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La Eucaristía: 20 Preguntas del Pueblo / The Eucharist: 20 Questions from the Pews (Book) Fragomeni, Richard N., Liguori Publications, 2009. Designed to bring a better understanding of the Eucharist and the rituals involved in Mass, devotion, and prayer, this book addresses 50 common questions about the Eucharist in an easily understood way. (A)

Guía de Estudio para el Catecismo Católico de los Estados Unidos para los Adultos / Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism (Book) Sullivan, Jem, Our Sunday Visitor, 2012. This practical and easy-to-use guide for Spanish speaking Catholics is a one-of-a-kind companion handbook to the wealth of Church teachings contained in the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults. (A)

Mi Hermano, el Papa / My Brother, The Pope (Book) Ratzinger, Georg, Liguori Publications, 2012. It wasn't always the case that Msgr. Georg Ratzinger lived in the shadow of his younger brother, Joseph. Georg was an accomplished musician, who for more than 30 years directed the world-famous boys choir of the Regensburg cathedral. Brother Joseph was a brilliant young professor, but mostly known in German academic circles. Now Georg writes about the close friendship that has united these two brothers for more than 80 years. (A)

Lo reconocimos al partir el pan: Las partes de la Misa / Feeding Hungry Hearts: Celebrating the Eucharist (DVD) Liguori Publications, 2011. Father Joe Kempf invites each of us to look at this sacrament of the Eucharist--and how, together when we celebrate as a community of faith at Mass, we are receiving this phenomenal gift of the meal called Eucharist. This DVD walks us through the celebration of the Mass--and explains why we do what we do. (J,S,A)

El Bautismo de su bebé: Bienvenidos a la familia de Dios / Your Baby's Baptism: Welcome to God's Family (DVD) Liguori Publications. As Fr. Jim Deiters guides you through the sacrament, he will help you embrace our faith community and feel the difference it makes in your life. Your Baby's Baptism will strengthen and encourage you to clothe yourself in mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love as you go forth to raise your child in the Catholic faith. (A)

Catolicismo formación de fe para adultos / Catholicism Adult Faith Formation Barron, Robert, Word On Fire, 2012. (5 DVDs, 10 programs) 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. (S,A)

Tu Primera Confesión: La alegría del perdón / A Child's First Penance Joyful Reconciliation (DVD) Liguori Publications, 2012. Rev. James Deiters walks parents and children through the important preparation and stage in a child's life of faith - the first Penance. The video provides complete and age-appropriate tools for teaching the fundamentals of the Sacraments. Rev. Deiters offers a new approach of reflection posing discussions and questions, along with suggested spiritual exercises that prepare parents and children for the child's First Penance. (A)

La primera comunión: ¡y mucho más! / A Child's First Communion and So Much More! (DVD) Gives children a deeper understanding of the Eucharistic celebration. Fr. Kempf talks one-on-one with Adam, a first communicant who is confused about what is meant when Jesus is called the "Bread of Life." Simple explanations and visual portrayals answer many of the questions young Catholics ask as they prepare to receive First Communion. Video contains a section specifically for parents about their role in their child's faith development, guided meditations for both parents and children, and messages tailored to both children and their parents. (P,I,A)



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Interesting Additions

The Seven Big Myths About the Catholic Church

(Book) Kaczor, Christopher, Ignatius Press, 2012. Christopher Kaczor clarifies official Catholic teaching and demonstrates that much popular opinion about Catholicism is based on misunderstanding and misinformation. He also provides robust and lucid arguments for Catholic belief and practice. No one book can answer everyone's questions or objections about Catholicism, but this work examines seven of the most controversial and most common myths about the Catholic Church. (S,A)

Trinity 101: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Book) Papandrea, James Leonard, Liguori Publications, 2012. Offers readers a basic approach to the Trinity as history portrays it, as a doctrinal concept, and how it is revealed in the Scripture. This is highly useful to those seeking a starting point of Catholic theological study of the Trinity, from high school age onwards; and also to educated Catholic adults who are drawn to this topic. (S,A)

Becoming the Beloved Disciple of John's Gospel (Audio CD, 12 lectures, 25 min. each) Now You Know Media, 2010. Dan Crosby will examine all the passages in John referring to the Beloved Disciple. Discover, with Fr. Dan, the richness they contain for a deeper embrace of Jesus' love, and for living out that love within our own Christian community - just as the original Beloved Disciple did so faithfully in his community. Includes an electronic study guide. (A)

Mary: An Introduction (DVD, 85 min.) Franciscan Communications. We Learn From Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors, We Pray With Mary: The Cloak of Many Colors, Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Story of Faith...and Liberation, and Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. This DVD contains two programs for grade-school children introducing devotion and prayer to Mary, the mother of Jesus, with emphasis on our understanding of her life and our Catholic celebration of all things Marian. It also contains two programs for junior high and older viewers. (I,J,S)

The Stories of the Old Testament: A Catholic's Guide (Book) Campbell, Jim, Loyola Press, 2007. Author Jim Campbell leads readers through central texts, essential stories, and major figures of the Old Testament in one hundred carefully selected readings. Each of the readings is meant to be completed in one sitting and is paired with Jim's enlightening guide to the text. You'll also find dozens of short, easy-to-grasp informational pieces that supply the background and commentary you'll need to understand the Old Testament in context. (S,A)

The Perfect Game (DVD, 117 min.) Distributed by Image Entertainment, 2011. After Cesar's major league career is cut short, he returns to his native Monterey, Mexico. Once back home, a group of impoverished baseball-loving kids recruit him to coach their ragtag team. Together, they beat the odds and overcome hardships and bigotry to compete in the 1957 Little League World Series. A-II -- adults and adolescents. (J,S,A)

Holiness for Everyone: The Practical Spirituality of St. Josemaria (Book) Sammons, Eric, Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 2012. Tells how twentieth century Spanish priest and canonized saint Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei, recovered the message of the universal call to holiness. Declared the saint of ordinary life by Pope John Paul II, St. Josemaria developed a spirituality directed toward the sanctity of every man and woman. His legacy is the belief that each of us can, by God's grace, achieve holiness through the course of our ordinary life and work. (A)

Brother Francis Presents The Bread of Life (DVD, 29 min.) Herald Entertainment, 2011. Join Brother Francis in this delightfully inspirational and instructive presentation that teaches children all about the sacrament of the Eucharist. Includes: Stories of The Last Supper, The Story of Blessed Imelda Lambertini, and (Songs: I am the Bread of Life and What More Can He Give). (P,I)

Brother Francis Presents: Forgiven! The Blessings of Confession (DVD, 25 min.) Herald Entertainment, 2012. This joyful presentation reminds old and young alike about the great gift of God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Includes: How to make a good confession and two visualized songs: "God is a Loving Father" and "Praise God, I'm Forgiven." (P,I)

