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In Honor of Mary Queen of Peace

A Rosary for Peace: Includes the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries (Book) Rev. ed. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003. Drawn from the Church's rich liturgical traditions, this radiant prayer book glows in the dark times of uncertainty for all who seek the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace. Including the joyful, sorrowful, luminous, and glorious mysteries, it is a comforting gift to students, teachers, volunteers, friends, and family. (S,A)

Rosary for the Church in Need (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005. The Church is flourishing throughout the world. In many places, however, it is also struggling from persecution, or its people are in great need. Use this beautifully illustrated booklet to guide you in praying the rosary for the Church in need. It is perfect for distribution in parishes, prayer groups, or faithful associations. (S,A)

Mary of Nazareth, Prophet of Peace (Book) Dear, John, Ave Maria Press, 2003. In a time when our troubled world needs peacemakers more than ever, experience Mary's powerful message of peace and nonviolence. Walk through the events in her life and experience the power of her prayer and the prophetic model of her life. More than a book about Mary alone, this is a book about us, a challenge to live a life of peace, a summons to proclaim to a violent world that we stand for something entirely different. It is a call for us to live a life steeped in prayer. (S,A)

Close Encounters with Mary and the Rosary (DVD, 12 min.) Oblate Media and Communication Corp., 2004. During a classroom exercise where Fr. Brendan guides young students in making a rosary out of string and beads, young Alex finds he just doesn't get what the rosary is all about. Luckily for him, a helpful angel appears to clear things up. The rosary is about the major events in the life of Jesus, so the angel compares the Mysteries to a photo album and the rosary soon becomes real for Alex. All four Mysteries are explained in age-appropriate language. (P,I)

Blessed Art Thou: Mother, Lady, Mystic, Queen (Book) McGrath, Michael O'Neill World Library Pub., 2004. As the mother of God, Mary surpasses all other humans and yet is united with all who are to be saved. A magnificent and inspiring collection of colorful images, prayers, and meditations about Mary, both painted and written. Images of Mary speak directly to all people who struggle to find meaning and joy in a world filled with crisis, divisiveness, and insecurity. They speak, too, to the artistic, creative soul in each of us, which longs to see things in new and challenging ways while holding on to the history and traditions that make us what we are. (S,A)



The Life of Mary (Book) Biffi, Inos. Liturgy Training Publications, 2007. This vibrantly illustrated meditation on the life of the Mother of God draws the reader into a greater appreciation of her role in the life of her son and the Church. It simply and touchingly chronicles eleven major events from the Gospels and ancient tradition, beginning with the joy of the Annunciation, through the sorrow of the Crucifixion and the death of Jesus, to the glory of the Assumption. (I,J,S,A)

Mary: The Mother of God (DVD, 77 min.) Ignatius Press and St. Joseph Productions, LLC, 2002. Follows Mary on her extraordinary journey on location in Turkey, Israel and Greece with Stephen Ray as guide. Down-to-earth teaching on subjects like Mary's Immaculate Conception, Assumption into Heaven, and her role of intercessor, and more are offered in an energized, high-impact style that combines the best elements of a travel documentary, biography, Bible study, apologetics course, and church history review. (S,A)



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"The truth of peace requires that all —whether those governments which openly or secretly possess nuclear arms, or those planning to acquire them— agree to change their course by clear and firm decisions, and strive for a progressive and concerted nuclear disarmament. The resources which would be saved could then be employed in projects of development capable of benefiting all their people, especially the poor." ~Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace Message, 2009

"Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith." ~USCCB, *The Challenge of Peace*, 1983

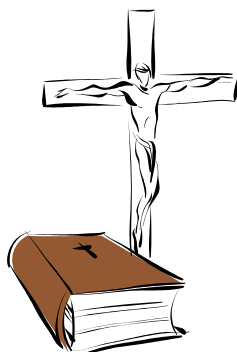
What's New.....

What Makes Us Catholic Series (DVD, 9 videodiscs) Groome, Thomas, Silver Burdett Ginn Religion, 2006. Presents nine characteristics of the Catholic faith, based on his book of the same title. His presentation on each topic includes Catholic wisdom for our outlook on life, pathways for reflection and conversation, and suggestions for spiritual practices. Vol.1-What Stories to Tell?, Vol.2-Who Do We think We Are?, Vol.3-What's It all About?, Vol.4-Are We Made for Each Other?, Vol.5-What Time Do We Have?, Vol. 6-In What Will We Invest?, Vol.7-What Are Our politics?, Vol.8-Who Is Our Neighbor?, Vol.9-What Is Our Heart's Desire? (A)

One Hundred Great Catholic Books: From the Early Centuries to the Present (Book) Brophy, Donald BlueBridge, 2007. Contains summaries of one hundred classics of Catholic literature, including biographies, histories, poetry, fiction, spiritual texts, and mystical writings, each with information on the author and the historical context in which the book was written. (S,A)

In Due Season: A Catholic Life (Book) Wilkes, Paul, Jossey-Bass, 2009. Religious writer Paul Wilkes recounts and reflects upon his life as a Catholic. He wanted to be like social justice advocate Dorothy Day, and spend his life with the poor. He wanted to be like Thomas Merton, and spend his life behind monastery walls in prayer. He only became himself. (A)

Connecting Young Adults to Catholic Parishes: Best Practices in Catholic Young Adult Ministry (Book) Committee for Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010. Create a young adult friendly parish using the wisdom, insight, and examples from the authors of in this unique book. This resource highlights how to do ministry with the young adults who are already present in the life of your parish. This text builds on the vision of the bishops' pastoral statement *Sons and Daughters of the Light* to motivate parish leaders to draw young adults into the life of the community and receive the gifts that they bring. (A)



Reclaiming Catholicism: Treasures Old and New (Book) Groome, Thomas and Daley, Michael J., Orbis Books, 2010. The American Catholic community prior to Vatican II can be numbered among the most vital expressions of Catholicism in history. Despite the cultural divide separating us from that era, the contributors to this book—a who's who of theologians and spiritual writers—assess whether reclaimed spiritual wisdom from those times can enrich the faith lives of Catholics today. With topics ranging from devotional practices such as the Rosary, to perspectives on the church, priesthood, religious life, and sexuality, to profiles of figures including Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day, the contributors include Richard McBrien, Luke Timothy Johnson, Dianne Bergant, Donald Cozzens, Richard Rohr, Ronald Rolheiser, Mary Boys, and Christine Gudorf. (A)

Essential Guide to the Holy Bible (Book) Principe, Pietro, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010. Discover the Bible's extraordinary history, its worldwide scope, and its appeal as the "inspired word" of God in this offering from the Vatican. Learn more about interpreting, understanding, and using it through selected stories and events. Unique sidebars cover different topics including: languages used in the Bible, historical sources, canon of the sacred books related internet sites, and apocryphal books of the Bible that still intrigue and make for great conversation and debate. (A)

Confession: Five Sentences that Will Heal Your Life (Book) MCF Press, 2010. Dr. Curran explores five sentences, based on the Acts of the Penitent that are connected to Confession: "I did it. I am sorry. Forgive me. I will make up for it. I will never do it again," and relates each sentence to the Sacrament of Confession and to our everyday lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. Woven through each chapter is teaching about Confession as a sacrament of healing, as it is expressed in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and in the writings of St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas. Using his unique combination of humor, storytelling and keen theological insight, Dr. Curran addresses many of the obstacles that keep Catholics from Confession. By the end, you will be running to this great Sacrament instead of away from it. **Available in DVD (90 min.) and Audio CD (90 min.) formats also.** (A)