

Catechism Update

Summer 2007

Update on the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

Since the release of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* last summer, the text has gone through three printings of fifty thousand copies each. A fourth printing is anticipated this summer marking two hundred thousand copies in the first year of circulation.

The release of *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para los Adultos*, the Spanish language edition of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, is slated for late summer. Preparation of this edition has taken longer than originally envisioned. The initial translation of the text into Spanish was completed in early January. Because this translation was done by a professional translator with no theological background, a theological editorial review of the translation then took place. That was completed in late April. The process of indexing has not yet been completed because indexing follows only after the final page layouts are completed. The target release date of the finished text is the first of September.

Also envisioned for release on September 1 is the “Reader’s Guide for the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*.” This guide has been designed in a journal format allowing space for a reader to jot down notes, thoughts or reflections about the content of the adult catechism. The “Reader’s Guide” follows the same chapter structure of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. For each chapter, original reflection questions are offered along with the questions contained in the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. While the “Reader’s Guide” is designed primarily for individual use, it can also serve as a guide to a catechist planning to use the adult catechism with a group.

Once released, copies of *Catecismo Católico de Estados Unidos para los Adultos* and the “Reader’s Guide to the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*” will be available through USCCB Publishing. To order on the internet go to <http://www.usccbpublishing.org>. To order by phone call 800-235-8722. The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* continues to be available through these same contacts.

Whole Community Catechesis: The Discussion Continues

The last issue of *Catechism Update* carried a brief report of the September 2006 Catechism Committee meeting with catechetical publishers. That report contained a paragraph summarizing the discussion between the Catechism Committee and the publishers on the topic of whole community catechesis. Apparently, some are interpreting that paragraph to mean that a conclusion was reached that whole community catechesis in general and *Generations of Faith* in particular should not be

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used. This is not a correct interpretation. The Committee on Catechesis has reached only one conclusion first stated in August of 2005 in a letter to the US bishops. Forms of whole community catechesis can be beneficial to the life of a parish and to those individuals who take part in such programs. However, any form of whole community catechesis should never be used to replace systematic age-appropriate catechesis but should be used in a complimentary manner to age-appropriate systematic programs.

*******NOTICE*******

More than a year ago, the majority of US bishops began receiving *Catechism Update* in an electronic format. Since diocesan offices and publishing houses have the ability to access the newsletter electronically, print copies of *Catechism Update* will no longer be mailed. Rather, those who previously received print copies will be notified by an e-mail from staff to the Catechism Committee when a new issue of *Catechism Update* has been posted on the USCCB website.

Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

As of **June 22, 2007 the following texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.**
 Note: This listing is continually updated. Go to <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/document/Currentlist.pdf> for most current listing.

Key to the Conformity Listing (Titles new to the listing since previous Winter 2007 *Catechism Update* are in bold.)

S=School Student Text P=Parish Student Text TM= Teacher Manual CM= Catechist Manual
 S/P= single edition applicable to both school and parish S&P= two separate editions, both found to be in conformity

Preschool Text

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Specifics</i>
I am Special (Kindergarten)	Our Sunday Visitor	S/P&TM/CM ©2005

Preschool Series

Discovering God	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
God Made Everything	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Questions for God	VirTru Powers	S/P ©2007

Elementary Series: School and Parish

The Apostolate's Family Catechism	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2003, ©2005
Blest Are We (1-6)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©2004, P&CM ©2002, 2008
Blest Are We (7-8)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©2005, P&CM ©2003
Call to Faith (K-6)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S&TM, P&CM ©2005
Call to Faith (7-8)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet Series	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2003
Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
Christ Our Life (K-8)	Loyola Press	SP&TM ©97,02,2009, CM ©99,2009
Come Follow Me (K-8)	Benziger	S/P, TM&CM ©1998
Coming to Faith (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1998, P&CM ©1999
Consecration in Truth	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P&TM/CM ©2001, ©2006
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©2003, 2002
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©1984-1987
Faith and Witness Program (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©1998-1999
Faith First (K-6)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001, 2000
Faith First (7-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001
Faith First Legacy Edition Church History (7-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM ©2007
Faith First Legacy Edition/Parish (K-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	P&CM ©2006, S ©2007
Faith First Legacy Edition/School (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM ©2007
Faith of the Mountain (1-8)	St. Maron's Publications	S&TM ©2000
Finding God (7-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts (1-6)	Loyola Press	S&TM, P&CM ©2005
Friends of Jesus (7-9)	Legionaries of Christ	S ©2003
Image of God (K-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©1986-1993
Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs and Traditions (1-8)	Loyola Press	S ©2000
One Faith, One Lord (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©2003
Our Catholic Identity (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S ©1998
Share the Joy (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©1997
This is Our Faith (K-8)	Silver Burdett Ginn	S&TM ©1998
The Treasure of My Catholic Faith (1-6)	Circle Press	S ©2003

Elementary Series: School and Parish (continued)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Specifics</i>
Walking by Faith (K-6)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P, TM&CM ©1999
We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007

High School Texts

The Apostolate's Family Catechism	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2003, ©2005
The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2004
Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice	Ave Maria Press	S ©2001, ©2007
The Church: Our Story	Ave Maria Press	S ©1999, 2006
The Church Through History	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2007
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
The History of the Church	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005, TM ©2007
Introduction to Catholicism	Midwest Theological Forum	S&TM ©2003
Journey Through the New Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2006
Journey Through the Old Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2002, ©2006
Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2007
The Light of Faith	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
Living Justice and Peace	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service	Ave Maria Press	S ©2007
Morality: Our Response to God's Love	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice	Ave Maria Press	S ©2005
Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe	Ave Maria Press	S ©2006
Our Moral Life in Christ	Midwest Theological Forum	S&TM ©2003
Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
This is Our Church: A History of Catholicism	Ave Maria Press	S ©2007
Understanding the Scriptures	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005, TM ©2007
Vocation: Our Response to God's Call	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2008
Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality	Ave Maria Press	S ©2001, 2008

High School Series

Catholicism Series [Reason, Life, Ethics, Society, Scripture]	C.R. Publications	S/P&TM/CM ©1996-2006
Consecration in Truth	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P&TM/CM ©2001
Dominican Series	Priority Press	S&TM ©2000
Friends of Jesus/Witnesses of Christ	Legionaries of Christ	S ©2003
Understanding the Catechism	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P ©1999, TM ©1998

Sacramental Preparation Materials

Be Sealed	Pauline Books and Media	S/P&TM ©1998
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2008
Call to Celebrate: Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2002
Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©1997
Confirmation	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©2007
Eucharist	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
First Reconciliation	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
First Eucharist	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
The Gift of Eucharist	Silver Burdett Ginn	S/P&TM ©2000
The Gift of Reconciliation	Silver Burdett Ginn	S/P&TM ©2000

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The Holy Mystery of First Communion	St. Maron's Publications	S/P ©2005
Image of God (Mass Books and Confirmation)	Ignatius Press	S/P&TM ©1986-1993
Jesus Brings Us Life	Pauline Books and Media	S/P&TM ©1996
Reconciliation	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Send Out Your Spirit	Ave Maria Press	S/P&TM ©2003
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Together in Jesus - Eucharist	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004
Together in Jesus - Reconciliation	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2004
We Believe and Celebrate First Communion	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
We Believe and Celebrate First Penance	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006

Materials in Other Languages

Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1999
Bendecidos / Blest Are We (1-4)	Silver Burdett Ginn	P ©2008
El Catecismo para la Familia del Apostolado	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2007
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2000
Celebrar nuestro fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía (Nivel II)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2002
Confirmados en el Espíritu (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Creed: A Course on Catholic Faith	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2000
Creemos/We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	P&CM ©2005
Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Christo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©2003
El Espíritu Santo nos Libera:	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
Preparando a los jóvenes para la Confirmación		
Eucaristía	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza	Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Un llamado a la Fe (Level A-D)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	P&CM ©2005
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S ©1998
Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Reconciliación	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Reconciliación: Perdon y paz	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2001
Una sola fe un solo Señor (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©2003
Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004
Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación	Pflaum Publishing Group	S/P&TM ©2004

Supplemental Materials

Benziger Family Life (K-8)	Benziger	S ©2001 (3rd printing)
Catholic Vision of Love (5-8)	Our Sunday Visitor	S&TM ©1996 (revised edition)
Growing in Love (K-8)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2001
New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)	Foundation for the Family	TM and Parent Guide ©1996
Project Genesis (K-8)	Leaflet Missal Company	S&TM ©1996

Materials for RCIA

God Calls You By Name	Mother's House Publishing	P&CM ©2006
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