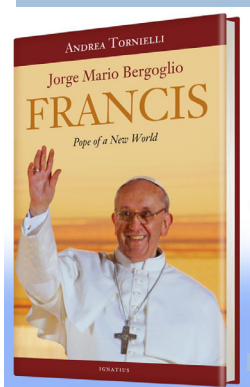


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Habemus Papam: We Have a Pope!



Who is Pope Francis, elected in one of the shortest conclaves in history? Who is the man chosen to be the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit pope?

Coming soon to the library:

FRANCIS: POPE OF A NEW WORLD by Andrea Tornielli (April 30th).

The choice of "Francis" is seen as a gesture from Bergoglio, the first Jesuit to become pope, toward the Franciscans. Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi has confirmed that the name refers to St. Francis of Assisi, the founder of the Franciscan order. Gain insight on the Saint that Pope Francis has chosen to be named after with resources from the library.

Francis of Assisi: Living Fortitude Ave Maria, 2005. A biography of Saint Francis, prayers by St. Francis and suggestions for teens on how to live a life of fortitude like St. Francis. Francis' love of God and his faith in the spiritual life gave him the strength, or fortitude, to follow God even when his parents abandoned him. Francis remains a spiritual and human example of the importance in standing firm in your beliefs—even in situations that may seem unpleasant or possibly deadly. The prayers and service activities demonstrate to students that they have the strength to stand behind their beliefs and show how they can integrate the virtue of fortitude into their own lives. (S,A)

Saints' Gallery of Heaven's Heroes Heavens Heroes & Founders Volume I and II Videos with Values, 1995, 2012. This imaginative series on lives of the saints offers compelling stories of some of history's greatest heroes. Your host takes you through a heavenly art gallery where saints come alive through beautiful classical art and exciting stories. Suitable for study and enjoyment by all ages and audiences. Vol. II- Features St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis of Assisi, among others. (I,J,S,A)

The Lessons of St. Francis: How to Bring Simplicity and Spirituality into Your Daily Life (Book) Talbot, John Michael 1997. The example of a beloved, profoundly human saint provides gentle guidance on the path to peacefulness and joy in a hectic age. Combining deep spiritual insights with the offer of a saner, less chaotic way of living, the book offers wise advice on how to incorporate these virtues in our own lives today. Includes dozens of meditations, exercises, and practical suggestions. (A)

Saint Francis of Assisi (Book) Chesterton, G. K., Paraclete Press, 2009. Francis's life was a series of plunges and scampers; darting after the beggar, tossing himself into the strange ship, hurling himself into the Sultan's tent and offering to hurl himself into the fire. In appearance he must have been like a thin brown skeleton autumn leaf dancing eternally before the wind; but in truth it was he that was the wind. The conversion of St. Francis involved his being in some sense flung suddenly from a horse. There was not a rag of him left that was not ridiculous. Everybody knew that at the best he had made a fool of himself. The word fool itself began to shine and change. (S,A)

Francis: The Saint of Assisi: A Novel (Book) Mueller, Joan, New City Press, 2010. The author explores the daily lives of Francis and Clare and the lives of thirteen-century Assisi and beautifully translates their stories in these pages. St. Francis: The Saint of Assisi reads like both a love story and a biographical account of the life of the most universally acclaimed saint. (S,A)



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New Titles

Just Call Me Lopez: Getting to the Heart of Ignatius

Loyola (Book) Silf, Margaret, Loyola Press, 2012. What could we have in common with a man from the sixteenth century? How about a man from the sixteenth century who becomes a saint? St. Ignatius of Loyola wasn't always heroic and holy; he was flawed and fallible, just like us. In *Just Call Me López*, a twenty-first-century woman, Rachel, meets Íñigo López—the man we know today as St. Ignatius—and both are transformed by their unlikely friendship and series of thought-provoking conversations. Their worlds literally collide when Rachel is struck by a hit-and-run driver, and López is there to help her. They realize that this chance accident is actually an act of God that allows Rachel and López, through the medium of their friendship, to come to terms with their personal struggles. (S,A)

Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter

(Book) White, Michael, Ave Maria Press, 2013. Drawing on the wisdom gleaned from thriving mega-churches and innovative business leaders while anchoring their vision in the Eucharistic center of Catholic faith, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran present the compelling and inspiring story to how they brought their parish back to life. *Rebuilt* is a story of stopping everything and changing focus. When their parish reached a breaking point, Fr. Michael White and lay associate Tom Corcoran asked themselves how they could make the Church matter to Catholics, and they realized the answer was at the heart of the Gospel. Their faithful response not only tripled their weekend mass attendance, but also yielded increased giving, flourishing ministries, and a vibrant, solidly Catholic spiritual revival. White and Corcoran invite all Catholic leaders to share the vision, borrow their strategies, and rebuild their own parishes. They offer a wealth of guidance for anyone with the courage to hear them. (A)

Argo (DVD, 120 min.) Warner Home Video, 2013. On November 4, 1979, Iranian militants storm the American embassy in Tehran and capture dozens of American hostages, sparking a 444-day ordeal. There's a little-known footnote to the crisis: six Americans escape and a mid-level CIA agent named Antonio Mendez devises an ingenious yet incredibly risky plan to rescue them. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

Lincoln (DVD, DreamWorks Pictures, 2013. A revealing drama that focuses on the 16th president's tumultuous final months in office. In a nation divided by war and the strong winds of change, Lincoln pursues a course of action designed to end the war, unite the country, and abolish slavery. With the moral courage and fierce determination to succeed, his choices during this critical moment will change the fate of generations to come. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults.

Strengthen Your Brothers: Letters of Encouragement from an Archbishop to His Priests

(Book) Sartain, James Peter Liturgical Press, 2012. In recent years, Archbishop Peter Sartain has written to the priests of the Diocese of Joliet (where he served from 2006-10) and the priests of the Archdiocese of Seattle. These intimate, thoughtful letters of encouragement and support are collected here. From a place of commitment and care, Archbishop Sartain addresses a variety of spiritual, theological, pastoral, and personal situations that challenge priests. His personal experience and spiritual insights come together in a moving pastoral way, offering the reader a deep sense of God's care for the world and those who shepherd his people. Archbishop Sartain's confidence that God is in charge and ministry is based on surrendering control to God's truth, love, and simple presence permeates this book. Priests will find it uplifting, as will others who serve in ministry, and the people who care about them. (A)

Learning Centers: Saints (Book) Stewart, Catherine, Twenty-Third Publications, 2013. These engaging and creative learning centers help students of all ages celebrate the saints. From Apostle Crowns to Good Deeds Glasses, each hands-on project illustrates a scripture story or Catholic teaching that in turn reflects the life and work of a saint. So, students can create charm bracelets to celebrate the corporal works of mercy as they learn about Marianne Cope. They can make prayer stoles to remember Andre Bessett's prayer and healing ministry. Or they can build baptismal totem poles to learn about baptism and appreciate the life of Kateri Tekakwitha. (P,I)

Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox: Catechesis That Not Only Informs, but Also Transforms

(Book) Paprocki, Joe, Joe Paprocki, best-selling author of *The Catechist's Toolbox* series, has written the first, step-by-step book that demonstrates how to teach a 75-minute catechetical session with practical techniques that expand upon the textbook to create a more prayerful climate in the classroom. (A)

Les Misérables (DVD, 2h, 38 min.) Universal Studios Home Entertainment, 2013. Inspired by the kindness of a Catholic bishop, an ex-convict assumes a new identity and amends his life, becoming a benevolent mayor and factory owner, all the while evading the obsessive pursuit of his former jailer. When one of his workers is unjustly fired and forced into a life of prostitution, he pledges to raise her daughter as his own. Years pass, and the now-grown lass falls for a young revolutionary amid violent protests on the barricaded streets of Paris. A positive portrayal of the Catholic faith, with characters calling on God for grace and mercy, and seeking personal redemption, makes this rousing film appealing to mature viewers of faith. Scenes of violence, a prostitution theme, nongraphic nonmarital sexual activity. The CNS classification is A-III -- adults.

Unconditional (DVD, 98 min.) ARC Entertainment, 2013. A woman's idyllic life is shattered when her husband is killed in a senseless act of violence. As she prepares to take matters into her own hand, two unexpected encounters begin to change everything. A-III--adults.

