

Catechism Update

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United States Catholic Catechism for Adults Set for Publication

With a decree dated November 22, 2005 and signed by Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos, the Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, and Archbishop Csaba Ternyak, the Secretary of the same Congregation, the bishops of this country were notified that the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* had been given the *recognitio* necessary for its publication. The projected publication date is March 31, 2006.

It has been more than five years since the development of this text was first undertaken. The bishops approved the project during their General Assembly in June of 2000. A consultation on a draft outline was conducted in the first part of 2001, and two consultations were held on the full draft of the text, the first in 2002 and the second in 2003. A final text was submitted to the bishops of the United States in 2004 and approved at the General Assembly in November of that year. As required by canon law, the text was submitted to the Congregation for the Clergy for the *recognitio* in January of 2005.

When the text of the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* is published, it will contain two indices: a subject index and a Scriptural index. Two complementary publications are also planned. One will be a Leader's Guide, offering directions and suggestions for uses of the text. Another publication planned is a discussion and prayer journal which will contain the discussion questions, meditations and prayers from the text in a layout which will allow for a reader to make notes. These complementary publications are expected to be available when the text is published or as soon as possible thereafter. Spanish language editions of the adult catechism as well as the complementary publications will be released as soon as they are completed.

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Note Concerning the *Compendium*

As of this writing, we are still waiting to receive from the Holy See the English language edition of the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Once the text is received, it is estimated that it will be six to eight weeks before it will be available. The Spanish language edition was received in October. This will be available by the end of January.

When the text is published, the principles and guidelines for use of the text will follow much the same pattern as for use of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Oversight for use of the text will be assumed by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism with the help of staff to that Committee and of personnel from USCCB Publishing.

Capitalization in Catechetical Materials

For several years now, in conformity review reports on catechetical materials, publishers have been asked to capitalize many proper nouns which are no longer capitalized in style guides used by publishing houses and the proper media. Examples of what catechetical publishers are asked to capitalize in materials for religious instruction included reference to the Trinity or any of the Persons of the Trinity, titles given to Jesus and Mary, mysteries and events in the life of Jesus and Mary (e.g., the Incarnation, the Annunciation, the Ascension, the Assumption) and the names of the Sacraments. The reason that the Catechism Committee has been asking publishers to capitalize many proper nouns is to help students recognize important aspects of the faith and also to help preserve traditional grammatical usage in the common language of the Faith.

For some time, publishers have been asking the Catechism Committee to provide them with some type of capitalization style guide. In response, the Committee told publishers that they were helping the Conference revise their house style guide for capitalization, and that once the project was complete, they would share the guide with them. The Catechism Committee, in consultation with the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on Liturgy, completed a proposed capitalization guide two years ago. Because its status is provisional while the rest of the Conference style guide is being revised, the Committee will release the capitalization guide they developed only to catechetical publishers who specifically request and who understand its provisional status. To obtain a copy, please contact a member of staff to the Catechism Committee.

Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

As of January 1, 2006 the following texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Key to the Conformity Listing (Titles new to the listing 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

Elementary Series: School and Parish

Title	Publisher	Specifics
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
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
Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2003
Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)	Benziger	S&P ©2004
Christ Our Life (K-8)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©1997&2002, CM ©1999
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

Elementary Series: School and Parish (continued)		
Title	Publisher	Specifics
Discovering God (Preschool)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
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/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: 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
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
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
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
The History of the Church	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005
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
The Light of Faith	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
Living Justice and Peace	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
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
Understanding the Scriptures	Midwest Theological Forum	S ©2005
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
High School Series		
Catholicism Series	C.R. Publications	S/P&TM ©1996-1997
Consecration in Truth	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P &TM/CM ©2001
Dominican Series	Priory 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: Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©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: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S ©2005
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S ©2005
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
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Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)		

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Sacramental Preparation Materials (continued)

Title	Publisher	Specifics
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
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 ©2006
We Believe and Celebrate First Penance	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P ©2006

Materials in Other Languages

Acercandote a la Fe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1999
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
Creemos/We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	P&CM ©2005
Christo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©2003
Eucaristía	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
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 Committee	S/P ©2001
Un Llamado a Celebrar: la Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2007
Un Llamado a Celebrar: la Reconciliación	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P ©2007
Un Llamado a la Fe (Level A-D)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	P&CM ©2005
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
Light of the World (1-6)	Brightstar Publishing	S&TM ©1996, 1997
New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)	Foundation for the Family	TM and Parent Guide ©1996
Project Genesis (K-8)	Leaflet Missal Company	S&TM ©1996

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