

## Catholic Social Teaching Ave Maria Press

While admitting particular parameters and priorities for Roman Catholic preachers, this volume was intentionally envisioned as a handbook for "catholic" preaching in the broadest and most universal sense of that term. Cosponsored by the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics, and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, it covers the role of the Scriptures in preaching, the challenges of preaching in a digital age, sermonizing in an interfaith context, and the need for a liberative and prophetic word that cuts across denominations and even faith traditions. Intended to aid those who teach or direct the preaching arts, the design and writing style of this book are particularly calibrated to graduate students in ministerial studies. Every article is a self-contained overview of a particular historical period, genre of preaching, homiletic theory, or contemporary issue. This more encyclopedic approach—devoid of footnotes, yet supported by pertinent bibliography and an extensive index—provides a sufficiently rich yet thoroughly accessible gateway to major facets of the preaching arts at this stage of the twenty-first century. General Editor: Edward Foley Associate Editors: Catherine Vincie, Richard N. Fragomeni Contributors: Herbert Anderson, John F. Baldovin, Alden Lee Bass, Dianne Bergant, Stephen Bevans, Robert Bireley, John Carr, Anthony Collamati, Michael E. Connors, Gueric DeBona, Frank DeSiano, William T. Ditewig, Con Foley, Edward Foley, Richard N. Fragomeni, Ann M. Garrido, Gregory Heille, Lucy Lind Hogan, Patrick R. Lagges, David J. Lose, Barbara K. Lundblad, Ricky Manalo, Robert F. Morneau, Carolyn Muessig, vanThanh Nguyen, Mary Margaret Pazdan, Patricia Parachini, Jorge Presmanes, Craig Alan Satterlee, Catherine Vincie, Richard Vosko, James A. Wallace, Margaret Moers Wenig, Alex Zenthoefter (© 2015) The Subcommittee on the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has found that this catechetical high school text is in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and fulfills the requirements of Core Course IV of the Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age. Students deepen their understanding of Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's Revelation, as they encounter him in the living Body of Christ, the Catholic Church. Jesus and the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic supports Course IV of the USCCB curriculum and is the first high school textbook released by Ave Maria Press in its new Encountering Jesus series. As they engage with the content of this text, students will recognize Christ present and active in their lives through the visible and vibrant mission of Church, defined by her four characteristics--one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. While Jesus and the Church places the foundations of the Church in their historical and scriptural context, the textbook goes further by guiding students to recognize the sacred nature of the Church and engaging them to more actively participate in the living Body of Christ and serve as witnesses to the sacred Gospel in the world today. Simply put, the goal of the book--as in the Encountering Jesus series as a whole--is to change the lives of students by making real-life connections between what they are learning about the Church and how they encounter Jesus in the contemporary world.

Few treatments of Catholic Social Teaching are as comprehensive as this, and none is nearly so devoted to a critical scholarly presentation and analysis of the whole corpus.

Meeting the communities' social needs gives validity to the Eucharist. Whether readers are looking to build upon, or simply start, a concerted social ministry outreach, this guidebook poses all the questions and provides directions and answers to help a parish move forward.

Oremus allows Catholics to experience anew—or for the first time—the beauty and rich spiritual heritage of the language used for almost two-thousand years in the scriptures, liturgy, and prayers of the Church. Traditional Latin prayers such as the Ave Maria, Sancte Michael, and Tantum Ergo are presented side-by-side with their literal English translations in this extraordinary collection. Pope Francis's Twitter account in Latin has grown from 100,000 followers in 2013 to more than almost a million in 2020; and there is a growing interest by Catholics to learn traditional prayers in Latin. Oremus is a collection of cherished prayers in Latin—the exact words prayed by many of the saints over the centuries—including: The prayers of the Rosary—Pater Noster, Gloria Patri, and Salve Regina; Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration—O Salutaris, Laudes Divinae, and Anima Christi; Prayers for morning, evening, and night—Benedictus, Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis; Favorite psalms and Gospel Sequences; Prayers used by St. Louis de Montfort in his preparation for Total Consecration to Mary—Veni Creator and Ave Maris Stella; and Prayers of and to saints—Te Deum and Suscipe. Oremus includes an introduction, ecclesiastical Latin pronunciation guide, index, and accent markings throughout the text. It can be used as a prayer book for individuals, classrooms, families, and small groups.

In *The Heart of Catholicism*, Bert Ghezzi, bestselling author and popular speaker, invites readers into his deep love for the Church. With great warmth and authenticity, he shows how foundational habits such as praying, studying scripture, serving others, celebrating sacraments, and learning from the saints remind us who we are as followers of Christ. In this completely revised and expanded version of *Being Catholic Today: Practicing the Everyday Habits That Shape Us*, Bert Ghezzi brings together his love for the Church and his teaching expertise in this practical introduction to the way Catholics live. Ghezzi uses stories from his own life to show how Catholicism is contagious, spreading from person to person because of the things Catholics do that are distinctively Catholic. Essential practices such as praying daily, celebrating the sacraments, reading and applying scripture, honoring the saints, confessing and overcoming sin, participating in parish life, caring for the poor, and evangelizing are treated in seventeen brief and inspiring chapters. Expands students' understanding of their own religious history and practice by examining other religions of the world. Each religion is introduced with a brief history, and explored through each religion's scripture or major writings, beliefs and practices, and sacred spaces and times.

Hendey, Catholic social media expert and creator of CatholicMom.com, presents five-minute devotions to help Catholic households embrace the spiritual riches of Advent. These devotions feature distinctive daily texts within a weekly pattern of

repeating elements.

Your Life in Christ introduces high school students to the essential message of Christian moral teaching--love of God and love of neighbor. Against this backdrop, students encounter and explore Catholic teaching that applies the mandate to love in real-life scenarios and situations. In a culture where moral relativism increasingly blurs distinctions between right and wrong, students quickly see that this subject couldn't be more relevant. Students consider and study such topics as conscience formation, law, Jesus as a moral guide, sin and forgiveness, respect for life, and sexuality.

"A guide to key themes of the Catholic social teaching tradition and its implications for ethical issues such as war, peacemaking, and the global refugee crisis"--

Handbook of Catholic Social Teaching employs a question and answer format, to better accentuate the response of the Church's message to the questions Catholics have about their social role and what the Church intends to teach about it. Written in consultation with the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the Handbook should take its place alongside the Catechism of the Social Doctrine of the Church on the shelf of informed Catholics as works that can inform what we believe and do in the public sphere.

A history of Catholic social thought Many Americans assume that the Catholic Church is inherently conservative, based on its stances on abortion, contraception, and divorce. Yet there is a longstanding tradition of progressive Catholic movements in the United States that have addressed a variety of issues from labor, war, immigration, and environmental protection, to human rights, women's rights, exploitive development practices, and bellicose foreign policies. These Catholic social movements have helped to shift the Church from an institution that had historically supported incumbent governments and political elites to a Church that has increasingly sided with the vulnerable and oppressed. This book provides a concise history of progressively oriented Catholic Social Thought, which conveys the Catholic Church's position on a variety of social justice concerns. Sharon Erickson Nepstad introduces key papal encyclicals and other church documents, showing how lay Catholics in the United States have put these ideas into practice through a creative and sometimes provocative political engagement. Nepstad also explores how these progressive movements have pressured the religious hierarchy to respond to pressing social issues, such as women's ordination, conscription, and the morality of nuclear deterrence policies. Catholic Social Activism vividly depicts how these progressive movements have helped to shape the religious landscape of the United States, and how they have provoked controversy and debate among Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The Church's Best-Kept Secret is a short primer which lays out the basics of Catholic social teaching in a way accessible to the ordinary Catholic as well as to any other person of good will attempting to grasp this often profoundly misunderstood area of Church doctrine and practice. Writing in everyday language for the non-scholar, award-winning writer Mark Shea concisely describes the roots of Catholic social teaching in Scripture and Tradition and gives simple, practical examples of how it works in ordinary life. Sketching the meaning of the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Subsidiarity, and Solidarity, Shea bridges the gulf in our politics and cultural warfare to make the case that Catholic Social Teaching, properly understood, is common sense, as well as the path to living a happier and more just common life for each human person.

Moral theologian Samuel Gregg addresses issues surrounding the Pope's personal influence on developments in Catholic social teaching. He compares the treatment of industrial relations, capitalism, and relations between developed and developing countries in John Paul's three social encyclicals with the handling of these three topics in the teachings of the Council and Paul VI, arguing that John Paul's critical engagement with the modern world has contributed significantly to Catholic social teaching, particular its moral-anthropological dimensions. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Foundations of Catholic Social TeachingLiving As a Disciple of Christ

The popular rich and unique pedagogical presentation of the Encountering Jesus series makes the study of Church history appealing, accessible, and applicable for upper level Catholic high school students in Catholic Church History, a brand new and updated textbook to support the Option B elective of the USCCB curriculum framework.

Topics related to Catholic social teaching emerge regularly in American political and civic discourse, often connected to discussions about religious freedom, abortion, immigrant rights, racism, capital punishment, and health care. This third edition of A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching by Rev. Kevin E. McKenna incorporates the essential teachings of Pope Francis in Evangelium Gaudium, Laudato Si', and Amoris Laetitia to offer a clear, beginner-level reference tool and study guide for Church leaders and other interested Catholics to help them navigate this vast body of teaching. Building on core themes of human dignity, community, rights and responsibilities, option for the poor, dignity of work, solidarity, and care of creation, McKenna distills a vast amount of Catholic teaching into easily digestible summaries, each carefully referenced to its primary source and correlated to pressing issues making today's headlines. The book includes crucial teachings of the popes from Louis XIII through Francis as well as from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Each chapter concludes with questions for reflection and dialogue and appendices provide tools for parishes and study groups. This practical and thorough guide remains a perennial favorite for study and reference in Catholic parishes, universities, and ministry formation programs.

Summarizes seven key themes of Catholic social teaching as highlighted by the American bishops in Sharing Catholic Social Teaching.

Shows leaders how to motivate students to apply the Church's social teaching to their own lives. This work describes hand-on activities designed to correspond with social justice issues addressed in the textbook Catholic Social Teaching.

This work offers readers the insight and inspiration to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ, the 'glad tidings to the poor,' here and now. Mich weaves together the biblical tradition and the wisdom of Catholic social teaching with the stories of saints and spiritual leaders, contemporary and historical.

Ideal for those just beginning their ministry and for ministry veterans to affirm their call to service. Each 48-page booklet offers practical advice, questions for reflection, personal testimonies, simple prayers for either group or individual use, and spiritual enrichment in a format that is clear and easy to use.

Catechetical / Youth Ministry

Catholic social teaching has explosive power for changing not just individuals, but whole societies. And it's the saints who light the fuse. - Brandon Vogt The value of human life. The call to family and community. Serving the poor. The rights of workers. Care for creation. The church has always taught certain undeniable truths that can and should affect our society. But over the years, these teachings have been distorted, misunderstood, and forgotten. With the help of fourteen saints, it's time we reclaim Catholic social



teaching and rediscover it through the lives of those who best lived it out. Follow in the saints' footsteps, learn from their example, and become the spark of authentic social justice that sets the world on fire. Learn from heroes like: Bl. Teresa of Calcutta St. Peter Claver St. Frances of Rome St. Roque Gonzalez Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati St. Damien of Molokai St. John Paul II Goodreads Review for Saints and Social Justice Reviews from Goodreads.com

This accessible and stirring book invites us to walk with those who serve and those who are served in confronting the daily reality of poverty. The work highlights six exemplary projects funded by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Popular author, catechist, and creator of The Religion Teacher website Jared Dees learned a valuable lesson from his students: teaching is not the same as evangelization. He found instead—as in Jesus' own ministry—if you focus first on healing the wounded, then proclaiming the Word of God, and finally teaching, you can bring people of all ages to Christ. Using examples from his own teaching, stories from the Bible, and the lives of the saints, Dees offers a fresh and engaging approach and practical ideas for following the ministry of Jesus in your own work. Jesus had a threefold ministry on Earth: to heal the sick and wounded, proclaim the Good News, and teach those who became his disciples. It's an approach imitated by the saints throughout history and continues to be the cornerstone of successful ministry in parishes, Catholic schools, and other vibrant programs today. Jared Dees—author of *31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator*—will help you understand how Jesus' ministry transformed lives through biblical examples such as Paul, Bartimaeus, the centurion's servant, and the woman at the well. He shares the importance of healing through the ministries of saints, such as Mother Teresa, Br. André Bessette, Ignatius of Loyola, and Fr. Damien of Molokai. In *To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach*, Dees offers practical examples of how to apply Jesus' threefold ministry to everyday life: allow yourself to be constantly evangelized; learn to help others through both good and bad times; and root yourself in community. He also suggests examples of ministries that are effectively reaching the faithful of all ages today, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Life Teen, Teens Encounter Christ, Theology on Tap, FOCUS, and Christ Renews His Parish. Dees will guide you with practical ways to imitate Jesus' ministry in your own classrooms and faith formation programs at all levels. *To Heal, Proclaim, and Teach* was a 2017 winner of the Association of Catholic Publishers Excellence in Publishing Award: Resources for Ministry (Third Place) and the Catholic Press Association Book Award: Pastoral Ministry (Third Place).

What is social justice? For Friedrich Hayek, it was a mirage—a meaningless, ideological, incoherent, vacuous cliché. He believed the term should be avoided, abandoned, and allowed to die a natural death. For its proponents, social justice is a catchall term that can be used to justify any progressive-sounding government program. It endures because it venerates its champions and brands its opponents as supporters of social injustice, and thus as enemies of humankind. As an ideological marker, social justice always works best when it is not too sharply defined. In *Social Justice Isn't What You Think It Is*, Michael Novak and Paul Adams seek to clarify the true meaning of social justice and to rescue it from its ideological captors. In examining figures ranging from Antonio Rosmini, Abraham Lincoln, and Hayek, to Popes Leo XIII, John Paul II, and Francis, the authors reveal that social justice is not a synonym for “progressive” government as we have come to believe. Rather, it is a virtue rooted in Catholic social teaching and developed as an alternative to the unchecked power of the state. Almost all social workers see themselves as progressives, not conservatives. Yet many of their “best practices” aim to empower families and local communities. They stress not individual or state, but the vast social space between them. Left and right surprisingly meet. In this surprising reintroduction of its original intention, social justice represents an immensely powerful virtue for nurturing personal responsibility and building the human communities that can counter the widespread surrender to an ever-growing state.

In *Catholic Teaching on Homosexuality: New Paths to Understanding*, Rev. Louis Cameli, nationally renowned pastoral leader and priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, presents the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality with insight, new possibilities for spiritual care, and a vision for greater hospitality within the Church. Is the sexuality of homosexually inclined persons a blessing or a curse? Does it lead a person to God or away from God? Can a homosexual person be a good Catholic? With humility and pastoral sensitivity, Cameli offers hope to the many who feel alienated from the Church because of these questions. Taking his cue from Pope Benedict's call to “express the teaching pastorally, theologically, and intellectually in the context of today's studies of sexuality and anthropology,” he provides a deeper understanding of the Church's theological language and stresses that while the Church is a teacher, it must also be a learner.

Luigi Taparelli, SJ, 1793-1862, in his *Theoretical Treatise of Natural Right Based on Fact*, 1840-43, presents a neo-Thomistic approach to social, economic, and political sciences grounded in an integral conception of the human person as social animal but also as rational truth seeker. His conceptions of social justice and of subsidiarity are fundamental to modern Catholic social teaching (CST). His work moves away from traditionalist-conservative reaction in favor of an authentically human, moderately liberal, modernity built on the harmony of faith and reason. He zealously deconstructs laissez-faire liberal ideology and its socialist progeny in scores of articles in the *Civiltà Cattolica*, the journal that he co-founded in 1850. His arguments figure prominently in the *Syllabus of Errors* (1864) of Pius IX. Though a moderate liberal himself, his reputation as anti-liberal reactionary and defender of Papal temporal sovereignty is the chief reason why Pope Leo XIII later sought to quiet Taparelli's contribution to the foundations and pillars of modern CST that began with the restoration of Thomistic philosophy in *Aeterni Patris* (1879), and the “magna carta” of modern Catholic social teaching, *Rerum Novarum* (1891). Pius XI relies heavily on Taparelli's concept of subsidiarity in *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931), and sought to advance interest in Taparelli studies. However, Taparelli's eclectic philosophical orientation and writing style have been a considerable stumbling block. In this present book, Taparelli's ideas are evaluated both for their philosophical character but also in their historical context. Taparelli's theories of the just society and ordered liberty, are as timely nowadays for reasoned political and ethical discourse as ever. The book includes an appendix of translated portions of the *Theoretical Treatise of Natural Right Based on Fact* that relate to subsidiarity.

Encountering Jesus in the New Testament has been found in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Encountering Jesus in the New Testament helps students further their personal relationship with Jesus Christ by growing in understanding of Jesus' historical, cultural, and religious background through an in-depth look at Scriptures. Answering the question, “Who is Jesus of Nazareth, the person people of faith call “Christ, the Son of God?,” is a central focus of the text. In answering this question, the students will explore how the New Testament scriptures provide us with an answer. Growing up, Fr. Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., never thought much about race, racism, or racial justice except for what he read in history books. His upbringing as a white, middle-class Catholic shielded him from seeing the persistent, pervasive racism all around him. Horan shares what he has since learned about uncovering and combatting racial inequity in our

nation and in our Church, urging us to join the fight. In the spring and summer of 2020, US cities erupted in protests and racial tensions ran high following several high-profile killings of Black women and men at the hands of white police officers. As America watched and listened, many of us became dislodged from our comfortable assumptions about race. Horan recognized this unnerving dynamic as a doorway to the awakening and spiritual conversion he has been undergoing for much of his adult life. In *A White Catholic's Guide to Racism and Privilege*, Horan speaks prophetically to what has become a gnawing unease for so many. With candid critique and reflection, Horan helps us make sense of crucial issues such as: The difference between what sociologists call common-sense racism and systemic racism. What is meant by white privilege and how it contributes to racial injustices. The Catholic Church's teachings about racism, how those can still be developed, and what those teachings require of us. Combatting racism in our everyday lives. As a white man, Horan shows his fellow white Catholics how to become actively anti-racist and better allies to our Black brothers and sisters as we work against racism in our culture and in the Church. He offers us the hope and surety of the Gospel, the wisdom of Catholic tradition, and some practical ways to educate ourselves and advocate for justice. Each chapter includes a substantial suggested-reading list. This book is perfect for individual or group study.

(© 2015) The Subcommittee on the Catechism, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has found that this catechetical high school text is in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and fulfills the requirements of Elective C of the Doctrinal Elements of a Curriculum Framework for the Development of Catechetical Materials for Young People of High School Age. "No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone," wrote Pope Benedict XVI, whose words resonate with today's teens, particularly because the prevalence of social media allows them to better see how their lives are interwoven with those around them. *Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching: Living as a Disciple of Christ* builds on those connections by helping teens find their place in the community of the faithful as they advocate for charity and justice in the world. The textbook, the second in the *Encountering Jesus* series released by Ave Maria Press, adheres to the USCCB guidelines for Elective Course C: Living as a Disciple of Jesus Christ. Organized around the seven principles of Catholic social teaching, *Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching* helps students gain a greater understanding of the roots of social teaching in the Church, its context in the Bible and the Catechism and real-life examples of charity and justice in action.

When Pope Francis puts pen to paper, people around the world pay attention. Between 2017 and 2020, the Holy Father published six groundbreaking documents with topics ranging from the importance of scripture to Catholic social teaching, and from injustice in the Amazon to the role of religion in building world peace. These seven documents—letters, apostolic exhortations, an encyclical, and a statement cosigned by Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb—are gathered in one volume for the first time. Volume 2 includes: *Gaudete et Exultate*, March 19, 2018: In his apostolic exhortation *Rejoice and Be Glad: On the Call to Holiness in Today's World*, Pope Francis reissues the universal call to holiness, challenges us to recognize the "saints next door" we encounter in daily life, and provides a practical meditation on how we can respond to the Lord's invitation to become his disciples. *Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together*, February 4, 2019: This document emphasizes the important role of religion in building world peace and the rights of freedom, justice, and full citizenship for all people—including women. It was cosigned in Abu Dhabi by the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, during Pope Francis's apostolic visit to the United Arab Emirates. *Apperuit Illis*, September 30, 2019: This apostolic letter, *Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*, reflects on Vatican II's teaching on the importance of the scriptures and encourages all Catholics to embrace the Bible as part of their rich spiritual heritage. *Christus Vivit*, March 25, 2019: *Christ is Alive* is the post-synodal apostolic exhortation to young people framed on three key principles: God loves you, Jesus saves and suffers with you, and Jesus is alive. *Querida Amazonia*, February 12, 2020: The 2020 post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Beloved Amazon* addresses injustice and exploitation in the Amazon region, outlines challenges to caring for creation and respecting the cultures of indigenous peoples, and renews consideration of how the Church's mission can and should take shape in the twenty-first century. *Fratelli Tutti*, October 4, 2020: *All Brothers and Sisters: On Fraternity and Social Friendship* is Pope Francis's third encyclical and the only one written between 2017 and 2020. This seminal work challenges us to take a fresh look at the great ideals of the Church's social teaching and put them into practice on a new—and more personal—level. *Patris Corde*, December 8, 2020: The apostolic letter *With a Father's Heart* declared 2021 the Year of St. Joseph, and provides an extended meditation on the various facets of Joseph's fatherhood.

Understanding the rewards of a lifelong commitment to Christ is the most important goal of a new high school religion textbook from Ave Maria Press. *Your Christian Vocation* helps students learn how to live their lives to the benefit of others as they consider a vocation of service—in marriage, priestly or consecrated life, or the single life—to the Church and their own communities. Students will explore a variety of topics in each vocation, including friendship, dating, and courtship related to choosing a spouse; family planning and raising children; the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Orders to the whole Church; priestly celibacy; and other forms of religious life including religious institutes, eremites, consecrated virgins and widows, secular institutes, and societies of apostolic life. Students will find the encouragement and practical skills to practice discernment for their lifelong vocation. They'll also learn how to consider the differences between vocation, jobs, and career. A bonus chapter on the single life is available online, along with a variety of teacher resources. *Your Christian Vocation* replaces the *Marriage and Holy Orders* textbook. Developed in collaboration with experts in theology, catechesis, and pedagogy, *Your Christian Vocation* is part of the *Encountering Jesus* textbook series and features the same pedagogical design and features that have made the series popular with both teachers and students: Chapter Focus Questions: Each chapter's main idea is posed as a question to the student to provide a broader context in which new ideas can be integrated and understood. Infographics: A wide variety of visual and interactive designs throughout the text help students understand theological concepts in ways they will remember. Currents Events:

Each chapter opens with a story from the contemporary world that teens can relate to their own lives. Educational Photos: Images throughout the text have been carefully chosen not only to illustrate the chapter but for teachers and students to use as educational tools. Note-Taking Graphic Organizers: Designed to help students organize, summarize, and sequence the text, various types of organizers were customized for every section of the book. Section Assessments: Each section includes pedagogically designed assessment questions with labels that show how the questions serve a variety of different learning styles. Online Resources: As always, teachers can access a wide variety of online resources at the Ave Maria Press website, including videos, PowerPoints, handouts, crossword puzzles, reading guides, and tests. The enhanced digital edition of *Your Christian Vocation* includes exclusive access to videos from the Apostleship of Prayer, America Media, Catholic Relief Services, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. These videos enrich the written text with expert explanations of key theological concepts, sacred people, and sacred places by Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. John Bergsma, Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C., Rev. James Kubick, S.J., and Rev. James Martin, S.J. A Teacher's Wraparound Edition (TWE) offers strategies and lessons to facilitate several different learning styles. Guides, approaches, rubrics, questions, and answers all ease a teacher's planning and coverage of each student text chapter. The text has been approved by the Subcommittee on Catechism for use with Elective D, *Responding to the Call of Jesus Christ*, of the USCCB curriculum framework.

A resource for those seeking a deeper understanding of the two thousand-year history of the Catholic Church, highlights important events, people, trends, and teachings, and offers photographs, charts, and chronologies.

*Open Wide the Doors to Christ*, is a powerful tool for both teachers and students of the Catholic faith. As an excellent resource for RCIA and Adult Faith Formation, this insightful book discusses the basics of the Catholic faith -- and how we can live it fully. As the "meat and potatoes" of Catholicism, it is an introduction to the Church's teachings on the Creed, the sacraments, the moral life, prayer and much more -- with particular focus upon those who are seeking to become Catholic. Presented in a way that adults from all walks of life can understand, the book challenges readers to dig deeper and to continue to grow in their understanding of Christ and the Catholic Church.

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