

# Check It Out

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### PENTECOST & THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pope Benedict 2012: "This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room (cf. Acts 2:1-11). Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit, breaking into history, defeats aridity, opens hearts to hope, stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour."



The Gift: Discovering the Holy Spirit in Catholic Tradition (Book) Schreck, Alan, Paraclete Press, 2013. Who is the Holy Spirit? What role does the Spirit play in the life of the Church and of the individual Christian? Beginning with the belief in the Holy Spirit as a Person of God, and not just a "force," this book reveals the Catholic understanding of the presence and influence of the Spirit God in every aspect of the Christian life. The book focuses on the unique aspects and development of Catholic devotion to the Holy Spirit from antiquity to the present, culminating in a look at Catholic theology of the Holy Spirit today and the new and exciting ways the Spirit is working among Catholics and all Christians in the 20th and 21st centuries. (A)

The Seekers Guide to the Holy Spirit: Filling Your Life with Seven Gifts of Grace (Book) Dodds, Bill, Loyola Press, 2003. The New Testament describes the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire descending on Jesus' disciples at Pentecost. Artists often portray the Spirit as a gentle dove. Bill Dodds presents the Holy Spirit as the bearer of gifts. With wit and insight, he explains how we can understand and use these gifts today. "Every day the Holy Spirit offers his gifts," he writes. "Every day we have the opportunity to pick them up and use them." (A)

Two Pentecost photos provided by Waiting For the Word

#### HELPFUL VIDEOS AND ACTIVITIES



**ABOUT PENTECOST** 

PENTECOST IN TWO MINUTES

8 THINGS TO KNOW AND SHARE

PENTECOST ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

The Illustrated Acts of the Apostles for Children (Book) Kieffer, Jean-Francois and Ponsard, Christine, Ignatius Press, 2011. The adventures of the apostles, as recorded by Saint Luke in the New Testament, are told for young readers with vibrant and expressive four-color, comic-book style illustrations. Beginning with Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus are transformed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit into heroic witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ. The experiences of the early Church -- the works of mercy, the miraculous healings, and the amazing conversions -- come to life in these seventeen inspiring stories of the faith and courage. (P,I,J)

Peter: Keeper of the Keys (DVD) Ignatius Press and St. Joseph Productions, LLC, 2001. Footprintsof God Series. An amazing journey of adventure about Peter, the rugged fisherman Jesus chose to lead His Church. Filmed completely on location in Rome and the Holy Land, you will follow Peter from Galilee to Rome to discover answers about the major role of the Papacy in the saga of salvation. (I,S,A)

New Beginning, New Hope: Holy Week through Pentecost with Pope Francis (Book) Francis, Pope, Our Sunday Visitor, 2014. Pope Francis' homilies and audiences from Holy Week through Pentecost reflect his joy, compassion, and love for all people, which has captivated the world. The Pope's grace-filled perspective during this most hopeful season of the Church year will inspire and encourage you. (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)

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## New Titles

#### The Jesuits: A History from Ignatius to the

Present (Book) O'Malley, John W., Rowman & Littlefield, 2014. As Pope Francis continues to make his mark on the church, there is increased interest in his Jesuit background what is the Society of Jesus, how is it different from other religious orders, and how has it shaped the world? Malley provides essential historical background from the

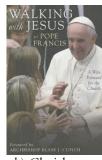
founder Ignatius of Loyola through the present. The book tells the story of the Jesuits great successes as missionaries, educators, scientists, cartographers, polemicists, theologians, poets, patrons of the arts, and confessors to kings. Concise and compelling, The Jesuits is an accessible introduction for anyone interested in world or church history. In addition to the narrative, the book provides a timeline, a list of significant figures, photos of important figures and locations, recommendations for additional reading. (S,A)



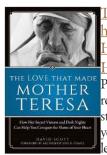
Tweeting with God (Book) Remery, Michel, Ignatius Press, 2015. If you are curious, you ask questions - even about difficult topics. Can Catholic teaching provide answers relevant to your life today? In this book you will find 200 daring questions from young people about God, faith, prayer and morality. Fr. Michel Remery thoughtfully answers them all in Tweets of 140 characters or less,

and provides expanded explanations based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Bible. This book is ideal for: young men and women who are curious about the Catholic faith; new Catholics and current catechumens; anyone who wants to share his faith or freshen up his knowledge of the faith; and those who want to speak with others about the faith. (S,A)

Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church (Book) Francis, Pope, Loyola Press, 2014. Francis urges us to make Jesus central in our individual lives and in the collective life of the Church—to walk toward him, and ultimately to walk with him at all times and in all places. Each chapter of this book helps us put one foot in front of the other as we move ever closer to God and to our neighbors through the sacraments, prayer, evangelization, the gifts of the Spirit, and service to others. Foreword by Archbishop of Chicago Blase J. Cupich, Pope Francis's first major appointment in the United States. (A)



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The Love that Made Mother Teresa: How her Secret Visions and Dark Nights can Help you Conquer the Slums of your

Heart (Book) Scott, David, Sophia Institute Press, 2014. Part biography and part spiritual reading, these pages bring to light little-known stories from Mother Teresa's life that will help you to grow in your love of God. You will learn her approach to reading Scripture, what enabled her to persevere through agonizing

nights, and the remarkable - some would say mystical - events that led her to start the Missionaries of Charity. Part biography and part spiritual reading, these pages bring to light little-known stories from Mother Teresa's life that will help you to grow in your love of God. (S,A)

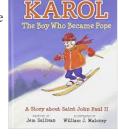
Karol: The Boy who Became Pope: A Story about Saint

John Paul II (Book) Newmann Press, 2014. Reveals the power of faith and family in the young life of the "pope of the family," Saint John Paul II. Written by Jem Sullivan, catechist and author, and beautifully illustrated by award-winning artist William J.

Maloney, Karol is a delightful and inspiring children's story about one of the great saints of our age. (P,I)







The Essential Guide to Catholic Terms (Book) Glavich, Mary Kathleen, Loyola Press, 2014. A handy, thorough, complete reference for all things Catholic. Written in simple, direct language appropriate for children of various stages of faith formation, The Essential Guide of Catholic Terms offers the detail-rich stories and phrases that we use to teach and understand our faith. A handy resource for parents and teachers, every Catholic home and classroom would not be complete without this fundamental resource. (S,A)

The Joy of Believing: A Practical Guide to the Catholic

Faith (Book) Lori, William E., Word Among Us Press, 2015. Following the structure of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Lori explains what the Church believes and how we can best put those beliefs into practice in our everyday lives. In five questions following each chapter, the reader can reflect on the meaning of these truths for his or her own life. Among the topics covered are the Creed, the liturgy, the seven sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and prayer in the Christian life. (A)

What are We Doing on Earth for Christ's Sake? (Book) Leonard, Richard, Paulist Press, 2015. Richard Leonard's third book in a series of questions, What Are We Doing On Earth for Christ's Sake? invites Christians to revisit their faith in the midst of the contemporary world and its challenges. Rather than ignoring the world

around us or creating one that is removed from reality, the book encourages the need for honest dialogue, stresses the importance of religious experience, but most importantly, urges the practice of genuine actions for Christ's sake. (S,A)