

# Religious Education Essential Concepts Annotated Bibliography

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## TASK 1-KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

Revelation ([USCCA-CH. 1-4](#), CCC-1-4, 26-197, 290-315, 325-354, 702)

### VIDEOS

P,I [The Creation Story in LEGO](#) Made to commemorate Catholic Schools Week 2008.

J,S,A [What's the Story on Creation?](#) The great Creation debate continues between believers and non-believers, scholars and theologians. Bishop Don Hying shares a snippet about what Catholics believe about the world's beginnings. Based upon the Catechism of the Church (282).

J,S,A [Creed](#) When you recite the Creed, are you being real or are you being a robot? Do you even know what you are saying? Is there a difference between believing there is a God and believing in God? The Creed contains the truths God has revealed to us.

J,S,A [How Wolves Change Rivers](#) This is video from Sustainable Man Youtube Channel about how wolves changed Yellowstone National Park.

J,S,A [CST 101 | Care for God's Creation](#) Presented by the USCCB and Catholic Relief Services on Catholic Social Teaching. Hear from Father James Martin, SJ, Dr. Carolyn Woo, and Cardinal Peter Turkson as they discuss Care for God's Creation.

S,A [The Book of Genesis Overview - Part 1 of 2](#) The Book of Genesis can be broken up in two parts. The first part, chapters 1-11, trace the story of God and the whole world from creation all the way to the tower of Babel.

### BOOK & DVDS

P [God Speaks to Us: Bible Stories Series](#) (Getty-Sullivan, Mary Ann) Presents Bible stories concerning water, feeding, dreams/visions. Shows how God connects with humans through the most powerful metaphors in the Bible.

P [God Created](#) (Bozzuti-Jones, Mark Francisco) Illustrations and simple text detail God's creation of everything that exists.

P [God in Between](#) (Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg) When two wise people leave their lonely, confused town to find out if God really does exist, they make an amazing discovery about where He can be found.

P [The Creation](#) (DVD) Amy Grant narrates the story of how God created the universe in seven days and gave life to Adam and Eve. The score by a banjo-led jazz trio captures the simple poetry of this timeless narrative.

P [You are Special](#) (Lucado, Max) Punchinello's opinion of himself changes after talking to his creator.

S [The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth](#) (Hahn, Scott) The Lamb's Supper seeks to bring scriptural exegesis and Roman Catholic ritual tradition into fruitful dialogue. The central thrust of this piece is that Catholic liturgy offers the best interpretive paradigm for studying the Book of Revelation. Hahn divides his subject matter into three main sections, considering in turn Scripture in the canon of the Mass, various interpretive approaches to the Book of Revelation and the mutual illumination of the Catholic Mass and John's Apocalypse.

S [Revelation and Sacred Scripture: A Primary Source Reader](#) (Saint Mary's Press) Allows students to grow in their understanding of the Revelation of Jesus Christ in Sacred Scripture. This primary source reader provides a collection of readings that complement course I in the U.S. bishops' high school curriculum framework. The readings are accompanied by introductions, reflection questions, definitions and sidebars that offer background information. Revelation and Sacred Scripture: A Primary Source Reader is the perfect resource to supplement any course on Sacred Scripture or the Bible.

## **Sacred Scripture ([USCCA-CH. 2-3](#), CCC- 101-141)**

### VIDEOS

S,A [Deep Misunderstanding about the Bible](#) Bishop Robert Barron explain how to read the Bible and how easy it is to misread it!

J,S,A [Ways to Read the Bible](#) Maybe you used to read the Bible for inspiration, for its great stories, or for answers to the big questions in life. But now, it sits on your nightstand gathering dust. Perhaps you gave up reading it because it seemed irrelevant to your everyday life or because it became too hard to follow. If so, Fr. Mike Schmitz offers several reasons for you to pick up your Bible again, see it with new eyes, and allow it to transform your life.

S,A [Chosen: Scripture & Tradition](#) A selected segment of Chosen, the Confirmation/Faith Formation program from Ascension Press.

S,A [God Comes to Meet Man: Sacred Scripture](#)- Why Does Sacred Scripture teach the Truth, How Is Sacred Scripture to Be Read? What is the Canon of Scripture?

A [Scripture and the Church](#)- The role of the Word of God in the Church.

### BOOKS & DVDS

I,J [The Catholic Children's Bible](#) (Saint Mary's Press) Children will know and understand God's saving plan revealed through 125 featured story spreads highlighting key Bible passages. Vibrant illustrations and borders immediately engage children and allow them to dive in to Scripture and become immersed in the stories. Understand It!, Live It!, and Tell It! sections help bring God's Word to life for the youngest of readers.

I,J God Speaks to Us: Bible Stories Series (Getty-Sullivan, Mary Ann) Presents Bible stories concerning water, feeding, dreams/visions. Shows how God connects with humans through the most powerful metaphors in the Bible.

I,J Breakthrough! The Bible for Young Catholics Good News Translation (Saint Mary's Press) Using the Good News translation, Breakthrough! was created for young people leaving childhood and entering adolescence. Its ten special features were created to help make the Bible easier for young people to read and understand. They will learn about the great people of the Bible, and will see how God has been breaking through in human history and connecting with humanity for thousands of years.

J The Illustrated Acts of the Apostles for Children (Kieffer, Jean-Francois) The adventures of the apostles, as recorded by Saint Luke in the New Testament, are told for young readers. The text begins with Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus are transformed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit into heroic witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ. The experiences of the early Church; the works of mercy, the miraculous healings, and the amazing conversions come to life.

J The Gospel for Young People: Faith/ Hope/ Charity (DVD) The Gospel With a Smile trio of programs include delightful ingredients to address each of the theological virtues. Faith: The Gospel stories of Jesus Calming the Sea, the Wise and Foolish Virgins and Doubting Thomas anchor this program. Hope: The biblical stories of Abraham and Sarah, the Big Catch of Fish and Pentecost anchor this program. Charity: The Gospel stories of The Lost Son, The Washing of the Feet and Feeding the Five Thousand anchor this program.

S Teen Guide to the Bible (McBride, Alfred) Presents Bible stories that give teens a true sense of the flow of salvation history and the life of Christ. Each story includes a reflection, questions for dialogue, and a prayer.

S T3: The Teen Timeline (DVD) Dynamic teen presenter Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches teens the Bible by showing them the "big picture" of salvation history. When young students of the Bible first understand the "story," they are eager to learn more. The net result: teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives.

S,A The Bible: The Epic Miniseries (DVD, 20th Century Fox Home Entertainment) Stories from the Scriptures for a whole new generation. Breathtaking in scope and scale, The Bible showcases powerful performances and visual effects that span Genesis to Revelation.

S,A Truth & Life: Dramatized Audio Bible, New Testament (Audio CD) Elegantly blends voices, sound effects and an original music score to create an aural environment that will totally immerse you in the Scriptures. The literal English Revised Standard Version-Catholic Version New Testament is performed for you in radio drama style by more than 70 actors.

S,A     **The Bible Blueprint: A Catholic's Guide to Understanding and Embracing God's Word** (Paprocki, Joe) Among other topics, covers the different genres of biblical writing, key figures in biblical history, and the methods Catholics rely on to interpret the Bible. Readers are also shown how to consult commentaries, concordances, and other valuable tools of Bible study to deepen their understanding of God's word. Witty cartoons, sidebars, and quizzes throughout the book keep the tone fun and engaging; eight perforated Bible bookmarks are bound into the book.

S,A     **Getting to Know the Bible: An Introduction to Sacred Scripture for Catholics** (Farrell, Melvin L.) Offers all the information of the original as well as numerous new insights of its own in a style and language accessible to all readers. Getting to Know the Bible leads readers through all the major books of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, explaining the importance and meaning of each book of the Scriptures. The authors carefully explain the relationship of each part to the whole, while maintaining the historical context of the different books and offering readers insights into some of the motivations behind the writers of the Bible. Relying on historical perspective and literary forms rather than a more fundamentalist approach, Getting to Know the Bible gives the Catholic perspective on Sacred Scripture.

S,A     **What Every Catholic Needs to Know About the Bible (DVD)** Perfect for adult inquiry classes, RCIA, Confirmation and Catholic Bible study groups, with this inspiring and enlightening presentation, you'll have a powerful and painless way to share the essential truths about the Bible and its relationship to the Catholic Church with everyone.

## **Salvation History ([USCCA-CH. 2](#), CCC-50-73)**

### VIDEOS

S,A     [The Bible in 50 Words](#) A short video from Igniter Media. This video is an artistic look at God's story, including the Old Testament, the Gospel, and all that we have to look forward to in just 50 words. It is not meant to take the place of your biblical teaching, but engage your audience to hear more of the greatest story ever told.

S,A     [Salvation History](#)- Taken from the teachings of Dr. John Bergsma and his book Bible Basics for Catholics.

S,A     [Salvation History](#)- God loves each and every one of us. And God desires that all men be saved - be with Him in heaven. Salvation history shows us all of the ways God has intervened throughout history to help all of humanity be saved. Salvation history shows us God's Providence and God's hand throughout history.

S,A     [Mary, Mother of God](#) Edward Sri takes a closer look at what has been called the most important event in salvation history, the Annunciation. See the place where the Archangel Gabriel came to announce to Mary that she would become the Mother of God, and discover in

depth the meaning behind the angel's greeting, "Hail, full of grace!" Dr. Sri explores the Scriptures to show the great significance of the event that changed Mary's life forever.

### BOOKS & DVDS

P,I Kids' Travel Guide to the 10 Commandments (Mader, Carol) Take children on exciting journeys of fun and adventure through the Ten Commandments. Each lesson includes departure prayers, adventuresome activities to help children apply Bible points, and souvenirs to let children take home what they've learned. The last lesson shows children how all the Ten Commandments lead them to the cross, and helps explain salvation.

P,I,J Bible Timeline: An Illustrated Timeline of the Most Often Taught Bible Stories (Stoner, Marcia) This illustrated timeline shows how each story interacts with or builds on other stories. Beginning with prehistory (creation, Adam and Eve, Noah, the Tower of Babel), the timeline follows the history of the Patriarchs, Judges, the United and Divided Kingdoms and their prophets, Exile and return, and on into the New Testament—the life and times of Jesus and his followers through the early church and John's exile on Patmos.

J T3: The Teen Timeline (DVD) Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches the Bible by showing them the "big picture" of salvation history. When young students of the Bible first understand the "story," they are eager to learn more. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives.

J,S Great People of the Bible: 25 Easy-to-use Sessions for Teaching Salvation History (Saint Mary's Press) Teacher's guide for twenty-five sessions about great people of the Bible. Intended for use with middle school students.

S Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History (Bergsma, John) Bergsma combines sound theology, academic expertise, pastoral wisdom, and an endearing playfulness to draw readers into the connection between the great stories of the Bible and salvation in Jesus. Central to the book's themes are Bergsma's signature illustrations of key biblical characters, which are deceptively simple but profound.

S Epic Food Fight: A Bite-Sized History of Salvation (Patalinghug, Leo E.) Fr. Leo blends profound truths with humor and wit in a way that appeals to a wide cross-section of Catholics. Following the example of Jesus Christ, whose miracles and teachings often involved food, Fr. Leo explains salvation history by what he calls a "theology of food"--there is a godly logic to every bite we take. He shows how the devil seeks to poison God's children from within, getting them to "digest" his lies by taking what is harmful and making it look beautiful and edible. This cosmic struggle between good and evil can be seen as an "eternal food fight" between God and the devil. With Fr. Leo, theology--as well as the subject of food--is never boring.

S The Essential Bible Handbook: A Guide for Catholics with Prayers and a Glossary of Key Terms (Santa, Thomas M.) Helps readers understand and appreciate the Bible in Catholic

tradition. Includes How to Read the Bible; Salvation History; Scripture Prayer Services; the Bible and Sacraments; Praying with Bible Personalities; and a Scriptural Rosary.

S Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith (DVD Set) Takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Teens will be captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, and they will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life. The goal of this 24-lesson program is nothing short of winning over the hearts of teens and making them lifelong disciples of Christ.

S Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You (DVD set) An 8-week journey through salvation history, from God's merciful promises to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, to the prophets' call to renewal, to the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ. Fr. Jeffrey Kirby will guide you through God's covenant with his people, from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ, showing how God cares for his people and offers them mercy even after they stray from Him again and again. Each weekly session is capped by a personal testimony from various Catholic authors, speakers, and clergy, which demonstrates the power of Divine Mercy in the world today, inspiring you to seek God's mercy and to foster a closer relationship with Christ.

### **Christology ([USCCA-CH. 3, 7,8](#), CCC, 74-100, 711-720)**

#### VIDEOS

I,J [LEGO Life of Jesus](#) A fantastic LEGO version of snippets of Jesus' life story. Pure comical, contemporary religious fun.

J,S,A [Follow-A Facebook-Style Look at Who Jesus Is Today](#) Just as 2,000 years ago, the gospel asks a question that demands an answer: Will we follow? This video illustrates this truth through the dynamic lens of a 21st-century social network.

S,A [Who is Jesus and What Makes Him Unique?](#) Who is Jesus? Should we be amazed and afraid of Him? Have we domesticated Him too much? Do we fully grasp the significance of what He claims to be? Video clip from Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series-episode 5

S,A [Bishop Barron on the Centrality of Christ](#) In our postmodern world, we are often tempted to see Jesus as one spiritual guru amongst many. However, Jesus makes it unambiguously clear that he is the one and only Son of God. As such, Jesus clarifies that all worldly goods find their value in relation to him. If we believe Jesus is who he says he is, we must be willing to place our grudges, personal desires, and even our most sacred worldly obligations aside in order to walk truly and completely with him.

#### BOOKS & DVDS

P Jesus for Kids (DVD) Five 10-minute programs to introduce children to Jesus. These delightful animated stories of Jesus are based on the Gospels.

P Jesus Grows Up/What He Said, What He Did (DVD) Using Scripture, history, and imagination to tell about Jesus as a little child growing up in the Holy Land. Following the Bible, you'll see Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River, the parables of The Prodigal Son and The Good Samaritan, The Sermon on the Mount, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

P All about Jesus: The Life and Teachings of Jesus in the Bible's Own Words (Blanc, Martine). A charmingly illustrated book that uses the words of the Bible to teach children about Jesus. In it the children will meet Jesus as we know him today.

J Where Jesus Walked (DVD) Questar Video. A visual account of Jesus' life, featuring video footage of actual places where Jesus ministered in the Holy Land.

S Who is Jesus Christ? : A Primary Source Reader (Ave Maria Press) Provides a collection of readings that complement course II in the U.S. bishops' high school curriculum framework. Will help students gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus Christ is and his significance for their lives. The readings are correlated with the four part of course II outlined in the framework: God and Revelation Jesus Christ's Revelation about God The Mystery of the Incarnation Jesus Christ Teaches Us about Ourselves The readings are accompanied by introductions, reflection questions, definitions and sidebars that offer background information. Who Is Jesus Christ? A Primary Source Reader is the perfect resource to supplement any course on Jesus Christ.

S,A An Introduction to Christology: In the Gospels and Early Church (Luttenberger, Gerard H.) Invites readers to reflect on the interpretations and responses of Christians in the first centuries of the church's history and to learn from them how to "do Christology". This book will appeal to and engage adults who want to deepen their faith knowledge of the living Christ and of the development of the church's expression of that faith. Excellent for introductory college courses, adult education, and parish and high school resource libraries.

S,A Christology: True God, True Man (Neuman, Matthias) A thorough presentation of the convictions at the heart of Roman Catholic Christology. Examining faith, reasoning and history as they bear on the question, "Who is this Jesus?" this booklet provides a resource for guiding catechists to a clearer knowledge of Jesus Christ.

S,A Who is Jesus? An Introduction to Christology (Rausch, Thomas P.) Who is Jesus? This is the fundamental question for christology. The earliest Christians used various titles, most of them drawn from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures, to express their faith in Jesus. They called him prophet, teacher, Messiah, Son of David, Son of Man, Lord, Son of God, Word of God, and occasionally even God. Rausch covers the three quests for the historical Jesus, the methods for retrieving the historical Jesus, the Jewish background, the Jesus movement, his preaching and ministry, death and resurrection, the various New Testament christologies, and

the development of christological doctrine from the New Testament period to the Council of Chalcedon.

S,A [Jesus: A Pilgrimage \(James Martin\)](#) James Martin, SJ, brings the Gospels to life in *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel. Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, Father Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher you into Jesus's life and times and show readers how Jesus speaks to us today. Martin also brings together the most up-to-date Scripture scholarship, wise spiritual reflections, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting important sites in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

S,A [Jesus of Nazareth \(DVD\)](#) Beginning before the Nativity and extending through the Crucifixion and Resurrection, "Jesus Of Nazareth" brings to life all the majesty and sweeping drama of the life of Jesus as told in the Gospels. A star-studded cast adds depth and humanity to the roles of the saints, sinners and ordinary people who walked in the footsteps of the Lord. The film provides the setting and background for the birth, childhood, baptism, teaching, and many miracles of the Messiah, culminating in the Divine Resurrection.

S,A [Son of God \(DVD\)](#) The story of Jesus' life brought to audiences through compelling cinematic storytelling that is both powerful and inspirational. Told with the scope and scale of an action epic, the film features powerful performances, exotic locales, dazzling visual effects and a rich orchestral score from Oscar-winner Hans Zimmer. Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado portrays the role of Jesus as the film spans from his humble birth through his teachings, crucifixion and ultimate resurrection. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III -- adults. PG-13.

**Trinity ([USCCA-CH. 5-9](#), CCC- 249-267, 268-324, 683-701, 727-730)**

### VIDEOS

S,A [C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith - What is the Holy Trinity?](#) Some of us have heard the phrase "God in three persons, Blessed Trinity." What does that mean? Bishop Don Hying from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee has more on this divine trio.

S,A [What Is Trinity?](#) Bishop Robert Barron gives an explanation on Trinity and what it is. Taken from his DVD, "Faith Clips".

S,A [ShareJesus: The Trinity Explained in Under 3 Minutes](#) Bob Rice answers the questions, who or what is God?

S,A [3MC - 3 Minute Catechism - What is the Trinity?](#) The series follows and explains the Creed, covering all four parts of the Catechism. This video in particular covers the Trinity in an entertaining way!



## BOOKS & DVDS

I,J     The Illustrated Acts of the Apostles for Children (Kieffer, Jean-Francois) The adventures of the apostles, as recorded by Saint Luke in the New Testament, are told for young readers. The text begins with Pentecost, when the followers of Jesus are transformed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit into heroic witnesses of the Resurrection of Christ. The experiences of the early Church; the works of mercy, the miraculous healings, and the amazing conversions come to life.

I,J     Spirit and Community: Spirit Alive in Community and A Child's View of Community (DVD) The first of these two programs profiles a real parish, looking at the ways the Holy Spirit is visibly active in the lives of Christians when they celebrate, worship, learn and serve together as members of the Body of Christ. Shares Jesus' invitation to "come and see" how the Spirit empowers us in community. The second program describes how a child can see the Spirit of Jesus Christ at work in the Church, depicting various images of what it means to "be Church."

I,J     Catholic Connections: The Holy Spirit and the Church (St. Mary's Press) The Holy Spirit is the creative breath of God that gives birth to and sustains the life and mission of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit and the Church Catechist's Helps young adolescents recognize that it is the power of the Holy Spirit that has united God's people in love.

J,S     Teen Discipleship (DVD) Captures for Catholic youth how their baptismal commitment comes alive in service to others and looks at the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

S       Trinity 101: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Papandrea, James Leonard) Offers readers a basic approach to the Trinity as history portrays it, as a doctrinal concept, and how it is revealed in the Scripture. This is highly useful to those seeking a starting point of Catholic theological study of the Trinity, from high school age onwards; and also to educated Catholic adults who are drawn to this topic.

S,A     The One Thing is Three: How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything (Gaitley, Michael E.) With humor and ease, Fr. Gaitley deftly unlocks the 'one thing,' the key to the Church's wisdom, and the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith: the Most Holy Trinity. Far from being an academic read, The 'One Thing' Is Three makes deep theology accessible to everyday Catholics. What's more, it makes even what's familiar or forgotten new, exciting, and relevant.

S,A     Holy Spirit 101: Present Among Us (Gresham, John Leroy) Offers readers a basic approach to coming to know this complex part of the trinity. Author John Gresham, dissects the difficult concept of the Holy Spirit, its place in history and scripture, as well as its connection to us today. In Holy Spirit 101, you will find examples, tools, and review questions perfect for group or individual study that will deepen the understanding of your faith.

**Creed ([USSCA-CH.5-13](#), CCC-108-1065)**

I,J,S,A [The Creed: Don't Be a Robot](#) When you recite the Creed, are you being real or are you being a robot? Do you even know what you are saying? Is there a difference between believing there is a God and believing in God? The Creed contains the truths God has revealed to us.

S,A [Being Catholic Is Cool: U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults](#) The U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults outlines the faith in several sections: The Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer--giving readers a source of spiritual enrichment. This video illustrates how it can aid individuals, parish groups, and classes in deepening their understanding and practice of their faith.

S,A [The Apostle's Creed](#) The Apostles' Creed is a statement of Christian beliefs that is founded on a biblical understanding of the gospel. These foundational tenets have long served the Church as a reminder of where our Hope is and the Truth we stand upon.

S,A [C4: Ignite Your Catholic Faith What is a Creed?](#) Sunday after Sunday, Catholics around the world rise and recite a series of paragraphs in a shared profession of faith. But why? Bishop Don Hying has more info right here.

### BOOKS & DVDS

P Seeds of Faith for Children (Gortler, Rosemarie) Just like a seed needs the right things to grow -- water, air, dirt, and care -- your faith needs some important things to grow, like-Prayers - talking to God every day makes him happy and makes our faith grow-The Creed - it's what we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit-The Ten Commandments - how to behave that makes us the best people we can be-The Sacraments - a big word for the special gifts God gives us when we love and follow him-Sacred Objects - holy reminders of our friendship with God.

I,J An Illustrated Catechism (Biffi, Inos) A wonderful teaching resource for children and an introduction to the basics of our Catholic faith for adults. Beautifully illustrated by Franco Vignazia in an intensely vibrant and rich style reminiscent of medieval illuminations, this book is organized according to the outline of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, with a section corresponding to each of its main parts: The Creed, The Sacraments, The Commandments, and Prayer.

I,J More Faith Facts for Young Catholics: Fun Ways to Teach the Basics of our Faith (Sawyer, Kieran) Provides over twenty drills, games, and activities to help students learn information in such areas as scripture, saints, Church doctrines and traditions, and credal statements. A section of reproducible resource pages with hundreds of study cards and flash cards are perfect to use with classes that meet every day, once-a-week, or once-a-month.

J,S Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church (Schonborn, Christoph) YOUCAT is short for Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, which will be launched on World Youth Day. The appealing graphic format includes Questions-and-Answers, highly-readable commentary, summary definitions of key terms, Bible citations and inspiring and thought-provoking quotes from Saints and others in the margins. What's more, YOUCAT is keyed to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so people can go deeper.

J,S CateQUIZ'em! Holy Spirit: Lord & Giver of Life (DVD) CateQUIZ'em! Holy Spirit is an interactive DVD-based video curriculum for catechesis. The volume content is put into the context of the four pillars of the Church - Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer.

J,S 3MC-3 Minute Catechism (DVD) 3MC consists of 72 episodes, each 3-4 minutes long. The series follows and explains the Creed, covering all four parts of the Catechism. Easier and more difficult subjects are treated in separate episodes making Three Minute Catechism a great introduction to the faith.

J,S Creed: 13 Amazing Short Films (DVD) Contains 13 short films - great for youth ministry, religious education, and Catholic school programs and classrooms. In order to effectively reach this generation with the richness and beauty of our Catholic faith, it must be done in new and relevant ways. Teens watch a staggering amount of media content each day. Why not reach out to them through this channel that resonates with them and speaks their language? The VCAT Video Catechism does this through creative short films and videos that use cultural analogies, creativity, humor, and always try to answer the question, 'Why should a teenager care about this?' At the heart of each video is a point (or points) articulated by the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

S,A The Faith We Profess: A Catholic Guide to the Apostles' Creed (Vaghi, Peter J.) This fascinating summary of Catholic beliefs examines the Apostles' Creed as both a treasury of faith and an invitation to entrust oneself more completely to God. Lifelong Catholics and inquirers alike will find a simple introduction to the faith blended with scripture, wisdom from the saints, literature, and personal anecdotes.

S,A A Well-Built Faith: A Catholic's Guide to Knowing and Sharing what We Believe (Paprocki, Joe ) Cleverly developed around a construction theme--makes it easy and flat-out fun for any Catholic to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs with others. The eighteen-chapter book follows the structure of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer). Taking otherwise difficult topics about the Catholic faith and making them accessible and relevant to the lives of average Catholics, Joe Paprocki does so in a way that never compromises the rich depth of Catholic teaching and tradition.

S,A I Believe: Living the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (DVD) This ministry resource introduces and shapes the study of the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults (USCCA). Each section of the DVD corresponds to a part in the USCCA. Bishops, clergy, and parish members familiar with the USCCA offer their personal, first-hand perspective on the text.

## **TASK 2-LITURGICAL EDUCATION**

**Eucharist ([USCCA-CH. 14 and 17](#), CCC-1135-1167, 1322-1419)**

## VIDEOS

J,S,A [Sophia SketchPad: The Eucharist](#) This video focuses on the Eucharist, explaining the connection between Original Sin, Christ's death and Resurrection, and the Holy Mass.

J,S,A [Sacraments 101: Eucharist](#) (how we receive) BustedHalo.com's fantastic introduction to the Sacraments series. Join Fr. Dave Dwyer, CSP, as he explains the do's and don'ts and rights and wrongs of receiving Communion...

J,S,A [Sacraments 201: Eucharist](#) (what we believe)-BustedHalo.com's introduction to the Sacraments series continues as Fr. Steven Bell, CSP, answers more questions about what Catholics believe about the Eucharist and receiving Communion: How does the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ? Is Communion a reenactment of the last supper? Should you not receive Communion if you have sinned? Why can't non-Catholics receive Communion in the Church?

J,S,A [Mass](#) Catholics have risked their lives for thousands of years to be at Mass. For mere ritual? Nostalgia? Obligation? No. For the most intimate encounter we get with our Maker on this side of eternity, and to tap into the power we need to live the life we were made for.

J,S,A [3 Reasons Catholics Genuflect](#)-By genuflecting before the tabernacle at church, we're saying at least one of three things with our bodies. Those three things have to do with humility, service, and love. In this video, Fr. Mike Schmitz explains how a simple kneel before we enter the pew can express so much.

S,A [The Sacrament of the Eucharist as Meal](#)-Bishop Barron speaks of the Eucharist in three rubrics-Eucharist as a meal, Eucharist as a sacrifice and Eucharist as real presence of Jesus Christ.

## BOOKS & DVDS

P The Eucharist for Little Children (DVD) Children will begin to understand the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist. They will encounter Jesus in the solemnity of the Mass, the quiet of adoration and the splendor of a Corpus Christi Procession. Children will also experience the Lord through the traditional beauty of the Church. This DVD is an excellent way to give them a better understanding of the Mass.

P Don't Drink the Holy Water! Big Al and Annie Go to Mass (Kempf, Fr. Joe) Don't Drink the Holy Water! explains the Mass with creative, full-color illustrations and simple descriptions that resonate with kids. A special section at the back of the book helps adults answer kids' questions about the Mass. Included is a 50-minute DVD—broken into 20 small segments, for engaging kids and offering opportunities for questions and reflection.

P Child's Guide to First Holy Communion (Ficocelli, Elizabeth) A Catholic boy describes preparations for his First Holy Communion, the ceremony itself, and how it feels to be with Jesus in a special new way.

P,I      What You will See Inside a Catholic Church (Keane, Michael) Names and explains the various objects found in a Catholic Church, how they are used in the celebration of the Mass and other events, the clergy and lay people who use them, and the meaning behind them.

P,I      Understanding Sunday Mass: A Kid's Point of View (DVD) Follow Father Jerry as he gives Amanda and AJ a unique tour of Sunday Mass. Designed to help teach grade school children the meaning of Sunday Mass. Easy to understand and fun to follow along. This DVD text book will help answer questions that many children have when they attend Church.

J          Feeding Hungry Hearts: Celebrating the Eucharist (DVD) Father Joe Kempf invites each of us to look at the sacrament of the Eucharist--and how, together when we celebrate as a community of faith at Mass, we are receiving this phenomenal gift of the meal called Eucharist. This DVD walks us through the celebration of the Mass--and explains why we do what we do.

J          Discovering the Treasures of the Mass : 28 Puzzles that Teach Its Rites and Rituals (Sterritt, Lynne J) This is a fun and informative resource for junior high and high school classes, for retreats and workshops with young teens, and for confirmation preparation sessions.

S          The Mass: The Glory, The Mystery, The Tradition (Cardinal Donald Wuerl) Describes the Catholic Mass, covering the entrance procession to the blessing and dismissal, explaining the meaning behind the bread and wine, water and candles, altar cloths, and ceremonial books, and providing information about the historical and spiritual background of the rituals.

S          The Mass: Four Encounters with Jesus that Will Change Your Life (Curran, Tom) Shows how the Mass is not only a ritual, but an event where you meet the Living Lord in four, life changing ways. He walks the reader through the Mass from beginning to end using examples and stories from everyday life that will move you deeply and at times make you laugh. Corresponding DVD set also available.

S          The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews (Fragomeni, Richard N.) Fr Fragomeni uses pastoral experience, Church documents, and common sense to answer questions posed by men and women already active in their faith and eager to deepen their relationship with God and the Church.

S          Altaration: The Mystery of the Mass Revealed (DVD) Altaration 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? Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography and workbook resources, 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 of Altaration is not to fill teens' heads with information but to pierce their hearts with transformation.

## Seven Sacraments ([USCCA-CH.15-21](#), CCC-1210-1666)

### VIDEOS

I,J [The Sacraments for Kids!](#) A brief description of the seven sacraments, just for kids.

I,J,S,A [Series on Sacraments: Introduction](#) Here's an introduction to Sacraments, provides an overview to the Sacraments for middle schoolers up to adults.

S,A [The Seven Sacraments](#) The Catholic Church has many different traditions and rituals. Why? Bishop Don Hying shares more on the sacraments and why they're so important. Based upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

S,A [The Seven Sacraments by Outside da Box](#) This short film offers a brief overview of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church and the purpose each serves.

S,A [CHOSEN: What is a Sacrament?](#)

### BOOKS & DVDS

P Child's Guide to the Seven Sacraments (Ficocelli, Elizabeth) A children's picture book that explains the seven sacraments in an entertaining and informative manner. Each sacrament is referenced to its origin in scripture, and then presented in a way the child might experience it today.

P Seeds of Faith for Children (Gortler, Rosemarie) Just like a seed needs the right things to grow -- water, air, dirt, and care -- your faith needs some important things to grow, like-Prayers - talking to God every day makes him happy and makes our faith grow-The Creed - it's what we believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit-The Ten Commandments - how to behave that makes us the best people we can be-The Sacraments - a big word for the special gifts God gives us when we love and follow him-Sacred Objects - holy reminders of our friendship with God.

P,I The Little Butterfly who Loved Jesus: A Story of the Seven Sacraments (Susan Brindle & Miriam Lademan) A little caterpillar is carried into the church in a bouquet of flowers for the parish's First Holy Communion celebration. Lost and frightened, she discovers Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I,J Brother Francis presents The Sacraments (DVD) Come along with Brother Francis as he shows us the wonderful way in which God provides grace and strength for our entire life—from the time we are born until we are called to be with Him in Heaven. In this enlightening and fun episode, "The Sacraments," children will learn the fundamentals of the seven sacraments and the blessings given to us through them.

J,S Close Encounters With the Sacraments (DVD) An angel guides young Anna as she struggles with the complex problem of what the sacraments mean in our everyday lives. Young actors appear in age-appropriate situations so your students will easily relate and enjoy this

fanciful story which combines live action with animation and provides young audiences with a fundamental understanding of the sacraments.

J,S Sacraments: God's Amazing Grace (DVD) Each part of this DVD is divided into segments where the individual sacraments are introduced by religious instructors. An activity follows which helps the teens understand the meaning of the sacrament in their lives, and concludes with a discussion where young adults share what the sacraments mean to them.

J,S,A Being Catholic: Worship (DVD) Catholics celebrate their faith through prayer and worship. Catholics are a sacramental people who mark their progress through a life of grace with liturgy and ritual. A better understanding of Catholic sacramental liturgy can enhance our participation and appreciation of this life of grace. This program is designed to provide a basic understanding of Catholic sacraments for youth and adult groups, including Confirmation preparation and RCIA.

S Meeting Jesus in the Sacraments (Pope Francis) As Catholics we are familiar with the sacraments, and see them as mileposts in our lives. But, as Pope Francis so energetically reminds us, they are not simply observances, they are portals through which the Lord brings us all the power and graces that flow from his death and Resurrection. And wonderfully, each sacrament opens us to a personal encounter with Jesus. Now in 32 easy-to-read chapters Pope Francis reveals the truth and beauty of each Sacrament, teaching us not only what they mean to the Church, but to us as Catholics - ultimately motivating us each to share these incredible gifts with a needy world.

S Encountering Christ in the Sacraments: A Primary Source Reader (Saint Mary's Press) In the Gospels, Jesus assures us, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Jesus has entrusted himself, his Presence, to the Church through the Sacraments. He is with us today in these seven unique signs. The collection of readings in Encountering Christ in the Sacraments: A Primary Source Reader aims to help you learn more about the Seven Sacraments and how you can meet Christ today in and through them. This text is the perfect complement to courses on the liturgy and the Sacraments, including those that correspond to the U.S. bishops' Curriculum Framework course titled "Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ."

S Sacraments: 12 Amazing Short Films (DVD) In order to effectively reach this generation with the richness and beauty of our Catholic faith, it must be done in new and relevant ways. Teens watch a staggering amount of media content each day. Why not reach out to them through this channel that resonates with them and speaks their language? The VCAT Video Catechism does this through creative short films and videos that use cultural analogies, creativity, humor, and always try to answer the question, "Why should a teenager care about this?" At the heart of each video is a point (or points) articulated by the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

S Sacraments and Social Mission: Living the Gospel, Being Disciples (USCCB) This booklet can help all Catholics to better understand the connections between the celebration of the

sacraments and our social mission as followers of Jesus and members of the Body of Christ. The booklet includes attractive, double-sided handouts on Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick, suggestions for use in a parish setting, and a guide for small group study sessions.

S     Your One-Stop Guide to the Sacraments (Fushek, Dale) This brightly written basic book explains the important role the seven sacraments play in the Christian life. The authors explain the purpose and nature of sacraments as signs that reveal God's presence and draw us to him. Then they provide the fundamental Catholic teaching about each sacrament, showing us how to get the greatest benefit from participating in each of them with understanding and faith.

### **Sacraments of Initiation ([USCCA-CH. 14-17](#), CCC-966-97, 1212-1419)**

#### VIDEOS

S,A    [Bishop Robert Barron: The Sacrament of Baptism](#) Bishop Barron discusses the importance of Baptism.

S,A    [Why is Confirmation Important?](#) When people are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, they become Christians, right? So, why do Catholics have confirmations? Bishop Don Hying shares some great information on this special sacrament.

S,A    [Sophia Sketchpad: Confirmation](#) This video focuses on Confirmation, explaining the connection to Pentecost, the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that deepens and perfects baptismal grace, and the mission that accompanies reception of the Sacrament.

S,A    [The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist](#) The third and final sacrament of initiation goes by many names. Most commonly, we speak of the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist — sometimes we say Holy Communion or the Mass. The sacrament really encompasses many things. Featuring Msgr. John Zenz, of the archdiocese of Detroit.

#### BOOKS & DVDS

P,I     Learning Centers for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and the Whole Community These thirty-seven creative and formative centers for children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist share church teaching, Scripture, prayers, conversation, and a fun activity that reinforces teachings about the sacraments. She also offers eight "gatherings" for the whole community that help children experience the Learning Centers with the support of the wider parish family.

J       Youcat Confirmation Book Provides in-depth preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Designed in the same popular format as the YOUCAT, this book has interesting, lively text on spiritual topics and themes to help the student be well prepared to receive the Sacrament. It also includes many good questions throughout the book that youth ask about the



faith, God, Jesus, the Church, etc., and the answers are cross referenced with either the Bible or with YOUCAT.

P,I Kids & The Sacraments-Baptism, Reconciliation, Communion, Confirmation (DVD) Introduce kids to four of the sacraments with this lively video presentation. Each segment includes explanations from Father Ken, interviews with kids, on-screen storyboard Bible teaching, images from around the world, and “on the road” field trips to explore in depth where certain things come from, like Baptism’s water, the altar bread of Communion, and Confirmation’s oil.

S Everything is Sacred: An Introduction to the Sacrament of Baptism (Scirghi, Thomas J.) Fr. Scirghi is the perfect guide to the history, theology, and application of the sacrament. Father Scirghi's book could easily become a standard introduction to the sacrament, and is the perfect guidebook for curious parents, enthusiastic newcomers, and confused cradle Catholics. After reading it, you'll understand why we invite parents to have their children baptized, and also why we baptize adults at the Easter Vigil Mass. You'll know the significance of the oil (and the candle) in the rite. And the next time you see a priest or deacon pour water over a child's head and pronounce the ancient baptismal formula, you'll have a richer appreciation for his words and his actions.

S Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation (Radcliffe, Timothy) Fr Radcliffe argues that Christianity will only thrive today, overcoming the challenges of secularism and religious fundamentalism, if we rediscover the beauty of baptism. It touches the deepest dramas of human life: birth, growing up, falling in love, daring to give oneself to others, searching for meaning, coping with suffering and failure, and eventually death.

S Come to the Water: The Adult Journey to Baptism (USCCB) A fascinating group of adults come together to seek baptism into the Catholic Church at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, Washington. This DVD follows both catechumens and candidates in the year-round RCIA process of adult education and initiation into the Catholic community, culminating with their baptism at the Easter Vigil.

## **Sacraments of Healing**

