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The Beatification of Pope John Paul II May 1st, 2011

Go in Peace: A Gift of Enduring Love (Book) Loyola Press, 2003. In this definitive collection, Pope John Paul II shares his most personal and inspirational thoughts about what it means to be a Christian in the modern world. Addressing issues such as prayer, forgiveness, family, suffering, and poverty, the Holy Father reveals his pastoral heart and shows us how to live a life of faith. (A)

The Poetry of John Paul II: Roman Triptych, Meditations (Book) USCCB Pub., 2003. Widely regarded as his spiritual last testament, this book contains three new poems by Pope John Paul II, the first ones written and published during his pontificate. One of the highlights of this trio of poems is Pope John Paul II's reflection on his own successor and the upcoming conclave in Rome in the second poem. In the first and last poems, he focuses on God as the origin and end point of all creation. (S,A)

Dear Papa: Children Celebrate Pope John Paul II, With Letters of Love and Affection (Book) Liguori/Triumph, 2003. A selection of children's letters written to Pope John Paul II illustrated with photographs and children's artwork. (P,I)

A Man Who Became Pope (DVD, 180 min.) Faith and Values Media, 2005. This is the extraordinary true story of a resilient boy who drew inspiration from the beauty of life and in turn became an inspiration to the world. Karol Wojtyla is a boy of eighteen from the town of Wadowice, Poland. On the threshold of life as a budding actor, poet, and writer, the enthusiastic and optimistic young student suddenly sees his world shattered with the Nazi invasion of Poland in September 1939. As a firsthand witness to the horrors of the invasion, Karol joins a cultural resistance movement, leading to his exodus from Krakow and the creation of an underground theater to resist the invader. This is also where he receives his calling from God to become a priest. (S,A)

Rise, Let Us be on Our Way (Book) Warner Books ed. Warner Books, 2004. Pope John Paul II chronicles the years he spent as a bishop and later archbishop in Krakow, Poland through his election as the first Polish Pope in 1978, he recounts everything from communist efforts to suppress the church in Poland to his efforts to adopt a new and more open style of pastoral ministry. With recollections on his life as well as his thoughts on the issues facing the world now, Pope John Paul II offers words of wisdom in this book that will appeal to people of any faith looking to strengthen their spirituality. (A)

John Paul II: A Light for the World: Essays and Reflections on the Papacy of John Paul II (Book) Sheed & Ward, 2003. This book will serve as both a celebration and a memorial of the world's most celebrated divine leader. This book features memorable full-color images by official Vatican photographers and reflections by many people who have had personal encounters with John Paul II. (A)

Great Souls Pope John Paul II: Crusader for Human Dignity (DVD, 56 min.) Gateway Films, 2006. How a young Polish Catholic boy went from an aspiring actor and accomplished athlete to become the first non-Italian pope in 400 years is a dramatic story. He used his high office to undermine and help defeat Communism in Eastern Europe and more. (S,A)

From a Far Country: Pope John Paul II (DVD, 140 min.) Legacy Entertainment, 2004. This epic story follows the life of Karol Wojtyla, a Polish Roman Catholic who ascends the throne of St. Peter as Pope John Paul II. Archbishop Sapieha recognizes the very special and moving qualities in Karol and encourages him to consider the priesthood. Although determined to study Polish literature, Karol eventually turns to the church. He becomes an ordained priest and studies in Italy, France, and Belgium. Torn by fear and repression in post-Stalin Eastern Europe, Karol becomes a poisonous thorn in the communists' side. His deep reverence and commitment to his Catholic faith return him to Poland as Pope John Paul II. (S,A)

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<http://www.usccb.org/popejohnpaulii/>



New in the Library!

Don't Drink the Holy Water! Big Al and Annie Go to Mass

(Book) Kempf, Joe, Liguori Publications, 2010. Don't Drink the Holy Water! Explains the Mass with creative, full-color illustrations and simple descriptions that resonate with kids. A special section at the back of the book helps adults answer kids' questions about the Mass. Included is a 50-minute DVD—broken into 20 small segments, for engaging kids and offering opportunities for questions and reflection. (P,I)

You Want Me to be Good All Day?: And Other Prayers for Children

(Book) Kempf, Joe, Liguori, 2009. A collection of rhyming prayers, with illustrations, in which a monster named Big Al is faced with some of the challenges of growing up while learning about compassion, responsibility, and individuality, with an audio CD of prayers. (P)

70 Sacrament Starters for Children: ..and Those Who

Teach Them (Book) Mathson, Patricia L., Twenty-Third Publications, 2008. The activities include visits to the church, prayers, crafts, Scripture readings, stories about the saints, sacrament discussions, and outreach suggestions. (P,I,J)

Why Go to Mass (Book) Wagner, Nick, Twenty-Third Publications, 2010. A thought-provoking and very positive guide that describes how worship as a parish community strengthens our faith and our sense of belonging. Why Go to Mass? is a compelling and challenging call to embrace our beliefs and celebrate them as Catholic Christians. Also great for those who have slipped away from Sunday liturgy and need a special nudge to see it in a new and more spiritual light. (S,A)

The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens & Candidates

(Book) Wagner, Nick, Twenty-Third Publications, 2010. This book guides catechumens and candidates through the entire process of preparing for baptism, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, keeping Lent, celebrating the Triduum, baptism (or acceptance) at the Easter Vigil, and life after baptism. A wonderful companion for parish catechumens and candidates, one they will value and treasure long after they become Catholics. (S,A)

That They May all be One: The Call to Unity

(Book) Kasper, Walter, Burns & Oates, 2004. Cardinal Walter Kasper outlines his vision for the unity of Christian Churches. Kasper covers one of the major responsibilities of the contemporary Catholic Church. His perspective of the uniqueness of the Catholic Church and its magisterium is presented here as a modern inquiry into the nature of truth. His views reflect the important role of dialogue as understood by the Catholic Church, which must also listen to other traditions and learn from them. (A)

Today I Made my First Communion: (Revised Edition)

(Book) Ahern, Dianne, Aunt Dees Attic, 2010. A storybook and a keepsake book to commemorate a First Holy Communion. The storybook section uses a touch of who-done-it drama to help a First Communion class develop an understanding of their faith. Look in the Back of the Book is referred to throughout the storybook. It includes descriptions of the Church, the Rosary, parts of the Mass, and lists familiar prayers and the commandments. (P,I)

And With Your Spirit

(Music CD) Our Sunday Visitor, Ovation Music Services, 2011. Helps in deepening children's understanding of the Mass and its revised prayers. An essential resource for sacrament preparation, religious education in parishes and schools, and in the home. (P,I)

Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church

(Book) Schonborn, Christoph Cardinal, Ignatius Press, 2011. 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). (J,S,A)

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PandaMania VBS Our Sunday Visitor, 2011. Kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with his own loving hands. Kids will hear the daily Bible Point—and experience it in a new way. The daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each station's activities to reinforce Bible learning. Each activity is an important part of kids' overall learning experience.

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS Liguori Publications, 2011. As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll discover the Big Answers to their Big Questions about Jesus. Five essential Bible verses—including John 14:6—help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him.