Coming Home to the Catholic Church

When They Come Home: Ways to Welcome Returning Catholics Rigney, Melanie and Lanave, Anna M., Twenty-Third Publications, 2009. Invites parish leaders and adult faith formation and religious education ministers to reach out to the inactive Catholics in their midst. This “reaching out” means sharing their gifts and talents with those who have drifted away and are now searching for renewed faith and involvement. It also involves helping returning Catholics to recognize how their own gifts and talents can build up and “complete” the parish.

Reasons to Believe: How to Understand, Explain, and Defend the Catholic Faith Hahn, Scott, The Doubleday Religious Publishing Group, 2007. This book unravels mysteries, corrects misunderstandings, and offers thoughtful, straightforward responses to common objections about the Catholic faith. In this book, he explains the “how and why” of the Catholic faith—drawing from Scripture, his own struggles and those of other converts, as well as from everyday life and even natural science.


An Invitation with No Strings Attached Liguori Publications, 2002. There are 17,000,000 non-practicing Catholics, and almost every Catholic has a friend or family member who has left the Church. This video is for people who would like to invite those friends and family members back to the Church. Many of these inactive Catholics often feel that something is missing from their life. This brief, but powerful video is an invitation to come back home to the family of faith.

The Library Media Center has several resources that are listed on the CatholicsComeHome website. All materials listed are available for checkout and can be mailed directly to you!
New Resources Available

**Under the Same Moon** (DVD, 110 min.) 20th Century Fox, 2008. Touching story of a 9-year-old Mexican boy who, following the death of his grandmother and temporary guardian, pays two American siblings to smuggle him across the border so that he can reunite with his mother, working in the United States illegally to improve his future. Along the way he forms an unlikely friendship with a tough, go-it-alone farm laborer. Movingly dramatizes a real-life plight affecting millions of children. In Spanish.

**Franz Jägerstätter: A Man of Conscience** (DVD, 24 min.) Maryknoll Productions, 2009. Voice actors: Martin Sheen, Bahar Schmidt. Franz Jägerstätter, a farmer and father of four, went into military training but refused to fight in Hitler's army, knowing that he would face execution. But Franz felt his faith and conscience compelled him to follow the teachings of God and not the decrees of the Third Reich. In 2007, the Vatican declared Franz a true martyr, officially placing him in the process of sainthood.

**Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups of Tea** (Book) Mortenson, Greg, Dial Books for Young Readers, 2009. A children's book that tells the story of Dr. Greg Mortenson's promise to build a school in a remote Himalayan village after the villagers saved his life. Illuminates the humanity and culture of a relevant and distant part of the world, while sharing a riveting example of how one person can change thousands of lives.

**The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus: Introducing S3 Leadership: Servant, Steward, Shepherd** (Book) Phelps, Owen, Our Sunday Visitor, 2009. Workbook and Leaders Guide also available. Discover the power of Christ's personal and practical example, and make a measurable difference in the lives of those around you - at home, at work, in the community, or in your parish. Transform your leadership style in light of Jesus' compelling combination of servant, steward, and shepherd.

**The Catholic Faith & Family Bible** (Book) Harper Catholic Bibles, 2009. Developed so families could read, understand, and apply Scripture to their daily lives and grow in faith together. This bible is formatted with a quick snapshot of the main theme and summary of each book, highlighting the major stories or people and lessons for today. Outline- This breaks down the book content by chapters, identifying major themes, events, and people. Background- This offers interesting facts about the author, the date the book was written, the audience, and the literary style. Overview- This section expands on the quick snapshot, providing a cultural and historical context, while walking you through each major theme in the book. For the Family/Parental Note- Highlights themes for the family or helpful tips for parents on sharing the Word of God with children.

**The Mass is Never Ended: Rediscovering our Mission to Transform the World** (Book) Pierce, Gregory F., Ave Maria Press, 2007. A mission worthy of our lives -- The mass as a sending forth. Renews appreciation for the beauty and wisdom of the Mass for Catholics everywhere. Examining the Mass through the lens of the dismissal, the author reveals how our Christian mission has not changed since Jesus gave it to the original disciples and that our daily work aims toward building the kingdom of God.

**Haiti Earthquake Relief and Information**
Resources for classrooms, catechesis, prayer and general knowledge can be found at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or through the Missions Office: [www.seattlearch.org/missions](http://www.seattlearch.org/missions). Parishioners and students in this archdiocese have responded generously in prayer and financial offerings.

**Chrism Day**
March 25th at St. Edward Church
Gathering at 1:00 pm.
Presentation from 1:30 - 4:30 pm
The Chrism Mass: St. James Cathedral at 7:00 pm.
Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz