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Meet Your Mother Dr. Mark Miravalle 1957 Ever wonder why so many people pay so much attention to Mary, the Mother of Jesus? From the

most ancient traditions of Mary in Christianity to the “Hail Mary” pass in American football, the Mother of Jesus has pervaded most world

cultures for the last two thousand years. But could the Mother of Jesus also be your mother? That's the question explored in the exciting new book, *Meet Your Mother*. This easy-read pocket book on Mary covers all the major teachings about the Mother of Jesus, but is particularly written for the person who has little or no background knowledge about her. Authored by Dr. Mark Miravalle, (a professor who has taught and written about Mary for over 25 years), *Meet Your Mother* is the perfect little book to introduce someone to the life and truth about Jesus' Mother, but also to renew a person's existing knowledge and love for the woman believed to have brought Jesus into the world, and who Jesus gave personally to every human being with his dying words, "This is your mother." Here's an excerpt from the Introduction of *Meet Your Mother*: This little book is

about your Mother. I know, you might not see her as that right now, but that's the point of the book—to meet her, if you do not already know her, and if you do already know her, to love her more... Now, please consider reading on, even if you do not consider Jesus to be your best friend, and/or if you don't presently believe Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is your spiritual mother. I would be honored if you would at least give me the chance to try to explain why I believe you do, in fact, have the most beautiful and the most perfect mother in the world – a maternal gift of love and sacrifice from the dying Jesus, personally, to you. If nothing else, you may have a new understanding of why well over 1.5 billion people living today do believe they have the Mother of Jesus as their own spiritual mother as well. And beyond Catholics and Orthodox Christians, there are millions and millions of

other members of our human family, including many Protestant Christians, Muslims, and other world religions who give a special place of honor to the Mother of Jesus.

Catholicism Robert Barron 2014-03 Describes the elements of Catholicism, focusing on the life, incarnation, and teachings of Jesus Christ; the sacraments; worship and prayer; Mary, the Apostles, and the Saints; and grace, salvation, and heaven and hell.

**Catholicism (Enhanced Edition)** Robert Barron 2011-11-01 “What I propose to do in this book is to take you on a guided exploration of the Catholic world, but not in the manner of a docent, for I am not interested in showing you the artifacts of Catholicism as though they were dusty objets d’art in a museum of culture. I want to function rather as a mystagogue, conducting you ever deeper into the mystery of the

incarnation in the hopes that you might be transformed by its power.”  
–Father Robert Barron What is the Catholicism? A 2,000 living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In Catholicism Father Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ’s incarnation, life, and teaching, Father Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism – from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell – using his distinct and dynamic grasp of art, literature, architecture, personal stories, Scripture, theology, philosophy, and history to present the Church to the world. Paired with his documentary film series of the same title, Catholicism is an intimate journey, capturing “The

Catholic Thing” in all its depth and beauty. Eclectic, unique, and inspiring, Father Barron brings the faith to life for a new generation, in a style that is both faithful to timeless truths, while simultaneously speaking in the language of contemporary life. This enhanced eBook includes a video introduction from the author as well as sixteen short videos from Father Barron’s landmark documentary series Catholicism, totaling more than forty minutes of material. Color photos throughout.

**Reasons to Believe** Scott Hahn 2007 A study of the hows and whys of the Catholic faith draws on scriptural passages, personal experience, and everyday life to offer a straightforward, thought-provoking response to common criticisms of Catholicism. 40,000 first printing.

**The Heart of Catholicism** Bert Ghezzi 2014

"Incorporates stories from the author's own life to show how Catholicism is contagious; spreading from person to person because of the things Catholics do that are distinctively Catholic"--

**Vibrant Paradoxes** Robert Barron 2016 G.K.

Chesterton once said that Catholicism keeps its beliefs "side by side like two strong colors, red and white...It has always had a healthy hatred of pink." Catholicism is both/and, not either/or. It celebrates the union of contraries--grace and nature, faith and reason, Scripture and tradition, body and soul--in a way that the full energy of each opposing element remains in place. In *Vibrant Paradoxes*, bestselling author Bishop Robert Barron brings together themes and motifs that many would consider mutually exclusive or, at best, awkward in their juxtaposition. But seen through the Incarnation, these opposites come

together and reflect new light in every direction.

### **Why Stay Catholic?**

Michael Leach 2011-03-15

Why Stay Catholic? is a lively, timely book about the "good stuff" within the Catholic Church today.

### **Mind, Heart, and Soul**

Robert P. George

2018-10-31 In a series of fascinating interviews, a cradle Catholic (Robert P. George) and an adult convert (R. J. Snell), offer the stories of sixteen converts, each a public intellectual or leading voice in their respective fields, and each making a significant contribution to the life of the Church. Mind, Heart, and Soul is a Surprised by Truth for a new generation. It will reinvigorate the faith of Catholics and answer questions or address hurdles those discerning entering the Church may have...by people have had the same questions and the same road. While some of the converts are well-

known, their stories are not. Here they speak for themselves, providing the reasons for belief that prompted these accomplished men and women to embrace the ancient faith. Included are interviews with a bishop, a leading theologian and priest, a member of the International Theological Commission, a former megachurch pastor, a prominent pro-life scholar, professors from Harvard and other universities, as well as journalists and writers, novelists and scholars. Each are interviewed by another leading scholar, many of whom are themselves converts and familiar with the hesitations, anxieties, discoveries, and hopes of those who discover the Faith. These conversion stories remind us that the Catholic Church retains her vitality, able to provide answers and reasons for hope to new generations of believers, always sustained

by the Holy Spirit. It is all too-easy to become discouraged in our day and age, but God never fails to call people to Himself, as evidenced by these remarkable stories.

The Works of Mercy James F. Keenan 2008 What does it mean to be a Catholic? Besides having faith in Jesus Christ and his church, being a Catholic means being inclined to mercy, which is 'the willingness to enter into the chaos of another.' Over the centuries Catholics have defined themselves by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick. This book explores not only the seven corporal works of mercy, but also the seven spiritual works as well. It considers how we invoke mercy throughout the Eucharistic liturgy and how frequently mercy enters into ordinary life, in the way we care for our families, and the way we care for ourselves. Interspersed are three meditations on mercy: on

September 11, on being a priest in light of the scandal in Boston, and a new meditation on the world of HIV/AIDS.

### **Rediscover Catholicism**

Matthew Kelly 2015-03-01

### The Journey to God

Antoninus Wall 1999 This book brings together profound ideas from theology, philosophy, and the writings of the mystics to present the spiritual life in a very readable and understandable way. It is a real contribution to the literature on the spiritual life.--Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.

### **Arguing Religion**

Archbishop Robert Barron 2018-09 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.

[Consuming the Word](#) Scott Hahn 2013 Examines some of Christianity's most basic terms to discover what they meant to the sacred authors, the apostolic preachers, and their first audiences.

### **Catholicism Study Guide**

Carl E. Olson 2015-04-27 This is the Student Study Guide for the CATHOLICISM Series study program.en

**Thomas Aquinas** Robert Barron 2008 Catholic Press Award Winner! An Italian priest of the 13th century,

Aquinas is considered by many Roman Catholics to be the greatest theologian through the ages. He is less known as a deeply inspiring saint and spiritual master. Renowned Catholic theologian, international speaker, and author, Fr. Robert Barron, offers us one of the finest introductions to this hard-to-study, major figure of Western history. A classic for everyone interested in Catholic faith and thought.

### **A Catechism of the Heart**

Benjamin James Brenkert 2020-07-23 At the age of twenty-five, Benjamin James Brenkert—a young man from Long Island, a social work student, and an internet vocation to the priesthood—entered one of the historically boldest, influential, apostolic religious orders of the Roman Catholic Church. Aged thirty-four, and a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in good standing, Brenkert was missioned to the laity by his

last religious superior. Brenkert could not come out publicly as a gay Jesuit and support his LGBTQ peers who were being fired from various church employment and volunteer activities because of whom they loved. Brenkert had never concealed his sexuality from his religious superiors, he knew all too well what was written in the Church's Catechism about homosexuals. Still, he felt uniquely called to respond to God's invitation to serve him in total love as a priest, something confirmed in him in prayer during his thirty-day silent retreat and affirmed to him by his religious superiors and peers throughout his life in the Jesuits. In his Open Letter to Pope Francis in 2014 Brenkert wrote, "Pope Francis . . . I ask you to instruct the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to tell Catholic institutions not to fire any more LGBTQ Catholics. I ask you to speak out against

laws that criminalize and oppress LGBTQ people around the globe. These actions would bring true life to your statement, 'Who am I to judge?'" In 2015, the United States Supreme Court struck down bans on same-sex marriage in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and in 2020, the United States Supreme Court expanded the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Despite these landmark achievements in the public sector, LGBTQ Catholics still cannot receive communion and must always seek reconciliation. Their flourishing as part of their religious community is always frustrated. Brenkert's account of his life before, in, and after the Jesuits is interwoven with trials and tribulations, but remains always full of hope, written candidly and with bracing honesty. Brenkert offers readers the opportunity to join him on a

theological and spiritual pilgrimage, one that ends with readers making a discernment. The world today is full of distraction, misinformation, and timidity, Brenkert's pilgrimage is full of conviction, heartfelt, written with an eagerness to help people of faith and no faith at all find their true selves, all for the greater glory of God.

**The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments**

Scott Weeman  
2017-11-10 Winner of a  
2018 Catholic Press  
Association Award:

Sacraments. (Second Place). In the first book to directly integrate the Twelve Steps with the practice of Catholicism, Scott Weeman, founder and director of Catholic in Recovery, pairs his personal story with compassionate straight talk to show Catholics how to bridge the commonly felt gap between the Higher Power of twelve-step programs and the merciful God that he rediscovered in

the heart of the sacraments. Weeman entered sobriety from alcohol and drugs on October 10, 2011, and he's made it his full-time ministry to help others who struggle with various types of addiction to find spiritual wholeness through Catholic in Recovery, an organization he founded and directs. In *The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments*, Weeman candidly tackles the struggle he and other addicts have with getting to know intimately the unnamed Higher Power of recovery. He shares stories of his compulsion to find a personal relationship with God and how his tentative steps back to the Catholic Church opened new doors of healing and brought him surprising joy as he came to know Christ in the sacraments. Catholics in recovery and those moving toward it, as well as the people who love them will recognize Weeman's story and his spiritual struggle to personally encounter God.

He tells us how: Baptism helps you admit powerlessness over an unmanageable problem, face your desperate need for God, and choose to believe in and submit to God's mercy. Reconciliation affirms and strengthens the hard work of examining your life, admitting wrongs, and making amends. The Eucharist provides ongoing sustenance and draws you to the healing power of Christ. The graces of Confirmation strengthen each person to keep moving forward and to share the good news of recovery and new life in Christ. Weeman's words are boldly challenging and brimming with compassion and through them you will discover inspiration, hope, sage advice, and refreshingly practical help.

**The Truth at the Heart of the Lie** James Carroll

2021-03-23 "Courageous and inspiring."—Karen Armstrong, author of *The Case for God* "James Carroll

takes us to the heart of one of the great crises of our times."—Stephen Greenblatt, author of *The Swerve* An eloquent memoir by a former priest and National Book

Award-winning writer who traces the roots of the Catholic sexual abuse scandal back to the power structure of the Church itself, as he explores his own crisis of faith and journey to renewal NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY James Carroll weaves together the story of his quest to understand his personal beliefs and his relationship to the Catholic Church with the history of the Church itself. From his first awakening of faith as a boy to his gradual disillusionment as a Catholic, Carroll offers a razor-sharp examination both of himself and of how the Church became an institution that places power and dominance over

people through an all-male clergy. Carroll argues that a male-supremacist clericalism is both the root cause and the ongoing enabler of the sexual abuse crisis. The power structure of clericalism poses an existential threat to the Church and compromises the ability of even a progressive pope like Pope Francis to advance change in an institution accountable only to itself. Carroll traces this dilemma back to the Roman Empire and the Middle Ages, when Scripture, Jesus Christ, and His teachings were reinterpreted as the Church became an empire. In a deeply personal re-examination of self, Carroll grapples with his own feelings of being chosen, his experiences as a priest, and the moments of doubt that made him leave the priesthood and embark on a long personal journey toward renewal—including his tenure as an op-ed columnist at The Boston

Globe writing about sexual abuse in the Church. Ultimately, Carroll calls on the Church and all reform-minded Catholics to revive the culture from within by embracing anti-clerical, anti-misogynist resistance and staying grounded in the spirit of love that is the essential truth at the heart of Christian belief and Christian life.

*Catholicism Study Guide and Workbook* Carl E. Olson  
2011-08-25 Fr. Robert Barron created the groundbreaking CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY 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. *The Saint Makers* Joe Drape 2020-12-01 Part biography of a wartime adventurer, part detective story, and part faith journey, this intriguing book from a New York Times journalist and bestselling author takes us inside the modern-day making of a saint. *The Saint Makers* chronicles the unlikely alliance between Father Hotze and Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, a country priest and a cosmopolitan Italian canon lawyer, as the two piece together the life of a long dead Korean War hero and military chaplain and fashion it into a case for eternal divinity. Joe Drape offers a front row seat to the Catholic Church's saint-making machinery—which, in many ways, has changed little in two thousand years—and examines how, or if, faith and science can co-exist. This rich and unique narrative leads from the plains of Kansas to the opulent halls of the Vatican, through brutal Korean War

prison camps, and into the stories of two individuals, Avery Gerleman and Chase Kear, whose lives were threatened by illness and injury and whose family and friends prayed to Father Kapaun, sparking miraculous recoveries in the heart of America. Gerleman is now a nurse, and Kear works as a mechanic in the aerospace industry. Both remain devoted to Father Kapaun, whose opportunity for sainthood relies in their belief and medical charts. At a time when the church has faced severe scandal and damage, and the world is at the mercy of a pandemic, this is an uplifting story about a priest who continues to an example of goodness and faith. Ultimately, *The Saint Makers* is the story of a journey of faith—for two priests separated by seventy years, for the two young athletes who were miraculously brought back to life with (or without) the intercession of the divine,

as well as for readers—and the author—trying to understand and accept what makes a person truly worthy of the Congregation of Saints in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

### **Why I Am Catholic (and You Should Be Too)**

Brandon Vogt 2017-10-06  
Winner of a 2018 Catholic Press Association Award: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith. (First Place).  
With atheism on the rise and millions tossing off religion, why would anyone consider the Catholic Church? Brandon Vogt, a bestselling author and the content director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, shares his passionate search for truth, a journey that culminated in the realization that Catholicism was right about a lot of things, maybe even everything. His persuasive case for the faith reveals a vision of Catholicism that has answers our world desperately needs and

reminds those already in the Church what they love about it. A 2016 study by the Public Religion Research Institute found that 25 percent of adults (39 percent of young adults) describe themselves as unaffiliated with any religion. Millions of these so-called “nones” have fled organized religion and many more have rejected God altogether. Brandon Vogt was one of those nones. When he converted to Catholicism in college, he knew how confusing that decision was to many of his friends and family. But he also knew that the evidence he discovered pointed to one conclusion: Catholicism is true. To his delight, he discovered it was also exceedingly good and beautiful. Why I Am Catholic traces Vogt's spiritual journey, making a refreshing, twenty-first century case for the faith and answering questions being asked by agnostics, nones, and atheists, the

audience for his popular website, StrangeNotions.com, where Catholics and atheists dialogue. With references to Catholic thinkers such as G. K. Chesterton, Ven. Fulton Sheen, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Bishop Robert Barron, Vogt draws together lines of evidence to help seekers discover why they should be Catholic as an alternative. Why I Am Catholic serves as a compelling reproposal of the Church for former Catholics, a persuasive argument for truth and beauty to those who have become jaded and disenchanted with religion, and at the same time offers practicing Catholics a much-needed dose of confidence and clarity to affirm their faith against an increasingly skeptical culture.

### **To Know Christ Jesus**

Francis J. Sheed 1992-01-01  
This modern spiritual classic by Frank Sheed, the renowned author, publisher

and lecturer, is brought back into print for the benefit of new generations of readers to develop a deeper, more profound knowledge of Jesus Christ. Sheed's concern with the Gospels is to come to know Christ as he actually lived among us, interacted with all the various people he encountered from his infancy to his passion and death--the God-man who was like us in all things except sin. Sheed has tried especially to see Our Lord in his effect upon others--seeing how they saw him, trying to see why they saw him so. There is much about Mary and Joseph in their task of bringing up a baby who was literally adorable; about John the Baptist; about Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalen; about Nicodemus; about people we meet only for a moment, like the man born blind and the owners of the drowned swine; and why the Pharisees, not only the worst of them but some of

the best, would not accept Christ. Faith, doctrine, prayer, worship--all the content and consequences of Christian belief--rest on the person of Christ Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. In this classic study, Frank J. Sheed employs wide learning, theological sophistication, spiritual insight, and a lucid style to bring the reader to a personal encounter with the living Lord. To Know Christ Jesus has been justly called "one of the most satisfying studies of the Gospel ever made." Frank J. Sheed had a distinguished career as a publisher, lecturer, street-corner evangelist, and popular writer. He and his wife Maisie Ward were the founders of the publishing house Sheed & Ward. His many books include *Christ in Eclipse*, *What Difference Does Jesus Make?*, *Theology and Sanity*, and *A Map of Life*.

### **Exploring Catholic**

**Theology** Robert Barron

2015-07-14 Robert Barron is

one of the Catholic Church's premier theologians and author of the influential *The Priority of Christ*. In this volume, Barron sets forth a thoroughgoing vision for an evangelical catholic theology that is steeped in the tradition and engaged with the contemporary world. Striking a balance between academic rigor and accessibility, the book covers issues of perennial interest in the twenty-first-century church: who God is, how to rightly worship him, and how his followers engage contemporary culture. Topics include the doctrine of God, Catholic theology, philosophy, liturgy, and evangelizing the culture. This work will be of special interest to readers concerned about the so-called "new atheism."

*What Is Christian in Christianity?: A Journey to the Heart of the Christian Experience* Lorenzo

Albacete 2019-01-15

Encounter with Monsignor

Lorenzo Albacete through a

selection of his teachings and homilies.

*Eucharist* Robert E. Barron 2008 A master theologian and popular Catholic author offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. As festive as the film "Babette's Feast" and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the meanings of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

**Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies** Consumer Dummies 2015-07-02 Grasp the beliefs and practices about one of the world's oldest religions Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies is your all-inclusive guide to the Catholic Church and its billions of followers. You'll learn how Catholicism came to be, how it's practiced, and where it stands socially and politically as you explore the rich history and diverse culture surrounding this major religion. Clear,

friendly writing takes you inside a mass to understand what happens there, and walks you through a tour of the saints, holidays, the Bible, and the Vatican. Special coverage includes the role of women in the Church and in the Bible, and the tremendous popularity of Pope Francis, who has quickly become one of the Vatican's most-loved leaders. You'll dive into the beliefs and practices of Catholicism and get answers to the most common, confusing, controversial, and worrisome questions. Catholicism is quickly expanding beyond its 1.2 billion followers, with growing numbers of priests and new baptisms every year. Attendance at papal events has tripled to 6.6 million since Pope Francis' election in 2013, and Catholicism has become the largest religious denomination on the planet by a wide margin. This book explains what makes

Catholicism so alluring, giving you insight into the religion and everything it entails. Discover the complicated history of the Catholic church Understand what goes on at mass, and why Learn where the Church stands on important issues Explore Pope Francis's unprecedented popularity across cultures The Catholic Church has been reinvigorated and revitalized with the enthusiasm surrounding Pope Francis, and his openness to the world and everyone in it. If your curiosity has been piqued, Catholicism All-In-One For Dummies is the ideal guide to learning what it's all about.

### **Finding Foundation**

Angela Schwieterman  
2021-04-27 Join author Angela Schwieterman on her journey of Finding Foundation in the pages of this personal narrative revealing her unique conversion experience into the Roman Catholic Church.

Along the way, you will learn how the many trials of life showed her how lost she was in her faith and how (much to her surprise) the Lord called her home from the most unlikely of places, the footnotes of her husband's Catholic Bible.

### **The Priority of Christ**

Robert Barron 2016-02-23 A Major Statement on Christology from Bishop Robert Barron For a long time, Christians have tried to bridge the divide between Christianity and secular liberalism with philosophy and theology. Bishop Robert Barron shows that the answer to this debate--and the way to move forward--lies in Jesus. Barron transcends the usual liberal/conservative or Protestant/Catholic divides with a postliberal Catholicism that brings the focus back on Jesus as revealed in the New Testament narratives. Barron's classical Catholic postliberalism will be of interest to a broad audience

including not only the academic community but also preachers and general readers interested in entering the dialogue between Catholicism and postliberalism. The hardcover edition includes a new preface by the author. Praise for *The Priority of Christ* "Barron's wonderful book *The Priority of Christ* brings postliberalism back to its Catholic home. . . . A downright lovely book, written with a kind of winsome literary flair that exhibits the inviting clarity of a master teacher. Highly recommended." --James K. A. Smith, *Religious Studies Review* "The book is full of gems worthy of hours of contemplation." --Mark G. Boyer, *The Priest*

### **Renewing Our Hope**

Robert Barron 2020-07-31  
[Rome Sweet Home](#) Scott Hahn 2016-10-27 The well-known and very popular Catholic couple, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have been constantly travelling and speaking all over North

America for the last few years about their conversion to the Catholic Church. Now these two outstanding Catholic apologists tell in their own words about the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-Catholic ... until he reluctantly began to discover that his "enemy" had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous "dark night of the soul" after Scott converted to Catholicism. Their conversion story and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of lukewarm Catholics and brought them back into an active participation in the Church. They have also influenced countless

conversions to Catholicism among their friends and others who have heard their powerful testimony. Written with simplicity, charity, grace and wit, the Hahns' deep love and knowledge of Christ and of Scripture is evident and contagious throughout their story. Their love of truth and of neighbor is equally evident, and their theological focus on the great importance of the family, both biological and spiritual, will be a source of inspiration for all readers.

And Now I See-- Robert E. Barron 1998 This book is about coming to vision through Christ.

Rekindled Mallory Smyth 2020-11-06 Mallory Smyth has been where many young Catholics are today. But the difference between her and other fallen-away Catholics is that she figured out that when she overlooked the shortcomings of the Church as an institution, she fell in love with Jesus and rediscovered the beauty and

truth of her faith. In Rekindled, Smyth's raw, relatable account of her own disillusionment and departure is sure to resonate with anyone who has struggled to feel at home in the Church. For anyone who has left the faith or has one foot out the door, this powerful book just might illuminate a path back home—to a Church that is both holy and in need of perfection. Shallow homilies. Hypocritical authority figures. Trite answers to pressing questions. These and other shortcomings of the Church have led plenty of Catholics to question their faith—or to abandon it entirely. Rekindled is for those who have left the Church and those with one foot out the door. Smyth's account of her own disillusionment and departure is relatable and honest. She understands and validates the pain and doubt that many Catholics and former Catholics feel. Smyth also provides you

with practical guidance for keeping your faith even when what you encounter in the Church falls short: How to recognize Christ's presence even in the most mediocre Mass experiences. Strategies for finding faithful role models when authority figures let you down. Where to turn when the answers and pastoral guidance you receive don't reach the heart of the issue. How to find fulfillment in Christ and in the community of the saints even when joy seems to be in short supply in the Church.

*Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions* Fr. Carter Griffin 2021-08-16 While social norms and political movements are rapidly changing, the truth of the Catholic faith stands firm. In *Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions*, readers are equipped to address even the most sensitive topics, from the existence of God to the existence of hell, from

women's ordination to Marian devotion, from assisted suicide to transgenderism. In *Cross-Examined*, Fr. Carter Griffin begins each discussion not with Catholic teaching but rather with its most common objections. Articulating these objections serves several purposes. First, it helps Catholics to respect those who do not share their beliefs by identifying intelligent grounds for disagreement. Pointing out objections also helps believers respond more persuasively in discussions with non-Catholic friends. Perhaps most importantly, knowing the common objects instills confidence that the Church is committed to the truth and unafraid to engage with those who dispute her teaching. After identifying principal objections, each discussion continues with a brief summary of relevant Catholic teaching and then responds to each objection

in turn. In our shrill age that seems ever less capable of rational discourse, the method used in Cross-Examined can offer a way to remain faithful to our beliefs while acknowledging, respecting, and responding to alternative points of view.

From Fire, by Water Sohrab Ahmari 2019-01-25 Sohrab Ahmari was a teenager living under the Iranian ayatollahs when he decided that there is no God. Nearly two decades later, he would be received into the Roman Catholic Church. In From Fire, by Water, he recounts this unlikely passage, from the strident Marxism and atheism of a youth misspent on both sides of the Atlantic to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. At once a young intellectual's finely crafted self-portrait and a life story at the intersection of the great ideas and events of our time, the book marks the debut of a compelling new Catholic voice.

Word on Fire Robert Barron 2008-04-01 Written in a style that evokes NT Wright's Simply Christian, The Word on Fire is one of the leading introductions to Catholic faith and culture. Based on specific Bible readings from the Old and the New Testament, prominent author and priest Fr. Barron shares enthusiastically from the riches of Christian belief and tradition. This book offers passionate evangelism for discerning readers interested in Catholicism - whether in private reflection or in group discussion.

To Light a Fire on the Earth Robert Barron 2017 The highly anticipated follow-up to Bishop Robert Barron's hugely successful Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith 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. 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 personal anecdotes--from engaging atheists on YouTube to discussing his days as a young diehard baseball fan from Chicago--To Light a Fire on the Earth covers prodigious ground. Touching on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of 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.

**From Willow Creek to**

**Sacred Heart** Chris Haw  
2012 The bestselling coauthor of "Jesus for President" chronicles his fascinating spiritual journey to evangelical Christianity and then his return to Catholicism. A respectful and engaging look at the megachurch movement and a heartfelt expression of love for the Catholic Church's liturgy and its commitment to the poor.  
Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic Matthew Kelly  
2014-12 As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. We engage and disengage at work, in marriage, as parents, in our quest for health and well-being, in personal finances, environmentally, politically, and, of course, we engage or disengage spiritually. If you walk into any Catholic church next Sunday and look around, you will discover that some people are highly engaged, others are massively disengaged,

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and the majority are somewhere in between. Why? What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? Answering this question is essential to the future of the Catholic Church. If we truly want to engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life, we must first discover what drives engagement among Catholics. Matthew Kelly explores this question in his groundbreaking new book, and the simplicity of what he discovers will amaze you. Four things make the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics: the four signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Whether you are ready to let God take your spiritual life to the next level or want to help reinvigorate your parish, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* promises to take you on a journey that will help you live out

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