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Advent Resources

Celebrating the Seasons: Advent and Lent (DVD, 15 min.) St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2001. The custom of the Advent wreath is the focus of this video. In the light of the Advent wreath, we remember, live and hope for the one who has already come. We warm our hearts to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. The simple Advent wreath tells the story of a people yesterday and today who yearn for more light in their life. This program also includes other Advent activities and traditions such as the Jesse Tree, an Advent Friend, Straw for a Crib and an Advent House to help young people appreciate the spiritual dimension of the Advent and Christmas season. (I,J)

An Advent and Christmas Journey (DVD, 25 min. each program) Himes, Michael, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2005. Popular speaker and professor Father Michael Himes provides an in-depth look at the spirituality and theology of the season of Advent and Christmas. This set contains five programs: "Advent I: Hope in the Darkness"; "Advent II: The Second Coming and the Kingdom of God"; "Advent III: Threatened by Grace"; "Advent IV: Prophets: John, Mary, Joseph"; and "Advent V: Christmas: The Eternal Giving of God." An excellent series for adult faith formation, small group discussions, and sermon preparation. (S,A)



LOST & FOUND Catholic Youth Convention 2013: A weekend experience of evangelization and transformation, where all parishes are welcomed to, and supported in, providing their high school youth with an encounter with our Catholic faith. Youth Convention provides a place for youth to enter into a deeper, more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ and return to their parish communities with ardor for the Gospel. November 2nd and 3rd. For more information visit the convention website:

<http://convention.seattlecoyyae.org/>

A Catholic Family Advent (Book) Hines-Brigger, Susan, Franciscan Media, 2012. This daily source of inspiration can be used in the family setting as prayer before or after meals, as morning and evening prayer, or as family time in front of the Advent wreath or Christmas crèche. An entry for each day of Advent offers a Scripture for reflection, a short meditation, a fresh idea for an easy family activity, and a short prayer. (A)

Bambinelli Sunday: A Christmas Blessing Alessandro is staying with his grandparents, who run a small shop that sells figures for the presepe (Nativity scene), while his parents look for work in another country. To help with the boy's loneliness, his grandfather encourages Alessandro to make his own figure of the baby Jesus. They will bring the figure to Rome to have it blessed by the Holy Father on Bambinelli Sunday. Alessandro comes to see his world in a new way, and receives the best surprise of all in the end. This book for children ages 7-10 tells a wonderful story about sharing, comfort, generosity, and forgiveness through the lens of a long-standing Italian tradition. (P,I)

Advent Light (Book) Binz, Stephen J., Twenty-Third Publications, 2004. Advent is a time for new understanding, for putting different pieces of God's revelation together to see the divine plan more clearly. We listen to the words of ancient prophets, to the wisdom of Jesus, and we make connections. Then we connect those truths to our own lives and our world and see how God is acting anew. (S,A)

Advent with the Saints: Daily Reflections (Book) Friedman, Greg St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2011. Reflections connect the reader to the lives of the saints and holy ones suggested by the Scriptural readings of Advent. Fr. Greg draws on his love for the saints to offer daily inspiration during this season of preparation. Find brief reflections on each Advent lectionary reading, saintly connections to each reading, suggested actions for each day, and prayers to help you slow down and savor the season of waiting and hope. (A)

Advent and Christmas with the Church Fathers (Book) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010. Selections from the writings of the Fathers of the Church provide meditations for Advent and Christmas. This daily companion will help readers prepare for and celebrate the Birth of Christ by reflecting on the teaching of some of the Church's greatest teachers. (A)

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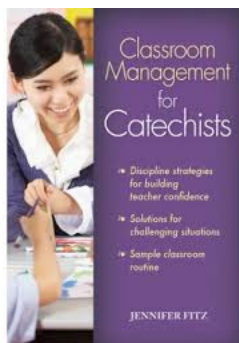


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Classroom Management for Catechists (Book) Fitz, Jennifer, Liguori Publications, 2013. Provides detailed, step-by-step methods for catechists on how to manage classroom behavior with love and grace. Catechists learn the time-tested methods for classroom discipline used by professional educators but applied specifically to the particular challenges of the parish religious-education setting. Educators often agree that learning to manage a classroom full of young people is no small task. This book is unique in that it teaches catechists how to think through their approach to classroom management, how to assess new situations, and how to choose the right tools to solve problems as they arise. (A)

Immigration and the Next America: Renewing the Soul of our Nation (Book) Gomez, Jose H., Our Sunday Visitor, 2013. Archbishop José Gomez has written a personal, passionate and practical contribution to the national debate about immigration pointing the way toward a recovery of America's highest ideals. Immigration is a human rights test of our generation. It's also a defining historical moment for America. The meaning of this hour is that we need to renew our country in the image of her founding promises of universal rights rooted in God. "Immigration is about more than immigration. It's about renewing the soul of America." -Archbishop José H. Gomez (A)

Being Catholic: Seasons and Feasts (DVD) Oblate Media & Communications, 2010. Part of our everyday experience is the changing of seasons like special days that recall important events in our history. Our experience also includes religious celebrations and observances that honor important events in religious history. This program provides a comprehensive presentation of the special days and seasons of the Church year so that students and parents will be better able to participate in the liturgy with understanding. Engaging illustrations help make the subject come alive, and easy to remember. For Confirmation prep, RCIA, and for those of us who just may have forgotten some important ways to participate in the liturgical life of the Church. (I,J,S,A)

Immortal Diamond: The Search for our True Self (Book) Rohr, Richard, Jossey-Bass, 2013. This book likens True Self to a diamond, buried deep within us, formed under the intense pressure of our lives, that must be searched for, uncovered, separated from all the debris of ego that surrounds it. In a sense True Self must, like Jesus, be resurrected, and that process is not resuscitation but transformation. Shows how to navigate spiritually difficult terrain with clear vision and tools to uncover our True Selves. Examines the fundamental issues of who we are and helps us on our path of spiritual maturity. Immortal Diamond explores the deepest questions of identity, spirituality, and meaning in Richard Rohr's inimitable style. (S,A)

The Many Faces of Fear : Exploring the Roots of Religious Fear (DVD) Oblate Media & Communications, 2013. All of us live with religious fears, fears about God, about life, and about our eternal destiny. What are the origins of those fears? Are they healthy, a sign of faith, or are they unhealthy, a sign of neuroses and timidity? Should we be preaching more fear in our churches or are people staying away because we have already preached unhealthy fear? These talks by Ron Rolheiser will examine the origins and the complexities of religious fear and, after giving it its proper due, will examine some biblical principles that invite us to live with less fear. (A)

Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer (DVD) Ascension Press, 2012. In this eight-part DVD series, Fr. Mark Touns guides you through the simple, yet profound steps to an effective and fruitful prayer life. You will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. (A)

Becoming Catholic, Again: Connecting the Faith We were Taught with the Faith We Live (Book) Brunell, Catherine Wiecher, Loyola Press, 2012. Helps Catholics move from a childhood faith to an authentic adult faith in Becoming Catholic, Again. In the style of a personal narrative, Brunell examines how to maintain an authentic spiritual life and a connection to the Church in a postmodern world.

Saying "I Do": What Happens at a Catholic Wedding (DVD) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2013. This new video resource walks you through the Rite of Marriage, whether you're marrying another Catholic, a baptized person who is not Catholic, or someone who is not baptized. It also answers several FAQs about Catholic weddings. Ideal for engaged couples, their families and anyone who is involved in Catholic marriage preparation. (A)



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