



# Check It Out

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## New Group Study Programs

**Beloved Marriage Series** (Augustine Institute) Beloved explores the essential realities of marriage, dealing with the deepest spiritual, emotional, and practical aspects of what the sacrament means for those preparing to get married as well as those who yearn for a richer married life. Through an exploration of Scripture, Tradition, and Church teaching, God's plan for marriage will come alive. (A)



**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained-Part 1-Knowing the Faith & Part 2-Living the Faith** (Augustine Institute) A vibrant, relevant and complete program to re-evangelize and reinvigorate your parish. The 20 compelling sessions of this bold series guide parishioners through the breadth and richness of their Catholic faith. Presented by some of the most trusted Catholic teachers in the world, this unique video and discussion experience will transform the lives of your parishioners. Designed with RCIA in mind, Symbolon uses prayer, video teaching, discussion questions, a catechist summary, a call to conversion, and a recommended Celebration of the Word of God. (S,A)

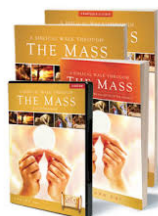


**YDisciple-True Beauty & True Strength** (Augustine Institute) The True Beauty 4-DVD series explores femininity and the virtue of chastity for young women. This series will help young women become steadfast in the virtue of chastity in the midst of an unchaste culture. The True Strength 4-DVD series studies masculinity and the virtue of chastity for young men. Based in Biblical teaching and principles, this series will help young men discover that their masculinity is God's invitation to be a man of greatness. (S)



**Altaration** (Ascension Press) Addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: how do we get Catholic teens to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating?. Teens will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. Altaration is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire young souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass. The goal is not to fill teens' heads with information but to pierce their hearts with transformation. (S,A)

**Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** (Ascension Press) An extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. (A)



**A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** (Ascension Press) Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. (A)

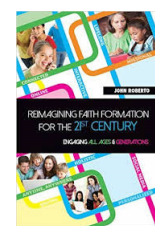
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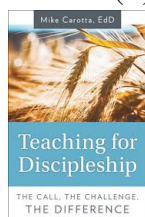
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# New Materials In the Library

**Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century: Engaging All Ages & Generations** (Book) Roberto, John, Lifelong Faith Associates, 2015. Much has been written about the challenges facing Christianity and faith formation. This book seeks to provide a way forward. How can we address the big adaptive challenges facing churches and faith formation? How can we reimagine faith formation with a vision that honors the past and is open to the future? How can we build a new faith-forming ecosystem that supports religious transmission and faith growth? How can we design new models with the best understandings and practices of learning and faith formation? And how can we engage all ages and generations in growing in faith and discipleship for a lifetime? (A)



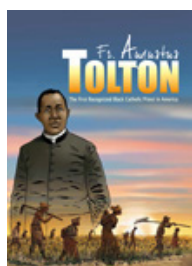
**The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation** (Book) Roberto, John, Lifelong Faith Associates, 2015. The Seasons of Adult Faith Formation provides leaders with a deeper understanding of adulthood today, a vision of twenty-first century adult faith formation, and the tools and processes for designing faith formation for all the seasons of adulthood. (A)



**Teaching for Discipleship: the Call, the Challenge, the Difference** (Book) Carotta, Mike, Our Sunday Visitor, 2015. Teaching for Discipleship points out why now is the right time to emphasize the call of discipleship, the challenges involved in making "necessary adaptations", catechetical dynamics that distinguish Teaching for Discipleship from our past approaches, and practices that can help all of us keep heart. (A)

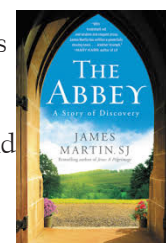
**War Room** (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2015. With great jobs, a beautiful daughter and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II-adults and adolescents. (J,S,A)

**Inside Out** (DVD) Disney-Pixar, 2015. Splendid animated comedy, founded on strong values, in which an 11-year-old girl's personified emotions, principally Joy and Sadness struggle to help her cope with the crisis brought on by her family's move from Minnesota to San Francisco. Co-directors Pete Docter and Ronaldo Del Carmen prove equally deft at tickling and touching the wide-ranging audience for which their Pixar production is suitable. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II -- adults and adolescents. (I,J,S,A)



**Fr. Augustus Tolton: The First Recognized Black Catholic Priest in America** (Book) Liturgy Training Publications, 2015. Augustus Tolton, born into slavery, was the first black man to be ordained to the priesthood in the United States. Born in Missouri in 1854, Tolton spent his first years in slavery in Ralls County. After the outbreak of the Civil War in April of 1861, his mother led his family to freedom in Quincy, Illinois. Ordained in 1886, he returned to the United States and ministered in Quincy, then in Chicago. Tolton's cause for sainthood was introduced in 2011. His story, a story with great relevance for us today, needs to be better known. This graphic novel offers a way for readers of all ages to find out more about this holy man and learn to know him as a friend and an intercessor before God. (I,J,S,A)

**The Abbey: A Story of Discovery** (Book) Martin, Fr. James, Harper Collins, 2015. In his debut novel, James Martin, SJ, provides a window into the spiritual journeys of three people seeking direction. As he did in his previous bestsellers--Jesus: A Pilgrimage, Between Heaven and Mirth, and The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything--Martin once again crafts a book that incarnates deep spiritual wisdom while being accessible and full of humor and grace. Through the characters' struggles, we see firsthand how God uses our worries, questions, and even anger to help us become whole. (S,A)



## Year of Mercy Resources from the Archdiocese of Seattle

**LEVEL:** P (Primary Grades K-3) I (Intermediate Grades 4-6) J (Junior High Grades 7-8) S (Secondary Grades 9-12) A (Adult)