

Small Group Faith Sharing Selections
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CATECHISM

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults/Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism (Book, 4 part-36 chapters) Here is an inviting way to access the doctrinal and spiritual riches of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, building your knowledge and your faith. Each chapter is designed to be used as a study session and includes: prayers, Scripture reading, a summary of the catechetical theme, its application in today's culture, citations of relevant passages from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Compendium of the Catholic Church, questions for reflection, and suggestions for further reading.

Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church/YOUCAT Study Guide (Book 4 part-35 topics) Developed with the help of young Catholics and written for high-school age people and young adults, YOUCAT is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith. The appealing graphic format includes Questions-and-Answers, highly-readable commentary, summary definitions of key terms, Bible citations and inspiring and thought-provoking quotes from Saints and others in the margins. What's more, YOUCAT is keyed to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so people can go deeper. It explains: What Catholics believe and why (doctrine). How Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments). How Catholics are to live (moral life). How they should pray (prayer and spirituality).

Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church-Pillar I: The Creed Ascension Press (DVD, 12 sessions) This Creed is a study that guides participants through the first of the four Pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pillar I: The Creed provides the foundation needed to begin the four-part journey through the complete Pillars series. The Creed opens up the structure of the Catechism and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for their journey of faith. For group or private study.

Catholicism: Adult Formation Program (DVD, 10 sessions) Fr. Robert Barron created this groundbreaking program as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formational program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.
<http://www.catholicismseries.com/>

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (Book 3 parts-12 chapters) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. A unique, unprecedented document in the history of the Church, serves as a tool to inspire and guide the faithful, who are faced with moral and pastoral challenges daily. It is divided into five sections: an introduction, three parts, and a conclusion entitled "For a Civilization of Love." The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church is a must-have resource for leaders of social ministry at the diocesan and parish level as well as those in religious education, schools, and youth and young adult ministry.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching (Book/DVD, 3 sessions) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Essential prayers, lesson plans, small group sessions, and source material to help teenagers and senior citizens, college students and RCIA candidates, pastors and parish councils, and Catholic school children and families learn and live the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. Use sessions from this resource with the USCCB video, *In the Footsteps of Jesus* for a complete parish program.

Ending Poverty in the Community (EPIC): A Toolkit for Young Advocates (Teens) is designed for use by youth ministry leaders, Catholic high school teachers and religious educators. Six downloadable lesson plans and a resource appendix engage young people in learning, reflection and action on poverty in the U.S. Available at [Catholic Campaign for Human Development](#), with local resources from the Missions Office.

***JustFaith Programs* www.justfaith.org**

JustFaith (24 total sessions-4 phases/6 sessions each) A small group program that develops leaders for parish and community based social ministry.

Engaging Spirituality (21 sessions-9 themes) A small group spiritual Journey that explores the connection between prayerful presence and social action.

JustMatters (12 modules-6 to 8 sessions each) A series of topical modules that allow small groups to give sustained attention to a specific area of social concern or social ministry, culminating in a call to social action.

JusticeWalking (High School-12 sessions/Young Adult-7 sessions) A small group process that forms communities of older teens or young adults who experiment with living the Gospel message.

Good News People: Bringing Hope in Hard Times (DVD, 14 sessions) A parish wide faith formation program that builds communities of faith, hope and love in action, answering the call to new evangelization. Uses a dynamic process engaging sacred scripture, the catechism of the Catholic Church, readings and reflections, and Church teaching. Information at <http://goodnewspeople-jfm.org>. Archdiocese of Seattle assistance available to parishes.

SCRIPTURE

Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses (Book/DVD, 3 Sessions) Feiler, Bruce S. One part adventure story, one part archaeological detective work, one part spiritual exploration, "Walking the Bible" vividly recounts an inspiring personal odyssey--by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel--through the greatest stories ever told. Feiler explores how geography affects the larger narrative of the Bible and how much these places have affected his own faith.

The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible (DVD, 8 sessions) The Catholic Church gave us the Bible. It is the story of our family, told by the loving God who created us. We hear the Bible read at Mass, but often we wonder how those readings fit together. The Great Adventure helps you make the connection. It is a Catholic Bible study because it shows how the story that runs through Scripture is the story that grounds the Catholic faith. The Great Adventure helps you live your life in that story today.

Women in the New Testament (Book/DVD, 7 sessions) Little Rock Scripture Study. Provides a cultural and religious context for the New Testament by outlining the position of women in the Greco-Roman world; and examines representative New Testament passages in an effort to show how early Christianity attempted to liberate people from oppression.

Footprints of God Series (DVD, 8 sessions) A documentary film series hosted by popular Catholic author, speaker, and apologist Steve Ray, who takes you on amazing journeys of discovery and adventure to meet the people and see the places of Scripture and Church history. Journey through the lands of the Bible to meet the key figures in salvation history. It is the most original and dynamic DVD series in Catholic Church history! The Footprints Of God: The Story Of Salvation From Abraham To Augustine will take you on a journey of discovery through the sweeping saga of salvation.

GENERAL TOPICS

The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium/The Joy of the Gospel: Group Reading Guide (Book, 6 sessions) The Joy of the Gospel is the 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. The study guide offers a paraphrased summary of every article in Pope Francis' latest groundbreaking document, with reflection and discussion questions for group or individual use.

Forming Intentional Disciples: Path to Know and Follow Jesus/Study Guide (Book, 12 chapters) 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.

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer (DVD, 8 sessions) Ascension Press. In this eight-part DVD series, Fr. Mark Toups guides you through the simple, yet profound steps to an effective and fruitful prayer life. You will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice.

What Makes Us Catholic Series by Thomas Groome (DVD, 9 sessions) Presents nine characteristics of the Catholic faith, based on his book of the same title. His presentation on each topic includes Catholic wisdom for our outlook on life, pathways for reflection and conversation, and suggestions for spiritual practices.

Discovering Christian Classics (Books/DVD, 5 sessions) A study with Jonathan and Lauren that is excellent for any high school or adult formation process. In addition, this Discovering Christian Classics DVD includes a Leader's Guide that enables you to extend the length of the learning, creating a summer-long program, a ten week class, or whatever fits your needs. The Study Guide provides summaries for each session, discussion ideas, and group exercises that are designed to make this resource an essential part of Christian formation teaching and discovery in your congregation.

Living the Eucharist (Three year Lenten program) Paulist Evangelization Ministries. A parish-based renewal experience designed to help parishes foster spiritual growth and discipleship through a more profound experience of Sunday Mass. The program runs during Lent for three years, and encompasses the full scope of parish life and spirituality through practical, concrete activities and resource materials. It helps the entire parish—adults, teens, and families—grow in their faith and live as disciples of Jesus who carry out the Church's mission every day. <http://www.livingtheeucharist.org/>