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Becket Wants To Be A Priest

BK 200028 EC, P 24 pp.
Regitz, Stephanie © 2020 Paulist Press

Becket Wants to Be a Priest follows an ordinary little boy, Becket, as he thinks about being a priest when he grows up. This book shows how the grown-ups in his life support and foster these desires within him. Children are asked to find a feather hidden in the pictures as a reminder that the Holy Spirit guides Becket throughout his days.

Catholic And Curious: Your Questions Answered

BK 234520 YA, A 512 pp.
Pope, Msgr. Charles © 2018 Our Sunday Visitor

This resource tackles five hundred tough questions on just about every subject imaginable. In easily digestible question-and-answer format, this book covers everything from God and the Bible to the liturgy, the sacraments, Catholic moral teaching, Mary, the saints, and life after death, all organized by topic for quick reference. Find straightforward answers as well as a deeper understanding and appreciation of the truths of the Catholic faith.

Catholic Catalogue, The: A Field Guide To The Daily Acts That Make Up A Catholic Life

BK 234546 YA, A 432 pp.
Musick, Melissa © 2016 Image

This field guide is divided into user-friendly sections and covers such topics as the veneration of relics, blessing your house or your child, discovering a vocation, raising teenagers, getting a Catholic tattoo, planting a Mary garden, finding a spiritual director, and exploring your own way in the tradition. This is a book for those who grew up Catholic but are not sure what it means to be Catholic as well as those who joined the Church and are unsure of how to keep track of feast days and name days and maybe even wonder why it matters. Topics include "smells and bells," seasons of the Church year, and church practices common to all the seasons of life from childhood through adulthood.

Catholic Church, The: What Everyone Needs To Know

BK 234526 YA, A 313 pp.
Allen, Jr., John L. © 2014 Oxford University Press

In this book you will find authoritative and accessible answers to disputes and questions about the past, present, and future of the Church. It is intended for both those who passionately share the Church's worldview and those who equally strongly reject it. It makes no effort to hide very real problems facing the Church while avoiding the insistence that those problems are the whole story. Questions and answers are grouped by topics including Catholic Church 101; Historical Highlights and Lowlights; Church outside "the Church"; Life of the Mind; Worship; Angels, Demons, and Saints; Faith and Politics; Catholicism and Sex; Catholicism and Money; Crisis and Scandal; Rome and America; New Frontiers; and Pope Francis.

Catholic Name-it! Master List

BK 201609.1 P, I 6 pp.
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The *Catholic Name-it!* game includes fifty-seven Catholic symbols and objects that are significant in the Catholic Church. This **Catholic Name-it! Master List** includes images of the symbols and brief definitions for each of them. (Also available: Catholic Name-it game: GM #04214.)

Catholic Update Guide To The Catholic Church

BK 234542 YA, A 64 pp.
Kendzia, Mary Carol © 2014 Franciscan Media

What does it mean to be a member of the Catholic Church? In this overview, you will discover how the Church was founded, how it has grown over the two thousand years since the life and death of Christ. The basic teachings of the Church are presented and explained as the foundation for what it means to be a Catholic today. It looks at the institution the living entity, the history, the structure of the Church, and your own place in it.

Consecration To St. Joseph: The Wonders Of Our Spiritual Father

BK 242679 A 321 pp.
Calloway, Rev. Donald © 2020 Marian Press

<https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/>

This guide offers twenty to thirty minutes of prayer, reading, and reflection for thirty-three days as preparation to consecration to St. Joseph. The first part of the preparation reflects on the Litany of St. Joseph, highlighting many of his titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The second part offers short readings that are used throughout the preparation, but which also serve as an introduction to St. Joseph for those who wish to know this saint better but do not wish to make the consecration. The third part offers prayers to St. Joseph that can be used before and after the consecration. Also included are instructions for using the book with a group that meets weekly.

Created To Be A Champion

BK 248824 YA, A 148 pp.
Vadia, Maria © 2020 Queenship Publishing Company

Discover, step by step, how every disciple of Christ can live as a Champion of God on earth. This book reminds you that you have a great destiny in Christ and are totally equipped and anointed to carry on the works of Jesus because he has delivered you from the power of darkness. Learn to identify evil strongholds, demonic forces, lies and curses of the day and to open scripture and prayer to utilize the spiritual weapons afforded to us through Jesus.

Go To Joseph

BK 270602 A 131 pp.
McGrath, Michael O'Neill © 2013 World Library Publications

Through various essays, prayers, and images, this book focuses on how Joseph, a holy and silent working man, became a patron saint of the universal Church. Illustrations of St. Joseph are the starting point for sixteen authors who explore different aspects of St. Joseph's life as husband, father, craftsman, traveler, guide, and more.

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God Made You Nose To Toes

BK 200018 EC, P 18 pp.
Parrott, Leslie © 2002 Zonderkidz / Zondervan Publishing House

This rhyming board book helps little ones understand that God created each part of their bodies so they can enjoy life and everything in it. Children can follow along with Toucan, with his great big nose, as he helps them learn that God loves each one of them completely.

Heavenly Hosts: Eucharist Miracles For Children

BK 200034 I, J, S, YA, A 78 pp.
Swegart, OFS., Kathryn Griffin © 2018 CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform

This book is a treasury of stories based on Eucharistic miracles recorded in Church history. From the miracle of Skete, Egypt in the third century to the miracle of Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1994, these stories will inspire young and old alike.

In Heaven We'll Meet Again: The Saints And Scripture On Our Heavenly Reunion

BK 234536 YA, A 129 pp.
Blot, SJ, Francois René © 2016 Sophia Institute Press

In wise and consoling letters written to a mother sorrowing over the death of her child, Rev. Francois René Blott summons the Church's greatest saints who testify with one voice that death's wound, though grievous, separates us but a short while from those who have died before us. Rev. Blot offers reasons to be joyful even in the midst of sorrow: not only will we be reunited with our loved ones in heaven, but we can also look forward to our friendships being perfect, free of all selfishness and regrets. We are reminded that in heaven we will know and love souls never met on earth, our guardian angel, and the choirs of angels. Let the saints' testimonies assuage your grief, renew your hope, increase your gratitude for the sacrifice of Christ whose death opened heaven and made these heavenly reunions possible.

Inspired: The Powerful Presence Of The Holy Spirit

BK 234543 YA, A 144 pp.
Caster, Rev. Gary © 2015 Servant Books

While the Holy Spirit has been the focal point of the Charismatic Renewal movement since the 1960s, for many Christians the Third Person of the Trinity is an impenetrable mystery. Drawing from Scripture and the Church's teaching, this book explains the role of the Holy Spirit and shows how the Spirit's action brings God's power and perspective to every area of life. It shows you how to experience for yourself the life-giving inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Into All Truth: What Catholics Believe And Why

BK 234511 A 314 pp.
Walsh, Milton © 2013 Ignatius Press

<https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/into-all-truth/>

With extensive use of the Bible, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the documents of the Second Vatican Council, this book explains the dogmas of the Catholic Church that flow from her faith in the Trinity. Each dogma is traced back to the faith of the first followers of Jesus, and its development over time is explored. Each chapter also outlines the implications of a given belief. Study Guide available for download: <https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/into-all-truth/>

Joseph: The Man Who Raised Jesus

BK 270601 A 130 pp.
Caster, Rev. Gary © 2013 Servant Books

Focusing on the virtues of Joseph including his patience, faith, purity, and courage, this book explores what the Bible tells us about this great saint. By including wisdom from the history of the Church and the communion of saints, this book paints a vivid portrait that will help you understand, appreciate, and grow closer to Joseph.

My First Interactive Mass Book

BK 200035 EC, P 21 pp.
Sharpe, Jennifer © 2020 Ascension Press

Engage children in the Mass and inspire them to love the Holy Eucharist with this inviting, interactive sturdy board book. Beautiful artwork and hands-on activities like wheels, flaps, and tracing invite children into the beauty of the liturgy. Explanation and prayers of the Mass provide a deeper understanding of the mystery of God's love.

One-Minute Aquinas, The: Doctor's Quick Answers To Fundamental Questions

BK 234519 YA, A 304 pp.
Vost, PSY.D., Kevin © 2014 Sophia Institute Press

This fast-paced book provides busy readers with simple, readable explanations of the truths found in the works of St. Thomas Aquinas. You will find small, digestible portions of St. Thomas' life-giving wisdom that you can enjoy one minute at a time. Tables and graphics will help you grasp and remember the key ideas with a minimum of time and effort. **The One-Minute Aquinas** offers sure refutations of the relativistic, secular, and pseudoscientific ideas that influence culture today.

Other Side, The

BK 234539 YA, A 169 pp.
Brown, Michael H. © 2008 Spirit Daily Publishing

This book contains incredibly consistent testimony from dozens who allegedly have seen Heaven hell, and purgatory. **The Other Side** uses these testimonies and the author's Catholic faith to answer questions such as What happens when we die? What is prepared for you? What will your life look like to the Lord when He evaluates it? What is the key to a good "judgment" and to a special place in the hereafter? Is it true we see deceased relatives? Are there levels of Heaven? What do people do there?

Pressing On In The Spirit

BK 248823 YA, A 116 pp.
Vadia, Maria © 2004 Queenship Publishing Company

This book will help you find the keys you need to a more fruitful life in Christ. Scripturally based, it helps you bring the scriptures alive in your life and press on in the Spirit.

Priest Answers Twenty-Seven Questions You Never Thought To Ask, A

BK 234534 YA, A 128 pp.
Kerper, Rev. Michael © 2016 Sophia Institute Press

With wit and enthusiasm, Rev. Michael Kerper tackles over two dozen questions that most of us have asked, but have rarely taken the time to answer. Relying on Scripture, tradition, the *Catechism*, and the writings of the saints, he provides answers to the following and more: Are we required to give to everyone who asks for something? What is God's name? Why can't women be priests? Whatever happened to Limbo? Do ghosts really exist? What is a plenary indulgence? Why are the psalms so violent? Are Guardian Angels real?

Responding To Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook For Catholic Leaders

BK 253102 YA, A 224 pp.
Shoener, Deacon Ed © 2020 Ave Maria Press

This resource takes a holistic approach to understanding suicide and ministering effectively in its aftermath. Mental health care practitioners, Catholic theologians, and pastoral care experts draw on personal experiences to share how best to respond to suicide as leaders in parishes, schools, healthcare systems, and other Church settings. The book provides basic information about the central role of mental health in suicide, clarifies Church teaching on suicide, the afterlife, and about funerals and burials for those who have died by suicide.

Scripture In The Parish: A Guide For Catholic Ministry

BK 220402 YA, A 104 pp.
Sperry, Mary Elizabeth © 2013 Liturgical Press

Parish leaders often get questions about God's word. This book is a guide to answering those questions. It is not so much about the bible, but about the ways the bible is used in the life of the Church today. It will help you dispel common myths about the bible, understand how the bible inspires Church teaching, and enable you to interpret Scripture in a fully Catholic way. Each chapter includes a "ministry spotlight" with a specific example of situations often faced in a parish with possible solutions.

Shepherd's Story, The

BK 200037 EC, P, I 32 pp.
Dunne, Jimmy © 2020 Loyola Press

The familiar, beloved rhyme scheme of *A Visit from St. Nick* ('Twas the night before Christmas) is given fresh perspective when paired with the experience of a shepherd boy on the first Christmas night.

St. Joseph And His World

BK 270603 A 14 pp.
Aquilina, Mike © 2020 Scepter Publishers, Inc.

This book offers vistas of St. Joseph's world. You will learn about Nazareth and how it was created almost *ex nihilo* shortly before Joseph's birth. You will learn about religious practice and education in that place and time. You will travel to Egypt and encounter the fascinating settlements of Jews in that land. You will also find out how a carpenter worked in those days: what tools he used, what items he crafted, where he got his training, and how he got to and from his job sites.

This Is Our Faith: An Introduction To Catholicism

BK 234538 YA, A 224 pp.
Rausch, SJ, Thomas P. © 2014 Paulist Press

Divided into four parts, this book outlines the Catholic faith. Based around the Apostles' Creed, the first three parts focus on the belief in the one God, in Jesus, God's only Son, and in the Holy Spirit; and they reflect on this belief in light of the Scriptures and Catholic teaching. The final part of the book focuses on how Catholicism has developed through the Second Vatican Council and the vision of subsequent popes. It concludes with a chapter on the current global situation.

This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey With St. Elizabeth Of The Trinity

BK 248825 YA, A 240 pp.
Dwyer, Claire © 2020 Sophia Institute Press

Decades before Vatican II called for the sanctification of the laity, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity prophetically claimed that holiness is not exclusively the domain of priests and nuns but is truly for everyone. This book takes you on a spiritual journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, showing you how to overcome aridity in prayer and discovering ways to bring peace to familial relationships. You will learn how to identify and fulfill the specific mission God has for you and how to draw courage and meaning from the inevitable sufferings you will face. You will learn how to encounter and live in union with God, which opens up a sanctuary of peace within your soul. Thirty-eight short chapters end with questions for reflection.

Very Noisy Stable, A

BK 200036 EC 28 pp.
Godfrey, Jan © 2020 Ascension Press

This is the story of God, some very noisy animals in a very ordinary stable in a little place called Bethlehem, and a very extraordinary baby whose name was Jesus. Children will love the animal sounds repeated throughout the story, and all will love the moment, if only a moment, of peace and quiet that Jesus brings to the night.

Waking Up Catholic: A Guide To Catholic Beliefs For Converts, Reverts, And Anyone Becoming Catholic

BK 234513 YA, A 156 pp.
Torgerson, Chad R. © 2013 Assisi Media

This book offers clarity for beginners wanting to understand the concepts within Catholicism that can be hard to grasp. It uses simple, easy-to-understand language to focus on the basic, central concepts of the Catholic church. After exploring misunderstandings of the church teachings, the author builds up a foundational understanding and then offers help for absorbing that information in order to begin living it.

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What Would YOU Do...? Forty-six Situations For Making Good Choices

BK 200031 P 96 pp.
Moore-Mallinos, Jennifer © 2019 Loyola Press

Each of the forty-six real-life situations in this book help children practice knowing right from wrong and making good choices. Each situation offers a question, a right choice and a wrong choice from which to choose, an explanation of the right choice, and a summary statement.

Your Confirmation Bible Companion: What Scripture As "God's Love Song" Means For You

BK 269893 S 96 pp.
Dowd, Kevin © 2020 Twenty-Third Publications

Get excited about reading the bible with this book that explains how the Church reads and interprets Scripture. The author describes the Bible as being like a love letter, but more lyrical like a love song. The three parts explain the meaning of the love song, ways to sing the love song back to God, and major themes of our love song including creation, redemption, repentance and conversion, freedom and covenant, justice and peace, and mission and mercy. Each chapter within the three parts includes information on the topic, prompts for praying with Scripture, reflection questions that relate to your own experiences, and space for journaling. This book can help you discover how the sacrament of Confirmation gives us the grace to understand and live the word of God better.

Yours Is The Church: How Catholicism Shapes Our World

BK 234551 YA, A 144 pp.
Aquilina, Mike © 2012 Servant Books

Yours Is the Church celebrates the key role the Catholic Church has played in culture, history, and society, detailing the many ways the Church has transformed our world. While not skirting the issues and failures that have plagued the Church, this book inspires everyday Catholics to recognize the Church's proactive role in courageously preserving spiritual freedom and nourishing culture from its inception through the present day as it details how the Catholic Church is the Church that saved civilization, nurtured modern science, embodies charity, made music great, inspired great literature, made women and children people, celebrates the dignity of every human life, proclaims world peace, and is the future.

Catholic Heroes Of The Faith: The Story Of St. Patrick

DV 31701 P, I, J 30 min.
© 2020 Vision Video

Far from home and at the mercy of the Irish pirates who kidnapped him, young Patrick is forced to spend his days tending sheep and surviving wild animal attacks. That is, until he calls out to the God of his youth. Long days spent aching for home become long days of prayer and soon Patrick is blessed with an awareness of God's presence that he had not known before. After six years as a slave, Patrick hears a Voice urging him to make a daring escape. Once back home, he discerns a calling to become a priest and is eventually appointed bishop, but all this pales when he receives yet another calling of God to take the Gospel to his former kidnappers. Find out why the man known as Saint Patrick is credited with introducing Ireland to Christ.

Quick Catholic Lessons With Fr. Mike - Vol II

DV 31702.1 S, YA, A 105 min.
Schmitz, Rev. Mike © 2020 Ascension Press

This DVD includes fifteen of the Ascension Presents YouTube videos from Fr. Mike Schmitz. Included is a guide with a lesson plan built around each video. The lesson plan includes leader commentary, discussion questions, prayer, outlines of the video, and activity ideas. The fifteen lessons are organized as subcategories under five topics, with three lessons for each topic. Lesson titles are Why God Gave Us Bodies - Can I Get a Tattoo? - Four Essentials for Catholics - What Does God Want Me to Do? - Tips for Praying - Do Catholics Worship Saints? - What You Should Know About Purgatory - Will My Pet Be in Heaven? - I Ain't Afraid of Ghosts! - Confessing the Same Sins Over and Over Again - Why Is Taking the Lord's Name in Vain Wrong? - Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen? - The Church and Immigration - Catholic Teaching on Contraception Explained - Catholics, Alcohol, and Drinking.

Brother Francis: Lent Flash Cards

KA 04759.1 P, I © 2020 Herald Entertainment, Inc

This collection of forty flash cards for Lent will help children understand the rich meaning of the Lenten symbols, events, and season. The front of each card has a Lenten image. The back side includes a brief explanation and a Bible verse related to the specific image.

Catholic Pilgrimage Sites

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<https://catholicpilgrimagesites.wordpress.com/virtual-tours-e-pilgrimages/>

This site gives information and links to Catholic pilgrimage sites around the world and in the United States, allowing you to tour churches, museums, shrines and more from your home or classroom.

Story Tyke

OR 51141 EC, P, I Story Tyke

<https://storytyke.com/>

Although not specifically Christian, this site offers a new original bedtime story every day that is filled with values and perfect for bedtime bonding time. Subscribe for free, and a new bedtime story is delivered to your inbox daily at 6:00 p.m., allowing parents to read though it and tell it as their own to children who love "made-up" bedtime stories. Stories include questions to ask children along the way. Story types include original stories, tradition stories with a twist, and customized stories where parents can insert children's names.

How To Use Jamboard In The Classroom: Twenty-Plus Tips And Ideas

OT 51124 P, I, J, S, YA, A © 2020 Ditch That Textbook

<https://ditchthattextbook.com/jamboard/>

Discover over twenty ways to creatively use Jamboard in the classroom. This online article offers an overview of the Jamboard features and free templates for the creative applications including Sticky Note Brainstorming, Pick One and Vote, Circle and Guess, Pros/Cons Discussion, The Top Ten List, Mad Libs, and more.

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CateQUIZ'em - Volume II

OV 51138 J, S, YA, A 2 min.
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https://safeshare.tv/x/8_D8RVBzw#

This video offers an overview of salvation, comments on our failings to live in accord with all that God has done for us, and reflects on the meaning of family and our participation in the life of the Trinity and in creation.

God Is Dead

OV 51136 YA, A 2 min.
Burns (Fr. Pontifex), Rev. Claude © 2012 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/HBCvF5cQ8HQ#>

Is God real? Can science explain our existence? Fr. Pontifex explains how science and reason are compatible with faith and, in fact, complement each other because both come from the same source: God.

How To Get Out Of Bed In The Morning

OV 51142 S, YA, A 8 min.
Mark-Mary, Rev. © 2021 Ascension Press

<https://safeshare.tv/x/OHtnrIVDmc#>

Can getting out of bed in the morning help us be better disciples of Christ? Rev. Mark-Mary explains how. Rev. Mark-Mary explains the heroic moment, that moment when you wake and choose to get out of bed or hit the snooze. He further explains the mercy moment, a slightly easier task of making your bed as soon as you do get up. You will learn how these simple but difficult choices begin our day with taking control of our wills in order to help us acquire the discipline to follow Christ throughout the day and prepare for the "pineapple problem" and "Tupperware trouble."

Is It Hard For You To Accept Compliments?

OV 51132 YA, A 2 min.
© 2018 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/okwi6trWtTE>

Discover what humility is. Reflect on how to realize your weakness while also acknowledging your gifts and being grateful to God for them.

People Can Be Mean!

OV 51134 YA, A 2 min.
© 2018 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/7AdECsP0tlw#>

Discover how the Holy Spirit can help you when you are angry because someone has been mean.

Sophia's Dyslexia Fight Song

OV 51139 I, J, S, YA, A 3 min.
© 2015 YouTube

<https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5fd3668e8e54c#>

Sophia writes a video letter to her fifth grade teacher to prepare for the coming school year. Sophia has been diagnosed with Dyslexia and shares with her teacher the things she can and cannot do well and some ways that her teacher can help her learn. She also shares the confidence that she is a smart and capable individual who works hard and will do great things with her life.

Suffering, Sacrifice, And Pregnancy

OV 51133 YA, A 2 min.
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<https://safeshare.tv/x/m74jxWb8ocM#>

From the perspective of pregnancy and motherhood, this video reflects on the meaning and value of suffering and offers ideas for handling suffering.

We Are The Clay

OV 51131 YA, A 1 min.
© 2019 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/VcYDgS39y4Y>

This reflection reminds us that God is our Father who loves and designs each of His children with care into a unique and beautiful creation. It inspires respect for both self and others.

Why I Love Religion, And Love Jesus

OV 51137 YA, A 3 min.
Burns (Fr. Pontifex), Rev. Claude © 2012 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5fd428c11645#>

Fr. Pontifex offers assurance that Jesus loves and established religion. He explains why we cannot have Jesus without religion or religion without Jesus.

Yes To You

OV 51135 YA, A 3 min.
Burns (Fr. Pontifex), Rev. Claude © 2012 YouTube / Spirit Juice Studios

<https://safeshare.tv/x/bXq4izbFgAM#>

Fr. Pontifex offers neither silence nor condemnation on the topic of homosexuality, but gospel truth and the assurance that, although the Church says "No" to gay marriage, it also says "Yes" to you.