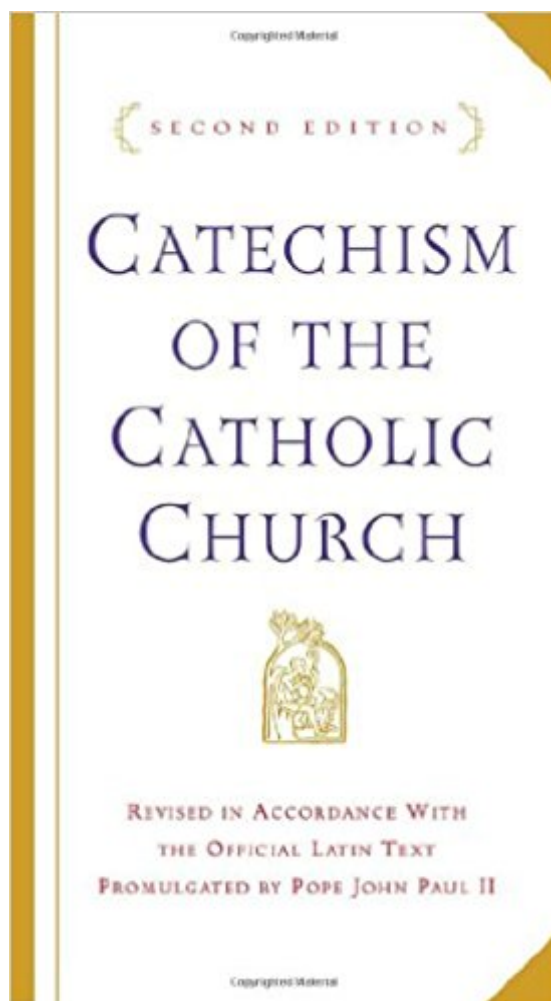


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Synopsis

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is, as Pope John Paul II called it, "a special gift." Here it is - the first new Catechism of the Catholic Church in more than 400 years, a complete summary of what Catholics around the world commonly believe. The Catechism draws on the Bible, the Mass, the Sacraments, Church tradition and teaching, and the lives of saints. It comes with a complete index, footnotes and cross-references for a fuller understanding of every subject. The word catechism means "instruction" - this book will serve as the standard for all future catechisms. Using the tradition of explaining what the Church believes (the Creed), what she celebrates (the Sacraments), what she lives (the Commandments), and what she prays (the Lord's Prayer), the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers challenges for believers and answers for all those interested in learning about the mystery of the Catholic faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a positive, coherent and contemporary map for our spiritual journey toward transformation.

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Catechism of the Catholic Church is the first new edition of the catechism in 400 years. Catechism means "instruction," and this text will remain the standard reference for Catholics for many future generations. It is the authoritative summary of Catholic belief regarding the Church creeds, sacraments, commandments, and prayers. To get some idea of the level of detail with which the Catechism engages Catholic doctrine, consider that 17 pages of explanation accompany the opening words of the Apostle's Creed ("I Believe in God the Father"). The book is exceptionally well organized, with line-by-line explanations of every conceivable aspect of orthodox Catholic belief.

Extensive cross-referencing, indexing, footnotes, and "In Brief" summaries of each section further ease the project of finding the precise answers to any questions a reader might have. Even the layout of information on the page is easy on the eyes, with wide margins for readers who wish to make notes. Furthermore, the back cover features a true rarity in the annals of world literature: a blurb by the Pope. --Michael Joseph Gross --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A sure and certain standard for the teaching of the faith." -- Pope John Paul II. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Sometimes due to hearsay, lack of dialogue or just simply lack of research/study, we either have false assumptions or perhaps no clue at all, what the other Churches believe/understand or practice/teach. I'm not Catholic per say, but do get much illumination from studying literature from various well educated, spiritual theologians/scholars, past or present, from various Christian Churches. I don't self-limit my knowledge/understanding for spiritual growth, by being fed in-the-box thinking/indoctrination at the congregation, (denominational/nondenominational) that I attend. I find very applicable thoughts, illuminating settings/backgrounds, etc. in Catholic literature. Do I agree with or adhere to everything I read/study from other Churches?--No. Do I agree with everything from every prominent figure in the Church I attend?--No. There will always be room for deeper understanding and growth--but then we must be open in mind/intellect, and heart/will--the two parts of the soul. Raniero Cantalamessa's book "Come, Creator Spirit", converted me to a different level. I had read a number of books on Holy Spirit. Cantalamessa is Teacher/Preacher, at the Vatican. Possibly the reason I am giving this Catechism a four, rather than five star is that I am not yet familiar enough with how to use/reference it. I find no difficulty in understanding it.

something every catholic should own and have access to. It answers many questions about our faith.

Great reference book for our bible study group. More information that I had growing up Catholic, good to review and reinforce my faith.

Great resource for knowing what the Roman Catholic Church teaches on Morality.

if you need a Catechism with a hard cover this one does the job well

The only drawback to this book is its size. It's about the size of a regular paperback book but much thicker with large writing which makes it difficult to use. I would prefer it to be a bit larger so it's easier to use. Since it's so small it's hard to hold it open when studying. I've been trying to find a Catechism in a larger size but they're few and far between.

When first reading this I realized how important education in the format of the Catholic Church is to be strong and rooted in the Mother Church. Faith can unfortunately wane when pressed with so much hostility towards the Church on the outside world. If you know both sides especially the pros then you can stay rooted in your faith when the Mother Church is bombarded with scandals. The Compendium and the Catechism were shipped together and came on time. Both were in perfect shape. I have to say that if you want to understand and not feel overburdened with dogma you are not familiar with get the Compendium. Without it I would have shelved the book. This is a must half in this Year of Faith.

Great book. Handy to have it in ebook format. Easy to access.

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