

Parent Faith Formation Resources

Some resources to help Catholic parents enrich their faith and understanding of Catholic teaching are listed below. Books can be obtained from your local Catholic bookstore. Videos are available directly from publishers or REO Media Center rental. Newsletters, pamphlets are available directly from publishers.

BOOKS

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (rev. 1997) Every home should have one for adult formation and to help parents answer questions from children and youth.

Discovering Your Gifts, Vision and Call (Jacqueline McMakin and Rhonda Nary, Harper Collins Pub.) Can be used individually or in small groups or on retreat. This book is designed to help people to discern God's call and to work together and within the larger community to spread the Kingdom.

Lost and Found Catholics (Christopher Bellillo, St. Anthony Messenger) Speaks to generations of Catholics born just before and just after the Second Vatican Council.

Vatican II in Plain English (Bill Huebsch, Thomas More Publishers) Clear, attractive, accurate translations of documents of the Second Vatican Council. Study guides available.

VIDEOS *Echoes of Faith* (RCL/NCCL) Originally designed for catechist formation, the knowledge tapes have been used with great success for parent meetings, RCIA, and general adult formation classes.

The Faithful Revolution (Video – Thomas More division of RCL) Set of 6 videos on the Second Vatican Council and its meaning for Catholic life today.

The Sunday Mass Video Series (Liturgy Training Publications) Five tape series explores the parts of the Mass through actual celebrations of liturgy from around the U.S.

NEWSLETTERS *At Home with Our Faith* (Claretian Publications, 1-800-328-6515) Newsletter on Catholic family faith matters, containing great reflections and ideas for family faith sharing.

The Family Piece (NCPD/NCEA published by RCL, 1-800-822-6701) Family newsletter or bulletin stuffer. Lively, colorful and easy to read.

Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (Loyola Press 1-800-256-0589) Available in English or Spanish, this colorful resource is designed for busy families, to help parents take advantage of the ordinary opportunities in family life to share faith.

Partners in Faith (Success Publishing and Media, 1-800-366-3114) Personalizable newsletter for parish families. Designed to enrich prayer life, increase family devotion to Scripture & Sacraments, refresh parent's faith knowledge, and help parents raise responsible children.

INTERNET

www.americancatholic.org - St. Anthony Messenger – Saint of the Day, daily Catholic question, minute meditation, seasonal resource pages, etc.

www.blestarewe.com - the web page for Silver Burdette's Blest Are We program – family and age-appropriate pages, games, stories, seasonal resources, information for catechists. Designed to use with the publisher's textbooks, but some areas are specifically for families.

www.cyberfaith.com - Sadlier's family faith page – resources and links – families can subscribe to an email newsletter as well. Front page has link to Spanish version. Designed to use with the publisher's textbooks, but some areas can be used as resources for any program.

www.domestic-church.com - family-friendly site filled with creative ideas for living Catholic faith at home, with no doctrinal apologetics. Stories, recipes, craft ideas – even an internet study group for parents who want to study the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

www.faithfirst.com - RCL program page – includes family activities, resources, catechist info, and age-appropriate areas for kids, with stories, games, etc. Even includes a place to get answers to questions about the Church or faith. Designed to use with the publisher's textbooks, but some areas can be used as resources for any program.

www.harcourtreligion.com - Click on "Family" for family resource center from Harcourt Religion Publishers. Home lessons, activities and more for families.

www.liguori.org - Liguori Publications – includes "family fun" page, daily reflections, saints, clean Catholic jokes, recipes, etc.

www.usccb.org - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops web site – information, documents, current statements, resources, etc., from the Catholic Bishops.

SCRIPTURE STUDY *Little Rock Scripture Study* (The Liturgical Press)
Thirty studies for groups, with a choice for a guest speaker or a video.

Our Sunday Visitor Popular Bible Study (Our Sunday Visitor) Separate discussion-friendly books on the Gospels, Acts and Revelation. Easy to understand information and reflection questions, prayers.

Threshold Bible Study (Bayard, Inc.) Thematic Scripture study program, designed for both personal study and group study. Ideal for Bible study groups, small Christian communities, adult faith formation, neighborhood groups, family reading as well as individual study.

OTHER *Catholic Parent Know-How* (Our Sunday Visitor 1-800-348-2440) 8-page magazine-style family publications on Baptism, First Reconciliation, Lent, First Communion, Confirmation and Advent. Second series includes grade-level topics for parents of students in K-8: Fundamentals, Church, Morality, Sacraments, Scripture, Living Faith, Church History.

Catholic Wisdom (Claretian Publications) Pamphlets on many important issues of life, faith and church.