>Ponder: Contemplative Bible Study accompanies all hearers and preachers of the Word as they pray with and ponder the Sunday readings throughout the liturgical year. Everything needed for a rich experience of lectio divina and biblical exploration is provided: the full text of the Sunday readings, concise commentary, engaging reflections, and clear guidance on how to use this resource alone or with a group. This volume guides readers through the Year C lectionary.</p>
Pope Benedict XVI - Biography	A Biography Of Joseph Ratzinger

"Make me an instrument of your peace." St. Francis of Assisi

When the curtains were drawn and our new Holy Father stepped out into view of the 150,000 people waiting in St. Peter's Square, it was a humble and gentle man from Argentina who greeted them, not in triumph, but with a gentle wave.

He's a pope of "firsts" - the first Jesuit pope, the first pope from the Americas, and the first to choose the name of Italy's most famous saint.

He is the son of an immigrant railway worker, and sibling of four.

He was an active, social young man who trained to be a chemist before pursuing a religious vocation.

He is a Jesuit priest and beloved spiritual director who even as archbishop of Buenos Aires was referred to as Father Jorge.

He is an outspoken leader who experienced firsthand the challenges of a society ravaged by war, economic despair and cultural unrest.

Pope Francis is still new to us, but in this biography you will get to know the man who became pope: A street priest at heart with a deep love for people and a pastor's touch. He teaches in word and deed the truths of the Church and God's merciful love.

Get inside access to the entire history-making event, from the startling resignation of Pope Benedict through the gathering of Cardinals for the Conclave and the installation of this Pope of the people.

Examine Pope Francis the man - his background, his ideas, his mission, and his challenges and opportunities as our new pope - including 16 pages of full color photos from Pope Francis' past and present.

"I want to ask you to walk together, and take care of one another ...We need to see the light of hope

Pope Francis: His Essential Wisdom invites readers to experience the words of the beloved pontiff. The excerpts are drawn from his homilies, books, interviews, speeches, and other writings from his papacy and from his tenure as Bishop, Archbishop, and Cardinal. His words reveal a man who is humble, gentle, deeply spiritual, and filled with the love and mercy of God. Pope Francis is the first pontiff to adopt the name of Francis, and it is in the spirit of St. Francis that humility, service, and a close connection to his flock, have been hallmarks of his papacy. In the chosen excerpts, Pope Francis speaks joyfully about the eternal love of God; he invites us to open ourselves to God through prayer; he challenges us to reach out to those in need; and he reminds us of the mercy and compassion of Jesus. Also included is a selection of more personal quotations, where Pope Francis recalls his early years and his calling to the priesthood. Finally, there is a selection of quotations from others about Pope Francis—from those well acquainted with the Pope, to leaders, writers, well-known people and everyday people who have been touched by Pope Francis in some way. Whether you are seeking his words for inspiration or guidance, comfort or strength, Pope Francis: His Essential Wisdom is a moving collection that you will turn to again and again.

Discover the critical importance of the Lord's Prayer in our daily journey of faith

Full of incredible insights from Scripture and the early Church Fathers

The Lord's Prayer is the centerpiece of the most famous sermon ever preached - the Sermon on the Mount.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that this prayer "is truly the summary of the whole Gospel." Blending scripture with the incredible insights of the early Church Fathers, Dr. Scott Hahn helps us discover the critical importance of this prayer in our daily journey of faith.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis-His Essential Wisdom

Understanding the Lord's Prayer

Learn how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith  
Effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy  
In this illuminating talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley recounts how Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, later Pope St. John Paul II, used the teachings of the Second Vatican Council with great success to help Catholics in his diocese live their faith to the full.

#### Vatican II Mercy and You

Learn how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy.

This talk summarizes some of the key points from Session 5 of Fr. Gaitley's 10 session study program Wisdom and Works of Mercy, available on Catholic Market.

In Recent years, the meaning and discussion of this word has become controversial, and often confusing. Is all masculinity "toxic?" Dr Tim Gray strongly asserts that while fallen masculinity does exist, authentic, God-given masculinity is a great virtue that is desperately need in our world. Drawing on personal stories and cultural examples, Tim challenges men to face their fears about failing or "striking out," and encourages them to beom the men they truly desire to be--in the image of Jesus Christ, the Perfect Man.

#### The Virtue of Masculinity

**Bonus: The CD also includes access to the talk via download. Printed on the disc are directions to access download.**

Announcement from catholic.org

Alpharetta, GA (NOVEMBER 1, 2008) - Today the directors of DivorcedCatholic.com announced the release of the approximately 130 minute DVD series, a compliment the book, Divorced. Catholic. Now What? and the Workbook, by Lisa Duffy and Vince Frese. This DVD series follows the outline of the book's topics, and employs the testimony and experience of dozens of men and women who have experienced the same issues, and of experts in psychology, counseling and Church teaching. The purpose of these materials is provide the person suffering divorce or separation with a personal or group resource to help guide their own healing process.

#### Voices of Hope-Words of Encouragement for Catholics who have suffered through Divorce

"This has been a labor of love," said Lisa Duffy, who produced and directed the film. "We wanted to release something that would be a powerful resource for healing for so many people who feel they are not an important part of the Church because of their divorce."

#### Pope John Paul II - A Tribute

The Porn Myth is a non-religious response to pro-pornography arguments. It draws from the experience of porn performers, recent research from neurology, sociology, and psychology to build a case for why pornography is destructive to individuals, relationships, and society. Matt Fradd provides insightful arguments, including the latest scientific research, on nearly every relevant subject imaginable, exposing the negative impact pornography has on our minds, our relationships, and our culture.

This book addresses the neurological reasons porn is addictive, helps individuals learn how to be free of porn, and offers real help to parents and the spouses of porn users.

#### The Porn Myth

Thanks to such new research on pornography's harmful effects on the brain, on relationships, and on society, there is today a wave of passionate individuals trying to change the cultural norm—inspiring others to pursue real love and avoid its hollow counterfeit. Today's younger generation wants a love that is untainted by warped perceptions of intimacy and by selfish desires. Millions are now recognizing pornography for what it is and rejecting its influence in their lives. This book is part of that movement.

The Porn Myth will help readers to separate the myths from the reality about porn, and to reclaim real love in their lives. Matt Fradd masterfully articulates and dispels the falsehoods that have helped to spread porn addiction and sexual dysfunction, and he inspires us to take action against them.

Stormie Omartian and her husband, Michael, spent 20 years raising their children...and more than 40 years praying for them. Now, in 32 short, easy-to-read chapters, Stormie shares how you can pray through each stage of your child's life, from early childhood to adulthood. Learn how to put your child's life in God's loving hands in such areas as his or her

The Power of a Praying Parent

- safety
- walk with God
- success in school
- friends
- family relationships
- gifts and talents

It's never too late to discover the joy that comes from being a part of God's work in your child's life. You don't have to be a perfect parent. But you do need to be a praying parent. And you can do that.

"Love is the way. Love is the only way. Those who follow in my way follow in the way of unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial love. And that kind of love can change the world."  
--Bishop Michael Curry

The Power of Love

Two billion people watched Bishop Michael Curry deliver his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (now the Duke and Duchess of Sussex) at Windsor Castle. Here, he shares the full text of the sermon, plus an introduction and four of his favorite sermons on the themes of love and social justice. The world has met Bishop Curry and has been moved by his riveting, hopeful, and deceptively simple message: love and acceptance are what we need in these strange times.

A Prayer for Children

Winner of "Child" magazine's 1995 Best Parenting Book Award, this loving celebration of the real lives of children features the poem that has captured the hearts of millions. This collection of prose pieces includes "A Prayer for Children", which was read aloud during UNICEF's World Summit for Children.

It expresses a simple philosophy: We are never so happy and so fulfilled as when we celebrate and care for children.

A lot of people would like to learn to pray all over again. Others are not so sure they ought to pray. They want to know whether prayer will help them and, more than that, whether it will be of any use at all to our world.

Prayer Takes Us Home

This book gives an answer—not in the form of glib instructions, but by introducing the reader to the theology of prayer. It refers again and again to the Bible, especially the Psalms. At the same time, it speaks about personal experiences as well. Gerhard Lohfink writes in inviting, easy-to-read language, answering questions such as:

- "To whom do we pray?"
- "Does it make any sense to ask for things in prayer?"
- "What happens in the Eucharistic Prayer?"
- "What is so special about the Psalms?"
- "How can I practice Christian meditation?"

This book offers an inviting approach to Christian prayer.

Prayers

A bestselling classic of modern spirituality. With simplicity and strength, this collection of powerful prayers will help you structure and develop your own sense of prayer. This assembly of petition and thanksgiving represents the full range of human emotion from despair to mystical union.

Prayers for Catholics Experiencing Divorce

God walks with those treading the painful pathways of divorce. In this updated and revised edition of Prayers for Catholics Experiencing Divorce are forty-four prayers to help Catholics experiencing divorce heal the hurt as they draw closer to God. Here is powerful support as they rediscover themselves and their self-worth. If you are a Catholic going through a divorce, you may find it difficult to pray. Misconceptions about prayer, a sense of a neglected relationship with God, and feelings of confusion make it hard to pray at a time when prayer may be exactly what is needed. Together, Vicki Wells Bedard -- who has experienced divorce first-hand -- and William E. Rabior -- a popular author and an experienced social worker -- help Catholics caught in the turmoil of divorce express their heartfelt cries to God. The authors present prayers that read like contemporary psalms, that bring readers' fears and hopes to the Lord. This book guides you in prayer, helps you express even elusive thoughts and feelings, and leads you into the arms of an understanding and accepting God.

Who Am I to Judge

Discover how respond to the worldview of relativism  
Learn a moral worldview rooted in logic and reason  
Why is there a need for the Church today?  
Understand the role of the Church in the light of God's plan of salvation

In this Lighthouse Talk, renowned Scripture scholar and author, Dr. Tim Gray, provides a fascinating explanation of the importance of the visible Church and the centrality of God on Earth. He offers incredible insights that make clear the role of the Church as an essential part of God's plan for salvation, which are sure to help those who have left her, or who mistakenly claim to be "spiritual, but not religious."

Why Almsgiving

What is almsgiving and why do Catholics practice it?  
Discover this critical aspect of the maintenance of the Catholic faith

Advent, the season in which we prepare for Christmas, is a penitential season. One of the key acts of penance that the Church recommends is almsgiving. But why? Citing the Old and New Testaments, the Catechism, and his own engaging personal stories, professor and author Dr. Michael Barber explains the "inner logic" of almsgiving, and how this often-misunderstood aspect of our faith is a critically important good work, related to our own unmerited redemption in Jesus Christ.

Praying for our Adult Sons and Daughters

Pray for your adult sons and daughters with the kind of power that makes a real difference in matters of the heart!

When our children become adults, we can't hold them on our laps and protect them like we used to. We need new strategies for caring for them. And the most important strategy of all is to lift up our adult sons and daughters in prayer and place them in the heart of God. When we do so, God's love is unleashed—in them and in us. God can replace our worries and discouragement with refreshment and hope. This book is a real treasure, one that parents and grandparents will want to read again and again.

Each chapter ends with a series of questions for reflection and introduces a "prayer skill" that will enable parents to persist in prayer and try new ways of praying for their adult sons and daughters.

Pursued-God's Obsession with You

Christian faith isn't blind obedience to a set of rules and regulations; it is entering into a relationship with a God who pursues us - not to punish, but to love. As the leader of Central Christian Church in the self-proclaimed "Sin City, U.S.A.", Jud Wilhite has seen it all, and he knows that no matter how far someone has strayed from God, God always remains in passionate pursuit.

Using the Biblical prophet Hosea's marriage, commanded by God, to an unfaithful prostitute as a metaphor for God's unwavering love, Pursued compellingly illustrates God's plan for every person - to be freed to become his or her own unique self through intimate togetherness with the living, loving God.

Raising positive, drug-free kids in a negative world is not easy, but in the long run, it's easier than raising negative ones. Now, the best-selling motivational author reveals his simple prescription for success with children, step by positive step.

Drawing on the most comprehensive measurable results ever made available to an author-his "I CAN" course, taught in more than 5,000 schools with more than three million participants - and his own successes and failures as a parent - Zig Ziglar offers sensible guidelines on:

Praise and encouragement: Children can hardly have too much of the right kinds. Look for the good in your children and you will find it.

Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World

Drugs: The latest statistics and a winning approach to teaching kids to say no, starting with cigarettes.

Time: Quality time is not enough. Kids need a lot of time with parents (and virtually none with TV).

Discipline: The loving parent will not shirk it.

Sex and romance: Be frank, be firm, be realistic.

And much more, in a book that is both refreshingly old-fashioned and startlingly new.

A meditative, scriptural reflection on keeping vigil at the foot of the Cross  
Understand the deeper meaning behind Jesus' confusing address of Mary as "Woman"  
In this talk—Part 1 of a special two-part Lighthouse Talks presentation—Augustine Institute professor Dr. Ben Akers gives a meditative, Scriptural reflection on keeping vigil at the foot of the cross with Jesus' mother Mary. Dr. Akers explains the deeper meaning behind Jesus' confusing address of Mary as "Woman," and illuminates the connections and foreshadowing between the biblical stories of Creation, the Wedding at Cana, and the Crucifixion. We learn profoundly, as Dr. Akers explains, that "everything Mary does points us to her Son."

The Woman at the Foot of the Cross Part I

Continuation of the reflection on Mary's role in Scripture  
Stories of the Fall to Jesus' Resurrection

In this talk—Part 2 of a special two-part presentation—Augustine Institute professor Dr. Ben Akers continues his meditative reflection on Mary's role in Scripture, weaving together the stories of the Fall and Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. Dr. Akers also provides illuminating answers to thoughtful questions from the audience. "The Fall happened through eating forbidden fruit; our redemption happens from eating the Eucharist."

The Woman at the Foot of the Cross Part II

Raising Them Chaste-is a practical answer to a real problem-communicating a tender truth in a convincing way-providing a handle for gaining leverage to lift us from the moral quicksand sucking so many downward." from the Foreward by Jack W. Hayford, Senior Pastor of The Church on the Way

Statistics show the alarming incidence of sexual promiscuity in our society and its devastating consequences. Seventy percent of all American teens have had sex by age eighteen. On the whole, young people in the church show the same trend as unchurched kids.

Raising them Chaste

But statistics also show that parents are in the best position to help children establish and cultivate an internal counterpressure to resist sexual temptation. Authors Richard and Renee Durfield show how it is possible for parents to plant within their children a vision of sexual wholeness and purity that will strengthen their resolve to live with integrity to say no to the world's view of morality and be happy about it.

As the parents of four children, the Durfields developed the concept of a "key talk" between parent and child. With the parent's encouragement, the young person covenants with God to remain chaste until marriage, and the parent gives the child a ring or similar token and constant reminder of the commitment. How to prepare for this talk, how to hold it successfully, and how to follow-up on it for maximum effectiveness are combined to make this a strategy that already has proven effective for many families

The Rapture Conspiracy Unveiled

The Rapture Conspiracy Unveiled For decades there has been a radical misreading of the Bible by some eschatologists. Dispensational teachers have misled many into believing false teachings about the end times without the support of Scripture. The Rapture Conspiracy Unveiled attempts to undo that harm. Rather than leaning on the writings of man, the book relies on the Bible to tell the story of Revelation – providing scriptural proof of the facts about the Rapture and end times. The error of the Rapture Theory is objectively and conclusively revealed through a lively look at the very human parade of people involved in its evolution – from the Garden of Eden through to the present. Author Ed Budd calls on more than 30 years of research and study of prophetic scripture and end times teachings to provide a comprehensive, easy-to-read reference tool for the pastor and teacher, or for the believer simply trying to decipher God's truth about end times issues.

Reading the Gospel of John-An Introduction

A popular, up-to-date, comprehensive introduction to the Gospel of John made accessible for the educated lay person. Each chapter ends with study questions, testing comprehension of what has been written, but not stimulating further reading, thought or application. Quast offers a well-written sequential reading of the text rather than treatments of isolated themes. Thus the reader derives a good grasp of the overall discourse and flow of narrative. In addition he provides some useful elementary literary analyses of chapters 4, 9 and 18–19, though, surprisingly, not of chapter 11. There are lots of helpful charts and maps.

Reading the Old Testament - An Intro

Reading the Old Testament is a clear and carefully organized introduction for contemporary readers. It is designed to guide the student of the Bible through the text and its problems, enrich their understanding of the individual biblical books, and explore the way the Bible came to be written. Reading the Old Testament combines the latest scholarship with sensitivity to religious issues and Israel's ever deepening understanding of God's ways. The author gives special attention to recent archeological discoveries in the Middle East and how these affect our understanding of the Old Testament. The book contains numerous maps, charts, and drawings. Reading the Old Testament is particularly illuminating about the way Israel's religious experience was translated into written records. No other introduction offers the same thorough treatment of the Exile and the post-exilic periods as crucial times in the formation of the Old Testament. †

Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic center of Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story to how they brought their parish back to life.

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I think about this often, and I always come to the same realization. I don't know Jesus anywhere near as well as I would like to know him. The desire is there, but life gets in the way. There are times when I seem to be making great progress and other times when I wonder if I know him at all.

But I always arrive back at the same inspiring and haunting idea: If there is one person that we should each get to know in a deeply personal way, it is Jesus the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the son of God, the king of kings and the lord of lords, the lamb of God, the new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, the God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, and the healer of our souls.

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Rekindled

The authors describe the crisis they faced in their marriage and explains how their Christian faith rejuvenated their relationship

The Reshaping of Catholicism

Twenty years after the Church Council, Vatican II, now Cardinal Dulles wrote this book to examine how the Church had changed. A nice primer on Vatican II theology.

A true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves... and how to start choosing happiness again!

Are you happy? It may be the wrong question. Most of us think we are relatively happy, while at the same time knowing that we could be happier maybe even a lot happier. Ordinary people and the finest philosophers have been exploring the question of happiness for thousands of years, and theories abound. But this is not a book of theory. Resisting Happiness is a deeply personal, disarmingly transparent look at why we sabotage our own happiness and what to do about it.

Are you overwhelmed? Do you procrastinate? Do you sometimes feel like you are your own worst enemy? Are you ignoring your dreams? Have you lost the courage to truly be yourself? Do you feel that your life lacks meaning and purpose? Do you find yourself avoiding the real issues in your life and focusing on the superficial?

Resisting Happiness

We all experience these feelings and doubts from time to time. But do you know what to do when you experience them? In this fascinating book, Matthew Kelly, uses his signature combination of the profound and the practical, to help us understand why we feel these things and how to rise above them. Breaking through resistance, Kelly tells us, is essential to becoming the-best-version-of-ourselves and living with passion and purpose.

What is resistance? It's that sluggish feeling of not wanting to do something that you know is good for you. It's the inclination to do something that you unabashedly know is not good for you. It's the desire and tendency to delay something you should be doing right now.

It is resistance that stands between you and happiness. In these pages you will learn not only what it is, but how to recognize and conquer it in your own life.

Once every twenty-five years or so, a book comes along that perfectly identifies our common search and struggle for happiness, and teaches us how to find lasting fulfillment in a changing world. This is that book. Not since M. Scott Peck Published *The Road Less Traveled* have we experienced a voice as refreshing and authentic as Matthew Kelly's.

In *The Rhythm of Life*, Matthew Kelly exposes the lifestyle challenges and problems that face us in this age obsessed with noise, speed, and perpetual activity. Kelly's message rings out with a truth that is challenging and unmistakably attractive: Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do, or what you have. Are you ready to meet the best version of yourself?

*The Rhythm of Life* will help you to bring into focus who you are and why you are here. Through this book Matthew Kelly will help you discover your legitimate needs, deepest desires, and unique talents. He will introduce you to be the best version of yourself and lead you to a life filled with passion and purpose.

The Rhythm of Life

Kelly has a way of thinking and writing that cuts through the stifling clutter of our everyday lives and delivers a clarity that is both refreshing and liberating.

*The Rhythm of Life* is a brilliant and clear-eyed rejection of the chaotic lifestyle that has captured the world, written with common sense, humor, and extraordinary insight. This book is destined to change lives!

Here are just a few of the timeless creeds that Matthew Kelly presents in *The Rhythm of Life*...

We all want to celebrate the liturgy well, to experience good, uplifting, and meaningful worship. But what is the best route to follow? In *The Rites and Wrongs of Liturgy*, Thomas O'Loughlin offers a way forward that strengthens faith, builds up Christian community, and points toward a new direction based on liturgical principles that are rooted in our natures as ritual beings as well as in the gospel.

*The Rites and Wrongs of Liturgy* explains why good liturgy is important, how to recognize it, and how to assess liturgy in terms of a larger vision of the Christian life. O'Loughlin, a seasoned theologian and teacher, identifies ten principles that make for good liturgy. Such liturgy must be honest, open, joyful, inclusive, celebrative of community, facilitative of engagement, based in creation, attentive to the marginalized, free of clutter, and true to the pattern of the incarnation.

The Rites and Wrongs of Liturgy

Since good celebrations build faith and bad liturgy weakens it, these principles promise to bring new life and meaning to every celebrating community.

n The Gospel of Mark Fathers Donahue and Harrington use an approach that can be expressed by two terms currently used in literary criticism: intratextuality and intertextuality. This intratextual and intertextual reading of Mark's Gospel helps us to appreciate the literary character, its setting in life, and its distinctive approaches to the Old Testament, Jesus, and early Christian theology. Includes an updated bibliography as an appendix. This volume is a paperback edition of another fine contribution in the Sacra Pagina commentary series by Liturgical Press. The paperback edition will make it more accessible, a welcome development for all pastors and students. . . . A must for every library. Catholic Library World This volume is well up to the standard, steady and reliable, full of wise and sober judgments. Scripture Bulletin. . . sets the standard for a comprehensive one-volume treatment of Mark for this generation. The Catholic Biblical Quarterly Pastors will find this commentary spends more time in their hands and less on their shelves than others, and the congregations who hear their homilies and sermons will be enriched and challenged. Interpretation Donahue and Harrington, well-known scholars who have made numerous contributions to Markan studies in monographs and journal articles, have provided us with a helpful and reasonably sized commentary. It is large enough to deal with the majority of issues involved in the study of Mark without overwhelming us with more information than the average pastor or theological student can handle or wants. It is written succinctly and is very readable. It provides in its Introduction a brief and excellent overview of the major issues involved in the study of Mark. Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society The commentary is highly recommended for the target audiences of the series: biblical scholars, students, theologians, clergy, religious educators, and interested non-specialists and the authors are to be commended for producing a work that is both scholarly and genuinely useful and accessible to a wide variety of readers. Toronto Journal of Theology The whole series is together the finest available in English today, and the current volume on Mark is no exception. . . . A MUST for every library. Catholic Library Journal. . . deserves to be widely used at both the scholarly level and that of the serious reader. Proceedings of the Irish Biblical Association

Sacra Pagina  
The Gospel of Mark

Eight hundred years ago, Clare of Assisi advised a correspondent to gaze into the mirror of the crucified Christ and study her own face within it. A hundred years ago, sociologist Charles Horton Cooley said we can know our self only as it is reflected to us by others. Contemplation is the choice to find our reflection in the divine Mirror. In The Sacred Gaze, Susan Pitchford explores how a false self is created by distortions in the mirrors around us. Drawing from the mystical and sociological traditions, and with practical suggestions for how to begin, Pitchford shows how gazing into the face of Christ can reveal to us who we really are. When the true self is known, and known as God's beloved, the way is opened to radical freedom and joy.

The Sacred Gaze

This book uses the author's study of the sacred world of Native Americans as a launchpad for her discussion of "sacramentals," or grace bestowing signs of God's presence in the lives of Christians. Wagner assesses ways to make the home into a sacred place with rituals, prayers, and blessings. In the closing section of the book, she challenges believers to use all their senses in praise of God.

The Sacred World of the Christian

An accessible, easy to read biography that moves the reader through all valleys and peaks of emotions. A biography that inspires one to prayer, through a collection of memories of St. Therese of Lisieux, from letters, memories of sisters, friends and family, some that will make you smile and some that will lovingly pull on your heart. Wonderful descriptions of St. Therese's childhood and her parents, Zélie and Louis, her relationship with her sisters, her prayer-life, her day-to-day life and her faith. Wonderful theology on the interconnectedness of suffering and love - opposites however companions. St. Therese's Little Way inspires the reader to re-interpret suffering through new eyes.

St Theresa the Little Flower

Anyone can achieve a reasonable level of sanctity, but the saints are in a league of their own. What sets them apart? Does holiness come more naturally to them than to the rest of us? Do they endure severe temptation? How do grievous sinners become saints? How has history been influenced by the saints? Are the saints relevant today? What do they mean for you?

Saints-A Closer Look

In answering these questions and many more, Father Thomas Dubay not only reveals what makes the saints tick, but also nudges readers toward the heights of sanctity themselves. It's an uphill battle for everyone, but the lives of the saints make it clear that great holiness is possible for all if we allow ourselves, as they do, to fall radically in love with God.

An open and engaging survey of the theology of church in its biblical roots, its historical development, and its setting in today's complex world. Building on the work of leading historians, sociologists, and theologians, Sanks has produced a coherent and lively synthesis. As an overview of the church in its many aspects, both human and divine, this work has few rivals. Veterans as well as beginners will profit from these pages.--Avery Dulles,S.J.

Salt Leaven, and Light  
The Community called Church

This comprehensive study of Roman Catholic Church history, ecclesial theology, and encounter with contemporary society focuses on future challenges of changing forms of ministry. Sanks discusses inculturation--presenting Christian theology in non-Western thought forms--encounters with non-Christian religions, and American culture in relationship to the Church. He reminds the reader that the Church has always lived with tensions that led to both continuity and change. Salt, leaven, and light are, to Sanks, especially appropriate images for the mission of the Church today. Recommended for large academic and public libraries. From Library Journal

Christmas is unavoidable. But if it is going to happen for us, we need to take time. We need to slow down and do something out of the ordinary, something that has to do with the spiritual meaning of the feast and the season. Reading the Christmas poems of Seeing Haloes is one way of doing this. John Shea hopes that each poem strikes a chord and brings us into memories we may have forgotten and present experiences we may have overlooked. When this happens, the Spirit arrives to illumine our minds, inspire our wills, and gladden our hearts. Christmas happens.

Seeing Haloes

From the haunting ruins of San Jose de los Jemez to the perfectly preserved San Jose de Gracia, the early churches of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Southern California are eloquent testimony to the creative and religious lives of the Spanish and Native American communities that founded them. In luminous color photographs and an informative, straightforward text, this elegant guide offers a detailed look at the history, architecture, religious significance, and folk-art decor of 29 of the Southwest's most beautiful landmark missions. Including hand-drawn maps and complete visitor information, A Sense of Mission pays rich and vivid tribute to some of America's most extraordinary monuments.

A Sense of Mission

Wakely's photographs and Drain's writing beautifully portray the ruins and buildings of the Spanish missions of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Southern California. The book includes visitor information, maps, and an annotated reading list in addition to over 150 color photographs of the buildings, grounds, altarpieces, statues, carvings, and details of the 25-plus churches featured. The photography is striking and vivid, and Drain's accessible text explores the history of the missions, the techniques of their construction, how the art was done, and something about the symbolism used in the design of the buildings, altar panels, and frescoes. With a foreword by N. Scott Momaday; recommended for general readers.

- Chuck Malenfant, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge  
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A friend's child dies; a parent gets a cancer diagnosis; your spouse loses their job. Sometimes life and God's plan don't make sense and we end up feeling hurt and angry.

In *Seriously, God?*, Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran explore the denial, doubt, and betrayal we experience when we face hardship, pain, and grief, and they encourage us to lean into our feelings and to take each circumstance as a chance to learn more about God.

Drawing on personal anecdotes and stories from their parish, White and Corcoran—authors of the bestselling and award-winning book, *Rebuilt*—share important lessons, including:

Even the heroes of the Bible—such as Abraham, Moses, David, and the apostles—experienced situations that caused them to misunderstand God.

There is joy in knowing we will forever be getting to know God.

Even though life often doesn't make sense, we shouldn't assume God doesn't make sense.

For anyone who has battled suffering, walked away from faith under the pressure of crushing doubt, never felt safe giving faith a chance, or cared about someone who struggles with these realities, this book treats the problems of suffering and evil not as an argument to be overcome but as an invitation to a deeper faith.

Each chapter relies on biblical stories that provide a wonderful introduction to scripture to those who are not familiar with the Bible and a fresh perspective to those who are. Each chapter also includes questions for self-reflection and discussion. A free parish small-group guide and videos from the authors are available online.

This is a perfect book to give as a gift to friends or family members who are grieving, those struggling with doubts about their faith, or those who are new to faith.

Get ready to discover the "hidden" truths of the Holy Eucharist, truths that have always been embraced by theologians, saints, and mystics, now finally made understandable to all. This exciting talk by Vinny Flynn will forever change your view of the Eucharist. It will give you a whole new understanding of the Mass, a new appreciation of the way Jesus is present in this sacrament, and a new awareness that the Eucharist is not just about receiving Communion, it's about transforming your daily life. Based on Vinny's widely acclaimed book, *7 Secrets of the Eucharist*. Vinny Flynn is executive director of MercySong Ministries of Healing. He is a gifted musician, speaker, and writer, and his powerful teachings on Divine Mercy and the Sacraments, make him a popular speaker at parish missions, conferences and retreats. His hit book *7 Secrets of the Eucharist* has been acclaimed by Cardinal George Pell as "a must read for Catholics."

Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

Seriously God?  
Making Sense of Life Not Making  
Sense

7 Secrets of the Eucharist

The Shack

We had to do it. We had to reprint this book. Rarely has a book had such an impact on so many of us here at Ignatius Press. It is one of the most powerful and moving books we have come across. If you can only buy one book this season, this must be the one.

Here is the astonishing true story of the harrowing experiences of a young German seminarian drafted into Hitler's dreaded SS at the onset of World War II. Without betraying his Christian ideals, against all odds, and in the face of Evil, Gereon Goldmann was able to complete his priestly training, be ordained, and secretly minister to German Catholic soldiers and innocent civilian victims caught up in the horrors of war. How it all came to pass will astound you.

The Shadow of His Wings

Father Goldmann tells of his own incredible experiences of the trials of war, his many escapes from almost certain death, and the diabolical persecution that he and his fellow Catholic soldiers encountered on account of their faith. What emerges is an extraordinary witness to the workings of Divine Providence and the undying power of love, prayer, faith, and sacrifice. Illustrated

The simple revolution is here. From the design of Apple products to Google's uncluttered homepage, simple ideas are changing the world.

Now in paperback, multi-awarded #1 national bestseller Simple Church guides Christians back to the simple gospel-sharing methods of Jesus. No bells or whistles required. With insights based on case studies of 400 American churches, Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger prove the disciple-making process is often too complex. Simple churches thrive by taking four ideas to heart:

Simple Church-Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples

Clarity. Movement. Alignment. Focus.

Simple Church examines each idea, clearly showing why it is time to simplify. This updated trade paper edition includes a new chapter with further insights the authors have gained through hundreds of conversations with church leaders since this landmark book's original release.

Known around the globe for her indefatigable work on behalf of the poor, the sick, and the dying, Mother Teresa has devoted her life to giving hope to the hopeless in more than one hundred and twenty countries. She inspires us all to find a way to translate our spiritual beliefs into action in the world. How has one woman accomplished so much? And what are the guiding principles that have enabled this humble nun to so profoundly effect the lives of millions?

Now, in her own words, Mother Teresa shares the thoughts and experiences that have led her to do her extraordinary charitable work. A candid look at her everyday life--at the very simplicity and self-sacrifice that give her the strength to move mountains--A Simple Path gives voice to the remarkable spirit who has dedicated her life to the poorest among us.

Just as important as her beliefs are how they are put into action in the world, and A Simple Path also tells the story of the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, their purpose and practice, and the results of their tireless work. Through faith, surrender, and prayer, the missionaries live to serve others; they have improved the lives of countless souls and given dignity to the dying. Their mission has also produced a ripple effect, spreading human compassion to communities where there is need.

A Simple Path

Through these examples, as well as the uplifting words and guiding prayers of Mother Teresa and those who work with her, everyone can learn how to walk the simple path that Mother Teresa has laid out for us, to help create a truly kinder world for the future.

A Simple Path is a unique spiritual guide for Catholics and non-Catholics alike: full of wisdom and hope from the one person who has given us the greatest model of love in action in our time.

6 Secrets of a Lasting Love Copy 1

Everyone wants a marriage that will last a lifetime, and now Dr. Gary and Barbara Rosberg, have disclosed six secrets that will not only help you create the marriage you've always dreamed of, but will create a marriage that will last a lifetime. This revised and updated repackaging of the Gold Medallion-winning Divorce-Proof Your Marriage walks couples through the six loves (forgiving, serving, persevering, guarding, celebrating, and renewing) that can effectively shield their marriage from the ravages of disappointment, discouragement, distance, disconnect, discord, and emotional divorce.

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The Sixteen documents of Vatican II

Along with the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this is a volume that every Catholic should not only own but also study and internalize. In the four decades that have passed since the Second Vatican Council, many theological and liturgical errors have been perpetuated by people who have invoked "the spirit of Vatican II" as justification for their actions and beliefs, yet a careful reading of the documents makes clear that the teachings of the Council are in total continuity with the previous 2000 years of Church teaching. Read the documents for yourself and learn what Vatican II REALLY taught.

The Spiritual Gifts Handbook

International healing minister Randy Clark teams up with Mary Healy, a respected Catholic scholar, to show not only that the gifts of the Spirit still exist today but that they are not optional; they are the necessary tools God has given for both building his church and spreading the Gospel.

The Spiritual Gifts Handbook

With wisdom and practical insight, Clark and Healy walk you through biblical texts, dispel misconceptions, and show that there is an endless variety of gifts. They also show how the gifts are not just for a select few, but distributed freely by the Holy Spirit among believers. After laying this foundation, the authors reveal how you can activate the gifts in your own life and use them to benefit others. In this hurting world, you can give people more than just a message - you can help usher them into an encounter with God. Corey Baumgartner

The Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All invites a wounded church to contemplate the passion and death of Jesus through the experience of clerical abuse survivors. This one-of-a-kind resource is written and illustrated by priests to foster healing amidst the destruction committed by their brothers. Award-winning author and acclaimed liturgist Paul Turner pairs each of the fourteen Scripture-based stations with powerful quotes from survivors of clerical sexual abuse and responds to each with profound confessional prayer. Thought-provoking paintings by author, counselor, and liturgist Ronald Patrick Raab, CSC, accompany each station.

The Stations of the Cross

This resource will be cherished by parishes, faith-based organizations, retreat centers, prayer groups, youth groups, school and campus ministry programs, families, and individuals who yearn to honor survivors suffering with Christ and who yearn to bring this too often ignored reality to lived prayer experiences.

Stories from the Bible for First Readers

The Story of Christianity Vol 1

In *The Story of Christianity: Volume 1*, Justo L. González, author of the highly praised three-volume *History of Christian Thought*, presents a narrative history of Christianity, from the Early Church to the Dawn of the Protestant Reformation. From Jesus' faithful apostles to the early reformist John Wycliffe, González skillfully traces core theological issues and developments within the various traditions of the church, including major events outside of Europe, such as the Spanish and Portuguese conquest of the New World. This updated and expanded edition incorporates recent archaeological discoveries about the life of Early Christian Communities, as well as important contemporary research revealing the significant role of women throughout the history of the church. With lively storytelling, *The Story of Christianity* provides a fascinating and panoramic history of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the first fifteen centuries of the church.

This is the English portion of the Greek-English Synopsis- Quattuor Evangeliorum. Revised Standard Version. UBS, New York. Revised Printing 1985. It is an authoritative and best-selling resource among Biblical scholars, seminarians and translators worldwide.

Synopsis of the Four Gospels

This is an excellent way to do side by side comparisons of events throughout the gospel. It's organized chronologically with helpful headlines titling each "event." I bought this for a class, and I have never used any other tool for doing gospel side by side comparisons, but I loved using this. Paul Bulger

Follow a young Catholic cleric as his faith is laid bare through his reflections on his parishioners in the "Best Spiritual Book of the 20th Century" (USA Today).

In this classic Catholic novel, Bernanos movingly recounts the life of a young French country priest who grows to understand his provincial parish while learning spiritual humility himself. Awarded the Grand Prix for Literature by the Academie Francaise, *The Diary of a Country Priest* was adapted into an acclaimed film by Robert Bresson. "A book of the utmost sensitiveness and compassion...it is a work of deep, subtle and singularly encompassing art." -- New York Times Book Review (front page).

The Diary of a Country Priest

An idealistic young Catholic priest in an isolated French village keeps a diary describing the unheroic suffering and the petty internal conflicts of his parish. This may sound like a thin plot for a novel, but *Diary of a Country Priest*, by George Bernanos, remains one of the 20th century's most vivid evocations of saintly life. First published in 1937, Bernanos's *Diary* describes a faithful man's experience of failure. In his diary, the priest records feelings of inferiority and sadness that he cannot express to his parishioners. And as he approaches death, from cancer, the priest's saintliness remains unclear to him, but becomes undeniable to the reader. "How easy it is to hate oneself! True grace is to forget. Yet if pride could die in us, the supreme grace would be to love oneself in all simplicity--as one would love any one of those who themselves have suffered and loved in Christ." -- Michael Joseph Gross

"The author, in this deeply felt and powerfully argued book, tackles the issues of the nature of ministry, priesthood, ordination, lay theology, a spirituality of life in the world. The argument is clearly expressed, draws upon a wide range of scholarship, the example of the early church as well as the experience of the author.... I cannot be dispassionate in recommending this book. It provides a model of what a theology of the people should be like in the way it argues the case for such a theology."

Zadok Perspectives - a quarterly journal of the Zadok Institute for Christianity and Society (Australia).

The Liberation of the Laity

"'The Liberation of the Laity' is a provocative book that challenges the clericalist culture of the church, and provides practical advice and sound counsel toward a more inclusive future. Further, the book affirms the history and theology of the ministry of all baptized persons in a deep and thought-provoking way. 'The Liberation of the Laity' will spark conversation and reflection among those most concerned about the future of ministry, and the need for the church to support the vocations of all the baptized."

Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook

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Theology for Beginners

Theology for Beginners is one of the most outstanding presentations of the central doctrines of the Christian faith ever penned. After showing how God is Spirit, the author examines God's infinity and man's creation from nothing, and then moves on to the Trinity, the Fall, the Incarnation and Redemption, the Mystical Body, Grace and the Sacraments, and the Last Things. For those to whom these doctrines once seemed formidable, Sheed's is a fresh voice of lucid and carefully reasoned prose. To read Theology for Beginners is to have one's mind awakened to the spiritual realities at the center of human existence.

Theology of the Body

In September of 1979, about a year after becoming pope, John Paul II began a series of reflections on love, sexuality, and the human person. These 15-minute talks, which continued for several years, became known collectively as the "Theology of the Body." This book paraphrases 86 of Pope John Paul II's talks in easy-to-understand English.

Broken families, abortion, AIDS, internet pornography, sexual abuse scandals, homosexual marriage; our Church and our world are in the midst of a profound sexual crisis. Is there a way out?

For such a time as this have we been given St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Based on the words of Jesus, St. John Paul II's famous reflections on the body and sex take us to the root of the modern crisis and chart the path to an authentic sexual liberation. Yet the saint's dense scholarship often intimidates the average person.

In his previous book, Theology of the Body Explained, Christopher West offered a more detailed, six-hundred-page commentary on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Theology of the Body for Beginners

Here, he provides a short and popular summary of the saint's revolutionary teaching while answering big questions like:

What is the meaning of life?

Why did God create us male and female?

Why is there evil in the world and how do we overcome it?

How do we attain true happiness on earth?

What kind of joys await us in heaven?

How can we experience the love we long for in the depth of our hearts?

The first edition of Theology of the Body for Beginners (2004) quickly became an international best-seller. This freshly revised and expanded edition is based on Dr. Michael Waldstein's much improved translation of St. John Paul II's catechesis.

Today's sexual confusion is not caused because the world glorifies sexuality, but because the world fails to see its glory.

Theology of the Body in One Hour Through his Theology of the Body, St. John Paul II unveiled the beauty of God's plan for human love. In 60 minutes, discover how the human body in its masculinity and femininity reveals who we are and how we are called to live.  
How do I handle difficult family members?

What do I do if I can't control my emotions?

When do I correct others, and when do I hold my tongue?

Too often we are late in realizing that we mishandled a situation, causing both resentment and frustration. But what if you could approach every situation with the mind of Christ?

Distilled from his decades of experience as a clinical psychologist and a practicing Catholic, Dr. Ray Guarendi, popular radio and TV host, offers here dozens of bite-sized reflections that combine sound spiritual advice with the best of modern psychology.

Thinking Like Jesus Dr. Ray will help you address countless daily problems and create a plan of action for your most common troubles. With his trademark frankness and humor, Dr. Ray tackles all the topics that too often bring confusion and heartache, including:

What to do when you're easily offended

Common excuses parents make for bad behavior in their children and themselves

The difference between speaking your mind and losing your emotions.

The fine line between being a confident evangelist and being a jerk?

What you should do when emotions overwhelm you?

How to hold your children to high standards without causing resentment

The difference between making an excuse and justifying an action

How to tell people you're angry without being nasty about it.

What true humility is and isn't.

Thinking Like Jesus is more than a self-help book. It will place you firmly into the mindset of a disciple of Christ so you can focus your attention on God and, ultimately, what it will take to spend

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In the Bible we are told Jesus was lost in the Temple for three days when he traveled to Jerusalem for Passover with Mary and Joseph.

Why did he stay behind? What did he do? Who did he meet? Where did he sleep? Was he ever in danger?

Three Days-The Search for the Boy Messiah

This Biblical novel is a compelling tale about 12-year-old Jesus, based on the second chapter of Luke's Gospel. This book will grip your imagination—as you explore the Temple and experience the drama of ancient Hebrew traditions with the boy Messiah.

It's a story for the child in all of us.

Three Great Days	<p>As the summit of the church's liturgical year, the Paschal Triduum requires the energy, time, and talents of many people within the parish community. In Three Great Days, Jeremy Helmes draws on rubrics, liturgical theology, the church's tradition, and plenty of lived experience to offer a sound guide to planning and preparing. He draws attention to rituals requiring special attention and helps you determine liturgical roles and responsibilities. He also offers templates, worksheets, planning forms, and other ready-to-use resources that any parish can use to make their liturgical preparation and evaluation easier and more effective.</p> <p>Whether it's your first time preparing these liturgies, you're looking for fresh ideas, or you just want to make sure you're covering everything, this book will help your parish make this year's Triduum three truly great days.</p>
Through Seasons of the Heart	<p>It has daily readings, sharing spiritual themes, teachings, and the author's experiences. It draws you in, gives you insights, and most especially, provides comfort, guidance and a sense of peace</p> <p>The Lord's Prayer accompanies the lives of Christians. When we are happy or sad, when we eagerly wait for a child to be born or silently keep watch as an elder dies, alone in the woods or together in liturgy, filled with gratitude or emptied by grief, driven to praise or dragged to repent, the Our Father finds its way to our lips.</p>
To Dare Our Father	<p>To Dare the Our Father recognizes and respects these experiences but it envisions praying the prayer as a more sustained and challenging undertaking. How does praying the Our Father inform our thinking, feeling, willing, and acting? How does it become for us a transformative spiritual practice? John Shea explores these questions and more to discover what it looks like to become people of prayer.</p>
To Light a Fire on the Earth	<p>As secularism gains influence and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is.</p> <p>In this compelling new book - drawn from conversations with and narrated by award-winning Vatican journalist John L. Allen Jr. - Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, proclaims in vivid language the goodness and truth of the Catholic tradition. Through Barron's smart, practical, artistic, and theological observations - as well as through personal anecdotes about everything from engaging atheists on YouTube to his days as a young die-hard baseball fan from Chicago - To Light a Fire on the Earth covers prodigious ground.</p> <p>Touching on a wide range of subjects, including Jesus, prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of the Church in modern times, beauty, art, and social media, Barron reveals why the Church matters today and how Catholics can intelligently engage a skeptical world.</p>
Today's Missal - Holy Week to Pentecost	<p>Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran know that the fundamental work of the Church is to evangelize - to introduce people to Christ and make them disciples. Still, they're the first to admit: "the difficulty comes when we reach down into the details and get to work." In their barn-burning first book, Rebuilt, White and Corcoran shared their story and vision of building better Catholic parishes. Now, in their eagerly anticipated second book, Tools for Rebuilding, they lay out seventy-five proven tactics for getting the job done.</p>
Tools for Rebuilding - Really, Really Practical Ways to Make Your Parish Better	<p>In Tools for Rebuilding: 75 Really, Really Practical Ways to Make Your Parish Better, White and Corcoran share seventy-five foundational tactics that helped to rejuvenate their parish. Their candid, hands-on advice gives a clear way forward one that will make church matter to the people in the pews and that anyone working in parish ministry can implement.</p>

O Virgin most faithful!  
Make me in all things so perfect  
a disciple, imitator and slave of  
incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ, your Son,  
that I may come, through your intercession and your example,  
to the fullness of his age on earth  
and of his glory in heaven.  
Amen.

These words from St. Louis de Montfort's Act of Total Consecration give beautiful expression to the fundamental thrust of his spirituality: Christianity that is fully alive is nothing less than a radical act of total self-surrender and self-gift to the Lord Jesus Christ who, in his redemptive Incarnation, has first given himself totally over to us, and for us.

Total Consecration

Recognizing that the Lord has first consecrated, completely given, himself to us, Fr. de Montfort rightly recognizes that one truly receives this gift in its fullness only by fully giving, that is consecrating, himself to its saving power. The great Apostle of Our Lady proposed in his masterwork, True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, an outline of a process by means of which one might prepare himself to make just such a total self-gift to Jesus through Mary. This book, which has been prepared by the Company of Mary, the religious community founded by Fr. de Montfort himself, is both an introduction to his spirituality of total consecration and a guide for those who would prepare themselves to make his Act of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. It is also the fruit of this same Act of Total Consecration lived out in years of missionary service of Our Lord and Our Lady in the Roman Catholic Church which we joyfully make available to the people of God.

A collection of humorous, sentimental and instructive stories about both prominent and relatively unknown Jewish personalities from biblical times to the present. The anecdotes were selected to reveal characteristics of Jewish life and Jewish history. Arranged alphabetically by personality, the subjects includes Moses, Job, Rabbi Akiva, Hillel, and Maimonides, as well as Sholom Aleichem, Theodor Herzl, and even Harpo Marx.

Treasury of Jewish Anecdotes

Growing and building a great marriage does not happen by accident. Taking your relationship to the next level requires attention and effort. Even people in great marriages face challenges and encounter difficulties. What tools can you place in your hands to build the marriage you desire?

In *The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage*, best-selling author and communicator, Dr. Allen Hunt, shares the life-giving principles that are necessary for success in your relationship.

Utilizing his decades of experience with couples, Dr. Hunt shares real-life wisdom and help for your marriage. He shows how:

21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage

The Secret of Purpose nourished one couple through the highs and lows of a 65 year marriage. The Secret of The Little Things proves to be the greatest predictor of the health of your marriage as it draws directly from the wisdom of St. Therese de Lisieux. The Secret of Ages and Stages provided the foundation for a couple's 82 year marriage, the longest of its time.

*The 21 Undeniable Secrets of Marriage* will equip you and your marriage to begin moving toward all that God hopes and desires for your relationship.

Understanding "Our Father"

Scott Hahn's newest book, *Understanding "Our Father"*, blends Hahn's own scriptural insights on the Lord's Prayer with the thoughts of four great Church Fathers.

Understanding the Bible - New Testament

Understanding the Bible - Old Testament  
Understanding the Liturgy - Christian Worship

Vatican Council II Volume 1

Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents contains the sixteen documents issued by the Second Vatican Council itself, plus a rich collection of post conciliar documents related to its implementation. These documents, in the well-known translation of Austin Flannery, provide the context for understanding the teaching of the Council and the changes it brought about in the life of the Church. Volume 1 includes the 16 original constitutions and decrees and 49 documents issued after the close of the Council.

Voices of the Saints

Catholics around the world rely on the Catholic saints for guidance and inspiration . . . so it's important that the saints and their stories be easy to find. *Voices of the Saints* by Bert Ghezzi provides readers with many convenient ways to look up 365 Catholic saints: chronologically, alphabetically, by feast day, even by theme. The saint's patronage is also listed when available, as is the date of beatification or canonization.

While the reference possibilities are abundant, the inspiring stories of these saints are still the primary focus of the book, and each entry is written in such a way as to help us feel the companionship of the saint. The voice of each saint comes through clearly in quotations drawn from their own writings, the recollection of witnesses, and the careful work of biographers.

Waiting for a Miracle

One doctor's journey of faith to save her two terminally ill baby girls.

Cyndi Peterson was a successful physician, wife and mother who had everything she ever dreamed of—yet true peace continued to elude her. Her quest leads her to Medjugorje, where Mary the Mother of God is reported to appear daily. After returning home newly committed to her faith, she faces every mother's deepest fear. Her newborn baby Kelly is terminally ill.

Upon learning her next baby, Sarah, has the same diagnosis, Cyndi struggles to understand why God has asked this of her. How God moves in her life and answers her prayers will both surprise you and deepen your faith.

Waiting for Christ

Blessed John Henry Newman was one of the most beloved and well-known preachers of his time. Originally an Anglican priest, Newman converted to Catholicism and became a Catholic priest and cardinal. Known for his beautiful prose and exultant preaching, Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with Bl. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

These beautiful meditations guide you through reflections on:

- Preparing for the Lord's coming at Christmas and the end of time
- Our dependence upon the Lord's goodness
- What happens when we do not seek truth
- Mary's role in salvation history
- God's call for each and every one of us to holiness
- Glorifying God in the world
- True joy
- Martyrdom, affliction, and consolation
- Love as the one thing needful

*Waiting for Christ* provides an opportunity to spend a few minutes with Bl. John Henry Newman and Christ every day of the Advent and Christmas seasons, preparing for the coming of the Lord.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus said, "Follow me." What if the 21st-century Church actually heeded that call? What would the world look like if the Church were truly on the move? Simply put, very different. But these ponderings beg one more critical question: What exactly should the Church be moving toward?

Walking with Jesus-A Way forward for the Church

In *Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church*, Pope Francis' own words lead us to the answer. Francis urges us to make Jesus central in our individual lives and in the collective life of the Church - to walk toward him and ultimately to walk with him at all times and in all places.

With a foreword by Archbishop of Chicago Blase J. Cupich, Pope Francis' first major appointment in the United States, *Walking with Jesus* offers the Church a much-needed way forward, past its inner and outer walls, as it fearlessly follows Christ toward the future.

The Way of Perfection

*The Way of Perfection* by Sister Teresa of Ávila was originally written for the sisters of her reformed convent of the Carmelite Order but this work has since become classic text in Christian spirituality and mysticism, especially in the realm of prayer. St. Teresa set out to teach how to progress through prayer and Christian meditation. The first 18 of the 42 chapters discuss the rationale of being a nun, the rest deal with purpose and approaches to spiritual life. Herein she describes ways of attaining spiritual perfection through prayer and its four stages, as in meditation, quiet, repose of soul and finally perfect union with God, which she equates with rapture. Written in a direct and accessible style.

What would Jesus Do

Reverend Charles M. Sheldon first asked "What would Jesus Do?" in an 1896 novel entitled *In His Steps*. Sheldon was an advocate for the Social Gospel, which sought to situate Jesus in his own culture and insisted that his life and teachings should guide the way Christians live their own lives in a very different culture.

What Would Jesus Do?

Updated characters--a TV station executive, airport manager and single mother, to name a few--bring new energy and an unusual twist to this classic story. Unexpectedly confronted with the needs of one of their own church members, a congregation honestly faces the question, "What would Jesus do?"

Discover grace as you've never known it before: the most powerful force in the universe and our only hope for love and forgiveness.

Grace is the church's great distinctive. It's the one thing the world cannot duplicate, and the one thing it craves above all else--for only grace can bring hope and transformation to a jaded world.

In *What's So Amazing About Grace?* award-winning author Philip Yancey explores grace at street level. If grace is God's love for the undeserving, he asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more of cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?

Yancey sets grace in the midst of life's stark images, tests its mettle against horrific "ungrace":

What's So Amazing about Grace?

Can grace survive in the midst of such atrocities as the Nazi holocaust?

Can it triumph over the brutality of the Ku Klux Klan?

Should any grace at all be shown to the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, who killed and cannibalized seventeen young men?

Grace does not excuse sin, says Yancey, but it treasures the sinner. True grace is shocking, scandalous. It shakes our conventions with its insistence on getting close to sinners and touching them with mercy and hope. It forgives the unfaithful spouse, the racist, the child abuser. It loves today's AIDS-ridden addict as much as the tax collector of Jesus's day.

In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. He searches for its presence in his own life and in the church. He asks, How can Christians contend graciously with moral issues that threaten all they hold dear?

And he challenges us to become living answers to a world that desperately wants to know, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*

In his first book for *Our Sunday Visitor*, noted Catholic apologist Patrick Madrid helps you:

-- Be absolutely certain your interpretation of Scripture is accurate

-- Discover how the simple sentence "I never said you stole money" can be the key to understanding the entire Bible

-- Answer any questions a non-Catholic might throw at you

-- Learn exactly what the Bible teaches about the Pope, priestly celibacy, homosexuality, abortion, salvation, and other hot topics

-- Obtain a working knowledge of Scripture so you can feel comfortable talking with

Where is that in the Bible?

Fundamentalists and Evangelicals

-- Allow the life-giving truth and power of Scripture to transform your life

-- Become an effective spokesman for the truth of Catholic teaching

With comprehensive Scripture references, quotes from the great teachers of the Faith, tips on how to deflate even the most vehement arguments, as well as a list of verses typically used against Catholics with effective counterarguments, *Where Is That in the Bible?* is a great book of Scripture-based apologetics.

Mother Teresa's relationship with God and her commitment to those she served—the poorest of the poor—is here powerfully explored in her own words. Taken largely from her private lessons to her sisters, published here for the first time, *Where There is Love, There is God* unveils her extraordinary faith in and surrender to God's will. This book is in some way a sequel to *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, in which her own very private spiritual struggles were explained. Sent to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, she assumed their struggles and pain in the depths of her heart. This led to particularly intense anguish which she lived through with heroic courage and fidelity over several decades. As important as this aspect of her life is, that remarkable testimony of her life and her words intensifies the need and desire to know more of her thought. There is much she can teach us as we face our daily struggles or sufferings, which can at times be unusually severe. *Where There is Love, There is God*, though not an exhaustive anthology of Mother Teresa's teaching, nonetheless shows what she believed and taught about important issues that confront all people. Due to her constant interaction with people of diverse backgrounds, no life situation was foreign to her and in this book her role is primarily one of teacher and guide.

*Where There is Love, There is God* Love is perhaps the word that best summarizes Mother Teresa's life and message. The title reflects what she proclaimed during her entire life: God is alive, present, and "still loves the world through you and through me". Mother Teresa sought to be an extension of God's heart and hands in the world of today. She was called to be a missionary of charity, a carrier of God's love to each person she met, especially those most in need. Yet she did not think that this was a vocation uniquely hers; each person is in some way called to be a carrier of God's love. Through the practical and timely advice she offers, Mother Teresa sets us on the path to closer union with God and greater love for our brothers and sisters.

MOTHER TERESA (1910–1997) was born in Skopje (present-day Macedonia), 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 and was beatified in 2003. Editor of *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, FATHER BRIAN KOLODIEJCHUK, M.C., Ph.D., was associated with Mother Teresa for twenty years and is now director of the Mother Teresa Center, which has offices in California, Mexico, India, and Italy.

"What you are doing I cannot do, what I'm doing you cannot do, but together we are doing something beautiful for God, and this is the greatness of God's love for us—To give us the opportunity to become holy through the works of love that we do because holiness is not the luxury of the few. It is a very simple duty for you, for me, you in your position, in your work and I and others, each one of us in the work, in the life that we Hatred, murder, terrorism, and war spring from the sins of men. But why does God let innocent children suffer from the effects of these evils? Why does He let earthquakes devastate cities, despair drive souls to suicide, and cancer kill humans and animals?

You and I would prevent these evils if we could. Why doesn't God?

If He's good -- as our Faith claims -- why doesn't He stay the hand of those about to do evil? Why doesn't He keep little ones from violence and death? Indeed, how could He have allowed evil to enter the universe in the first place?

In these pages, Benedictine author Dom Bruno Webb brings you face-to-face with evil. Without fudging or flinching, he answers these hard questions and more. In this slim volume, he gives the most convincing explanation of the mystery of evil that's available today.

Why Does God Permit Evil

You'll finally come to understand the source of the appalling violence and savagery that lies close to the heart of nature; you'll discover why the insensate Earth and its inhabitants all groan in pain; you'll see why, even before they were conceived, Adam's offspring fell with him, and why God stood by, permitting all this to happen.

Was God helpless? Indifferent? Outgunned?

In these wise pages, Dom Bruno Webb shows that evil never defeats God.

On the contrary, He uses suffering to destroy the very sin which gives birth to evil. Here you'll come to understand why, despite the evil that wracks the Earth and all the beings on it, God nonetheless assured Dame Julian of Norwich that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

Why I Love being Catholic

As Matthew Kelly reflected on his twenty-five years of speaking and writing, he realized that his biggest inspiration continues to come from the many faithful individuals who support the mission of Dynamic Catholic. He decided to send an email to all of these Ambassadors, asking for their answers to three questions:

Fulton Sheen was one of the greatest communicators to ever live. He is famous for reminding millions of television viewers each week that, "Life is worth living!" and was literally the face of Catholicism in the United States for forty years.

In this beautiful collection of inspiring quotes from Sheen's life and works, we are given a unique glimpse into the heart, mind, and soul of this incredible man. With each turn of the page, it is easy to see why his inspiring and practical messages inspired so many during his lifetime and continue to inspire so many people today.

#### The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen is a powerful collection of writings that will encourage you to think differently about who you are, how your life is unfolding, what God is calling you to next, and what priorities will lead you to the peace and purpose you desire.

Sooner or later we all rise or fall to the level of our friendships. Invite Fulton Sheen deep into your life, make him one of your trusted friends, and he will elevate many aspects of your life.

These thought-provoking teachings from respected Native American leaders and thinkers provide a connection with the land, the environment, and the simple beauties of life. This collection of writings from revered Native Americans offers timeless, meaningful lessons on living and learning.

#### The Wisdom of Native Americans

Distilling the best of Native American wisdom, these short quotes are accompanied by the writings of Ohiyesa, one of the great interpreters of Native American thought, as well as the three great speeches of Chiefs Joseph, Seattle and Red jacket. This description may be from another edition of this product.

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of The Roman Missal, Lamberts investigates the history of the text and the principles it embodied. How did it encourage a more active participation of the laity in the liturgy as set forth in the Second Vatican Council? How has it fallen short, and how can its potential be more fully realized? 192 pages, softcover. Liturgical Press.

#### With One Spirit

Over the years much ink has been spilled over the interpretation of the term *participatio actuosa*. This book looks at the term critically within the context of Vatican II, most especially the Constitution on the Divine Liturgy. Prescinding from the stated aim of the Council that all the baptized have the right and duty to participate fully, consciously and actively in the liturgy, the author moves to the central point that the liturgy is an ecclesial event—a matter for the entire Church. The second part of the book gives good practical examples how this is achieved in the Eucharistic liturgy according to the Roman Missal. He reminds the reader that full, conscious and active participation is still one of the primary and enduring goals of the reformed liturgy envisaged by Vatican II.

Full, active and conscious participation in the liturgy has long been the validating criteria of the reformed liturgy. Lambert's use of this lens to explore what the Church has done and what it has not done since the revision of the Roman Missal is a valuable pastoral tool for parish liturgists to review and re-envision their celebration of the liturgy. This book should be on the agenda of every liturgical minister.

Through the centuries, Our Blessed Lady has appeared frequently on earth with messages of warning, hope, and consolation for humanity--but never more frequently than in the last two centuries. Heralded as the Marian Age, the past two hundred years have been blessed with numerous appearances of Our Lady, each one offering messages of inspiration and hope and urging the world to return to the love of God through prayer, penance, and reparation for sins.

#### A Woman Clothed with the Sun

A Woman Clothed with the Sun considers the seven most significant apparitions of Our Lady in the past two centuries: that of the Miraculous Medal at Paris, those at La Salette, Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, Beauraing, Banneux--and also the sixteenth-century appearance of Mary at Guadalupe with its profound message for Americans. The historical background of each apparition is given, the vision itself described, and Mary's messages are quoted by writers distinguished for their special knowledge of the apparitions and their literary excellence. In his introductory chapter, editor John J. Delaney traces the relationships between the apparitions and provides a penetrating analysis of their significance.

Recipient of the Marian Library Medal, A Woman Clothed with the Sun has been critically acclaimed as the one book on Our Lady that should be read by everyone.

#### Wondrous Encounters

One of today's most prophetic voices, Richard Rohr invites us to self-disclosure and to enter the wondrous divine dialogue with clarity, insight and holy desire! These daily meditations for Lent are his gift to us for our transformation into our original "image and likeness," which is the very image of God.

One of the most influential movements in the Church today is centered on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body (TOB), of whose teachings Christopher West is the preeminent translator for a popular audience. In Word Made Flesh: A Companion to the Sunday Readings (Cycle C), West offers reflections on an entire cycle of Sunday Mass readings through the lens of TOB, providing a fresh way to process and act on the Good News by orienting our desires for union with God with our understanding of ourselves and our relationships with others.

St. John Paul II's TOB is most often framed as an extended catechesis on human sexuality and married love. It is that, to be sure, but, as John Paul II observed, what we learn in the TOB "concerns the whole Bible" and the "whole mission of Christ." Wearing John Paul II's "spousal lenses," West takes us on a tour of the Sunday readings throughout the liturgical year and opens their hidden meaning, allowing God's word to take flesh in our own lives.

#### Word Made Flesh

In a clearly written introduction, West provides a primer on TOB—an overview of its main teachings and an explanation of how these teachings brilliantly illuminate the whole story of salvation from Genesis to Revelation.

In Word Made Flesh, West offers distinctive reflections on all fifty-two Sunday readings from the first Sunday of Advent through Christ the King Sunday. Some weeks he focuses primarily on the Gospel, while in others he emphasizes a specific passage or verse from one of the other readings. The reflections naturally and deeply connect with the human experience of living with body and soul in the world while also contemplating the nature of the glorified body in the eternal kingdom to come.

The material in Word Made Flesh can be used as a weekly devotional or as a preparation for Sunday Mass. Subsequent editions of Word Made Flesh will be released prior to the start of liturgical cycles A (Advent 2019) and B (Advent 2020).