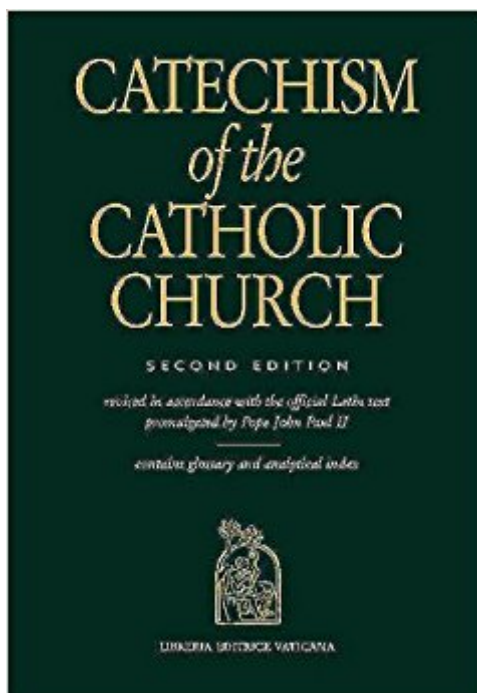


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The official Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition clearly spells out the Church's beliefs on: Love and marriage, Children, God, creation, humanity, life, death, and the afterlife, Mary, the Church, the saints, and the sacraments. And much, much more. Why a "second edition"? Revised to conform completely with the official Latin text promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1997, the book now also includes an extensive glossary and analytical index to make it even more "user friendly." Unlike the catechism you may have used as a child, the official Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, doesn't have a question-and-answer format. Designed for lay use, it can be read from cover-to-cover or, with its handy index, used as a resource to find a specific teaching on a specific topic. A "must" for every Catholic household. It's also the perfect gift for graduation, Confirmation, birthdays, Christmas, and Mother's or Father's Day. (And a great addition to your own library to help you learn even more about the Church and be better able to explain its beliefs to others!)

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Catechism of the Catholic Church is the first new edition of the catechism in 400 years. Catechism means "instruction," and this text will remain the standard reference for Catholics for many future generations. It is the authoritative summary of Catholic belief regarding the Church creeds, sacraments, commandments, and prayers. To get some idea of the level of detail with which the Catechism engages Catholic doctrine, consider that 17 pages of explanation accompany the opening words of the Apostle's Creed ("I Believe in God the Father"). The book is exceptionally well

organized, with line-by-line explanations of every conceivable aspect of orthodox Catholic belief. Extensive cross-referencing, indexing, footnotes, and "In Brief" summaries of each section further ease the project of finding the precise answers to any questions a reader might have. Even the layout of information on the page is easy on the eyes, with wide margins for readers who wish to make notes. Furthermore, the back cover features a true rarity in the annals of world literature: a blurb by the Pope. --Michael Joseph Gross --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A sure and certain standard for the teaching of the faith." --Pope John Paul II

Sometimes due to hearsay, lack of dialogue or just simply lack of research/study, we either have false assumptions or perhaps no clue at all, what the other Churches believe/understand or practice/teach. I'm not Catholic per say, but do get much illumination from studying literature from various well educated, spiritual theologians/scholars, past or present, from various Christian Churches. I don't self-limit my knowledge/understanding for spiritual growth, by being fed in-the-box thinking/indoctrination at the congregation, (denominational/nondenominational) that I attend. I find very applicable thoughts, illuminating settings/backgrounds, etc. in Catholic literature. Do I agree with or adhere to everything I read/study from other Churches?--No. Do I agree with everything from every prominent figure in the Church I attend?--No. There will always be room for deeper understanding and growth--but then we must be open in mind/intellect, and heart/will--the two parts of the soul. Raniero Cantalamessa's book "Come, Creator Spirit", converted me to a different level. I had read a number of books on Holy Spirit. Cantalamessa is Teacher/Preacher, at the Vatican. Possibly the reason I am giving this Catechism a four, rather than five star is that I am not yet familiar enough with how to use/reference it. I find no difficulty in understanding it.

something every catholic should own and have access to. It answers many questions about our faith.

Great reference book for our bible study group. More information that I had growing up Catholic, good to review and reinforce my faith.

Great resource for knowing what the Roman Catholic Church teaches on Morality.

if you need a Catechism with a hard cover this one does the job well

The only drawback to this book is its size. It's about the size of a regular paperback book but much thicker with large writing which makes it difficult to use. I would prefer it to be a bit larger so it's easier to use. Since it's so small it's hard to hold it open when studying. I've been trying to find a Catechism in a larger size but they're few and far between.

When first reading this I realized how important education in the format of the Catholic Church is to be strong and rooted in the Mother Church. Faith can unfortunately wane when pressed with so much hostility towards the Church on the outside world. If you know both sides especially the pros then you can stay rooted in your faith when the Mother Church is bombarded with scandals. The Compendium and the Catechism were shipped together and came on time. Both were in perfect shape. I have to say that if you want to understand and not feel overburdened with dogma you are not familiar with get the Compendium. Without it I would have shelved the book. This is a must half in this Year of Faith.

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