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Why Stay Catholic? Michael Leach 2011-03-15 Why Stay Catholic? is a lively, timely book about the "good stuff" within the Catholic Church today.

What Is Christian in Christianity?: A Journey to the Heart of the Christian Experience Lorenzo Albacete 2019-01-15 Encounter with Monsignor Lorenzo Albacete through a selection of his teachings and homilies.

Birth of a Dancing Star Delio, Ilia 2019-11-21

Arriving at Amen Leah Libresco 2015-05-05 In 2012, media outlets from CNN to EWTN announced that Leah Libresco, a gifted young intellectual, columnist, and prolific blogger on the Atheist channel on Patheos, was converting to Catholicism. In Arriving at Amen, Libresco uses the rigorous rationality that defined her Atheism to tell the story behind that very personal journey and to describe the seven forms of Catholic prayer that guided her to embrace a joyful life of faith. As a Yale graduate, Libresco launched her writing career by blogging about science, literature, mathematics, and morality from a distinctively secular perspective. Over time, encounters with friends and associates caused her to concede the reasonableness of belief in God in theory, though not yet in practice. In Arriving at Amen, Libresco uniquely describes the second part of her spiritual journey, in which she encountered God through seven classic Catholic forms of prayer—Liturgy of the Hours, lectio divina, examen, intercessory prayer, the Rosary, confession, and the Mass. Examining each practice through the intellectual lens of literature, math, and art, Libresco reveals unexpected glimpses of beauty and truth in the Catholic Church that will be appreciated by the curious and convinced alike.

Reasons to Believe Scott Hahn 2007 A study of the hows and whys of the Catholic faith draws on scriptural passages, personal experience, and everyday life to offer a straightforward, thought-provoking response to common criticisms of Catholicism. 40,000 first printing.

Vibrant Paradoxes Robert Barron 2016 G.K. Chesterton once said that Catholicism keeps its beliefs "side by side like two strong colors, red and white...It has always had a healthy hatred of pink." Catholicism is both/and, not either/or. It celebrates the union of contraries--grace and nature, faith and reason, Scripture and tradition, body and soul--in a way that the full energy of each opposing element remains in place. In Vibrant Paradoxes, bestselling author Bishop Robert Barron brings together themes and motifs that many would consider mutually exclusive or, at best, awkward in their juxtaposition. But seen through the Incarnation, these opposites come together and reflect new light in every direction.

The Journey to God Antoninus Wall 1999 This book brings together profound ideas from theology, philosophy, and the writings of the mystics to present the spiritual life in a very readable and understandable way. It is a real contribution to the literature on the spiritual life.--Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.

Eucharist Robert E. Barron 2008 A master theologian and popular Catholic author offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives. As

festive as the film "Babette's Feast" and as profound as the work of Ronald Knox, this fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light the meanings of meal, sacrifice, and real presence in our lives.

And Now I See-- Robert E. Barron 1998 This book is about coming to vision through Christ.

To Light a Fire on the Earth Robert Barron 2017-10-31 The highly anticipated follow-up to Bishop Robert Barron's hugely successful Catholicism: A Journey to the Faith As secularism gains influence, and increasing numbers see religion as dull and backward, Robert Barron wants to illuminate how beautiful, intelligent, and relevant the Catholic faith is. In this compelling new book—drawn from conversations with and narrated by award-winning Vatican journalist John L. Allen, Jr.—Barron, founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, proclaims in vivid language the goodness and truth of the Catholic tradition. Through Barron's smart, practical, artistic, and theological observations as well as personal anecdotes—from engaging atheists on YouTube to discussing his days as a young diehard baseball fan from Chicago—To Light a Fire on the Earth covers prodigious ground. Touching on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, the spiritual life, the fate of Church in modern times, beauty, art, and social media, Barron reveals why the Church matters today and how Catholics can intelligently engage a skeptical world.

Meet Your Mother Dr. Mark Miravalle 1957 Ever wonder why so many people pay so much attention to Mary, the Mother of Jesus? From the most ancient traditions of Mary in Christianity to the "Hail Mary" pass in American football, the Mother of Jesus has pervaded most world cultures for the last two thousand years. But could the Mother of Jesus also be your mother? That's the question explored in the exciting new book, Meet Your Mother. This easy-read pocket book on Mary covers all the major teachings about the Mother of Jesus, but is particularly written for the person who has little or no background knowledge about her. Authored by Dr. Mark Miravalle, (a professor who has taught and written about Mary for over 25 years), Meet Your Mother is the perfect little book to introduce someone to the life and truth about Jesus' Mother, but also to renew a person's existing knowledge and love for the woman believed to have brought Jesus into the world, and who Jesus gave personally to every human being with his dying words, "This is your mother." Here's an excerpt from the Introduction of Meet Your Mother: This little book is about your Mother. I know, you might not see her as that right now, but that's the point of the book—to meet her, if you do not already know her, and if you do already know her, to love her more... Now, please consider reading on, even if you do not consider Jesus to be your best friend, and/or if you don't presently believe Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is your spiritual mother. I would be honored if you would at least give me the chance to try to explain why I believe you do, in fact, have the most beautiful and the most perfect mother in the world – a maternal gift of love and sacrifice from the dying Jesus, personally, to you. If nothing else, you may have a new understanding of why well over 1.5 billion people living today do believe they have the Mother of Jesus as their own spiritual mother as well. And beyond Catholics and Orthodox Christians, there are millions and millions of other members of our human family, including many Protestant Christians, Muslims, and other world religions who give a special place of honor to the Mother of Jesus.

Why I Am Catholic (and You Should Be Too) Brandon Vogt 2017-10-06 Winner of a 2018 Catholic Press Association Award: Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith. (First Place). With atheism on the rise and millions tossing off religion, why would anyone consider the Catholic Church? Brandon Vogt, a bestselling author and the content director for Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, shares his passionate search for truth, a journey that culminated in the realization that Catholicism was right about a lot of things, maybe even everything. His persuasive case for the faith reveals a vision of Catholicism that has answers our world desperately needs and reminds those already in the Church what they love about it. A 2016 study by the Public Religion Research Institute found that 25 percent of adults (39 percent of young adults) describe themselves as unaffiliated with any religion. Millions of these so-called "nones" have fled organized religion and many more have rejected God altogether. Brandon Vogt was one of those nones. When he converted to Catholicism in college, he knew how confusing that decision was to many of his friends and family. But he also knew that the evidence he discovered pointed to one conclusion: Catholicism is true. To his delight, he discovered it was also exceedingly good and beautiful. Why I Am Catholic traces Vogt's spiritual journey, making a refreshing, twenty-first century case for the faith and answering questions being asked by agnostics, nones, and atheists, the audience for his popular website, StrangeNotions.com, where Catholics and atheists dialogue. With references to Catholic thinkers such as G. K. Chesterton, Ven. Fulton

Sheen, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and Bishop Robert Barron, Vogt draws together lines of evidence to help seekers discover why they should be Catholic as an alternative. *Why I Am Catholic* serves as a compelling reproposal of the Church for former Catholics, a persuasive argument for truth and beauty to those who have become jaded and disenchanted with religion, and at the same time offers practicing Catholics a much-needed dose of confidence and clarity to affirm their faith against an increasingly skeptical culture.

The Priority of Christ Robert Barron 2016-02-23 A Major Statement on Christology from Bishop Robert Barron For a long time, Christians have tried to bridge the divide between Christianity and secular liberalism with philosophy and theology. Bishop Robert Barron shows that the answer to this debate--and the way to move forward--lies in Jesus. Barron transcends the usual liberal/conservative or Protestant/Catholic divides with a postliberal Catholicism that brings the focus back on Jesus as revealed in the New Testament narratives. Barron's classical Catholic postliberalism will be of interest to a broad audience including not only the academic community but also preachers and general readers interested in entering the dialogue between Catholicism and postliberalism. The hardcover edition includes a new preface by the author. Praise for *The Priority of Christ* "Barron's wonderful book *The Priority of Christ* brings postliberalism back to its Catholic home. . . . A downright lovely book, written with a kind of winsome literary flair that exhibits the inviting clarity of a master teacher. Highly recommended." --James K. A. Smith, *Religious Studies Review* "The book is full of gems worthy of hours of contemplation." --Mark G. Boyer, *The Priest* *The Works of Mercy* James F. Keenan 2008 What does it mean to be a Catholic? Besides having faith in Jesus Christ and his church, being a Catholic means being inclined to mercy, which is 'the willingness to enter into the chaos of another.' Over the centuries Catholics have defined themselves by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick. This book explores not only the seven corporal works of mercy, but also the seven spiritual works as well. It considers how we invoke mercy throughout the Eucharistic liturgy and how frequently mercy enters into ordinary life, in the way we care for our families, and the way we care for ourselves. Interspersed are three meditations on mercy: on September 11, on being a priest in light of the scandal in Boston, and a new meditation on the world of HIV/AIDS.

Catholicism Study Guide Carl E. Olson 2015-04-27 This is the Student Study Guide for the CATHOLICISM Series study program.en

Return to Rome Francis J. Beckwith 2009-01-10 What does it mean to be evangelical? What does it mean to be Catholic? Can one consider oneself both simultaneously? Francis Beckwith has wrestled with these questions personally and professionally. He was baptized a Catholic, but his faith journey led him to Protestant evangelicalism. He became a philosophy professor at Baylor University and president of the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS). And then, in 2007, after much prayer, counsel, and consideration, Beckwith decided to return to the Catholic church and step down as ETS president. This provocative book details Beckwith's journey, focusing on his internal dialogue between the Protestant theology he embraced for most of his adult life and Catholicism. He seeks to explain what prompted his decision and offers theological reflection on whether one can be evangelical and Catholic, affirming his belief that one can be both. EXCERPT It's difficult to explain why one moves from one Christian tradition to another. It is like trying to give an account to your friends why you chose to pursue for marriage this woman rather than that one, though both may have a variety of qualities that you found attractive. It seems to me then that any account of my return to the Catholic church, however authentic and compelling it is to me, will appear inadequate to anyone who is absolutely convinced that I was wrong. Conversely, my story will confirm in the minds of many devout Catholics that the supernatural power of the grace I received at baptism and confirmation as a youngster were instrumental in drawing me back to the Mother Church. Given these considerations, I confess that there is an awkwardness in sharing my journey as a published book, knowing that many fellow Christians will scrutinize and examine my reasons in ways that appear to some uncharitable and to others too charitable.

Renewing Our Hope Robert Barron 2020-07-31

To Know Christ Jesus Francis J. Sheed 1992-01-01 This modern spiritual classic by Frank Sheed, the renowned author, publisher and lecturer, is brought back into print for the benefit of new generations of readers to develop a deeper, more profound knowledge of Jesus Christ. Sheed's concern with the Gospels is to come to know Christ as he actually lived among us, interacted with all the various people he encountered from his infancy to his passion and death--the God-man who was like us in all things except sin. Sheed has tried especially to see Our Lord in his effect upon others--seeing how they saw him, trying to see

why they saw him so. There is much about Mary and Joseph in their task of bringing up a baby who was literally adorable; about John the Baptist; about Mary of Bethany and Mary Magdalen; about Nicodemus; about people we meet only for a moment, like the man born blind and the owners of the drowned swine; and why the Pharisees, not only the worst of them but some of the best, would not accept Christ. Faith, doctrine, prayer, worship--all the content and consequences of Christian belief--rest on the person of Christ Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. In this classic study, Frank J. Sheed employs wide learning, theological sophistication, spiritual insight, and a lucid style to bring the reader to a personal encounter with the living Lord. To Know Christ Jesus has been justly called "one of the most satisfying studies of the Gospel ever made." Frank J. Sheed had a distinguished career as a publisher, lecturer, street-corner evangelist, and popular writer. He and his wife Maisie Ward were the founders of the publishing house Sheed & Ward. His many books include *Christ in Eclipse*, *What Difference Does Jesus Make?*, *Theology and Sanity*, and *A Map of Life*.

Catholicism Robert Barron 2014-03 Describes the elements of Catholicism, focusing on the life, incarnation, and teachings of Jesus Christ; the sacraments; worship and prayer; Mary, the Apostles, and the Saints; and grace, salvation, and heaven and hell.

The Seven Storey Mountain Thomas Merton 2014-12 This title tells the story of Thomas Merton's search for faith and peace in a world which first fascinated and then appalled him. It is written with the profound insight of a man who has seen himself clearly.

Dante, Mercy, and the Beauty of the Human Person Leonard J. DeLorenzo 2017-07-14 *Dante, Mercy, and the Beauty of the Human Person* is a pilgrimage to rediscover the spiritual and humanizing benefit of the *Commedia*. Treating each cantica of the poem, this volume offers profound meditations on the intertwined themes of memory, prayer, sainthood, the irony of sin, theological and literary aesthetics, and desire, all while consistently reflecting upon the key themes of mercy and beauty in the revelation of the human person within the drama of divine love.

Catholicism Study Guide and Workbook Carl E. Olson 2011-08-25 Fr. Robert Barron created the groundbreaking CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. Not a video lecture, Church history or scripture study, this engaging and interesting formal program uses the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition to illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church.

An Infinite Journey Dr. Andrew M. Davis 2014-01-09 After we've come to faith in Christ, God leaves us in this world for a very clear purpose: his own glory. But how are we to glorify God for the rest of our lives? The Bible reveals that God has laid before every Christian two infinite journeys which we are to travel every day: the internal journey of growth into Christlike maturity, and the external journey of worldwide evangelism and missions. This book is a road map for the internal journey, laying out how we are to grow in four major areas: knowledge, faith, character, and action. In this book, we'll learn how God grows us in knowledge, faith, character, and action. We'll also discover that spiritual knowledge constantly feeds our growing faith, faith will transform our character, our transformed character will result in an array of actions more and more glorifying to God, and our actions will feed our spiritual knowledge. This upward spiral will lead us to become more and more like Jesus Christ in holiness. And not only will this book help us understand Christian growth in detail, it will also give us a passion to grow every day for his glory.

Catholic to Christian S. C. Slawin 2014-01 Catholic to Christian author S. C. Slawin spent his first 44 years as a faithful Catholic, having been born and raised in the Roman Catholic Church. His faith led him to take an active role in the church, spending time as an altar server, a CCD teacher, a lector, and an RCIA instructor. After living his life dedicated to the traditions, doctrines and practices of Catholicism, he embarked on a very unexpected and momentous journey into a deeper exploration of the teachings of the Catholic faith and the Holy Scripture. This book documents his amazing and personal account of finding a true understanding of God's simple plan for Salvation. Chapter Titles: - Introduction - Faith Under Fire - The Opening of My Eyes - A New Understanding - The Powerful Message of Truth - Salvation and My Family - My Life and God's Gift - Questions to Consider - References - My Personal Gift to You What People Have Said about the "Catholic to Christian" Story: ""Truly this is one of the most inspiring salvation stories I've ever heard. Everyone should take the time to read this." - Dr. Hank Lindstrom, Bibleline Ministries" Topics Include: Religion, Spirituality, Christianity, Catholicism, Protestantism, Bible, Holy Scriptures, Sola Scriptura, Roman Catholic Church, Catechism of the Catholic Church, God, Heaven, Jesus, Christ, Eternal Life, Christian Ministry, Christian Life, Protestant,

Catholic

The Mass Donald W. Wuerl 2013-03-05 Guides readers through the different parts of the Catholic mass, from the entrance procession to the blessing and dismissal, and examines the history and spiritual significance of each element of the mass.

Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic Matthew Kelly 2014-12 As human beings we are constantly engaging and disengaging in everything we do. We engage and disengage at work, in marriage, as parents, in our quest for health and well-being, in personal finances, environmentally, politically, and, of course, we engage or disengage spiritually. If you walk into any Catholic church next Sunday and look around, you will discover that some people are highly engaged, others are massively disengaged, and the majority are somewhere in between. Why? What is the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics? Answering this question is essential to the future of the Catholic Church. If we truly want to engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life, we must first discover what drives engagement among Catholics. Matthew Kelly explores this question in his groundbreaking new book, and the simplicity of what he discovers will amaze you. Four things make the difference between highly engaged Catholics and disengaged Catholics: the four signs of a Dynamic Catholic. Whether you are ready to let God take your spiritual life to the next level or want to help reinvigorate your parish, The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic promises to take you on a journey that will help you live out the genius of Catholicism in your everyday life.

Consuming the Word Scott Hahn 2013 Examines some of Christianity's most basic terms to discover what they meant to the sacred authors, the apostolic preachers, and their first audiences.

The Spirit of Catholicism Karl Adam 2021-11-09T22:44:00Z In this book, Karl Adam seeks to identify the "spirit" or essence of Roman Catholicism. The Spirit of Catholicism is an accessible, articulate, and compelling presentation of the fundamental tenets of the Catholic faith, explaining to all - Catholic and non-Catholic alike - exactly what the Church represents. Adam attempts to communicate about the Catholic faith and the Church's role as the keeper of the faith. Those attempting to grasp the very heart and spirit of Catholicism should read Karl Adam's book, which is a most elegant and concise exploration of the faith and an attempt to address these ambiguities. What are the fundamental attributes of the Catholic Church? What is the source from which it has drawn vigor and life through its two thousand years of life on earth? What are the secret sources of its incredible vitality in the world today? The author answers these and many other questions about the nature and structure of the Church. He examines the essential nature of the Catholic Church from the basic premise that it was expressly founded by Christ, traces its historical development and analyzes its actual functioning through the ages.

From Willow Creek to Sacred Heart Chris Haw 2012 The bestselling coauthor of "Jesus for President" chronicles his fascinating spiritual journey to evangelical Christianity and then his return to Catholicism. A respectful and engaging look at the megachurch movement and a heartfelt expression of love for the Catholic Church's liturgy and its commitment to the poor.

Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions Fr. Carter Griffin 2021-08-16 While social norms and political movements are rapidly changing, the truth of the Catholic faith stands firm. In Cross-Examined: Catholic Responses to the World's Questions, readers are equipped to address even the most sensitive topics, from the existence of God to the existence of hell, from women's ordination to Marian devotion, from assisted suicide to transgenderism. In Cross-Examined, Fr. Carter Griffin begins each discussion not with Catholic teaching but rather with its most common objections. Articulating these objections serves several purposes. First, it helps Catholics to respect those who do not share their beliefs by identifying intelligent grounds for disagreement. Pointing out objections also helps believers respond more persuasively in discussions with non-Catholic friends. Perhaps most importantly, knowing the common objects instills confidence that the Church is committed to the truth and unafraid to engage with those who dispute her teaching. After identifying principal objections, each discussion continues with a brief summary of relevant Catholic teaching and then responds to each objection in turn. In our shrill age that seems ever less capable of rational discourse, the method used in Cross-Examined can offer a way to remain faithful to our beliefs while acknowledging, respecting, and responding to alternative points of view.

[Undoing the Knots](#) Maureen O'Connell 2022-01-25 A personal and historical examination of white Catholic anti-Blackness in the US told through 5 generations of one family, and a call for meaningful racial healing and justice within Catholicism Excavating her Catholic family's entanglements with race and

racism from the time they immigrated to America to the present, Maureen O'Connell traces, by implication, how the larger Catholic population became white and why, despite the tenets of their faith, so many white Catholics have lukewarm commitments to racial justice. O'Connell was raised by devoutly Catholic parents with a clear moral and civic guiding principle: those to whom much is given, much is expected. She became a theologian steeped in social ethics, engaged in critical race theory, and trained in the fundamentals of anti-racism. And still she found herself failing to see how her well-meaning actions affected the Black members of her congregations. It seemed that whenever she tried to undo the knots of racism, she only ended up getting more tangled in them. Undoing the Knots weaves together narrative history, theology, and critical race theory to begin undoing these knots: to move away from doing good and giving back and toward dismantling the white Catholic identity and the economic and social structures it has erected and maintained.

The Strangest Way Robert E. Barron 2002-01 Is Christianity a bland, domesticated religion, unthreatening and easy to grasp? Or is it the most exotic, unexpected, and uncanny of religious paths? For the mystics and saints -- and for Robert Barron who discovered Christianity through them -- it is surely the strangest way. "At its very center," writes Barron, "is a God who comes after us with a reckless abandon, breaking open his own heart in love in order to include us in the rhythm of his own life." What could be more compelling?

Catholicism (Enhanced Edition) Robert Barron 2011-11-01 "What I propose to do in this book is to take you on a guided exploration of the Catholic world, but not in the manner of a docent, for I am not interested in showing you the artifacts of Catholicism as though they were dusty objets d'art in a museum of culture. I want to function rather as a mystagogue, conducting you ever deeper into the mystery of the incarnation in the hopes that you might be transformed by its power." —Father Robert Barron What is the Catholicism? A 2,000 living tradition? A worldview? A way of life? A relationship? A mystery? In Catholicism Father Robert Barron examines all these questions and more, seeking to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ's incarnation, life, and teaching, Father Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism – from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell – using his distinct and dynamic grasp of art, literature, architecture, personal stories, Scripture, theology, philosophy, and history to present the Church to the world. Paired with his documentary film series of the same title, Catholicism is an intimate journey, capturing "The Catholic Thing" in all its depth and beauty. Eclectic, unique, and inspiring, Father Barron brings the faith to life for a new generation, in a style that is both faithful to timeless truths, while simultaneously speaking in the language of contemporary life. This enhanced eBook includes a video introduction from the author as well as sixteen short videos from Father Barron's landmark documentary series Catholicism, totaling more than forty minutes of material. Color photos throughout.

Exploring Catholic Theology Robert Barron 2015-07-14 Robert Barron is one of the Catholic Church's premier theologians and author of the influential The Priority of Christ. In this volume, Barron sets forth a thoroughgoing vision for an evangelical catholic theology that is steeped in the tradition and engaged with the contemporary world. Striking a balance between academic rigor and accessibility, the book covers issues of perennial interest in the twenty-first-century church: who God is, how to rightly worship him, and how his followers engage contemporary culture. Topics include the doctrine of God, Catholic theology, philosophy, liturgy, and evangelizing the culture. This work will be of special interest to readers concerned about the so-called "new atheism."

The Truth at the Heart of the Lie James Carroll 2021-03-23 "Courageous and inspiring."—Karen Armstrong, author of The Case for God "James Carroll takes us to the heart of one of the great crises of our times."—Stephen Greenblatt, author of The Swerve An eloquent memoir by a former priest and National Book Award-winning writer who traces the roots of the Catholic sexual abuse scandal back to the power structure of the Church itself, as he explores his own crisis of faith and journey to renewal NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY PUBLISHERS WEEKLY James Carroll weaves together the story of his quest to understand his personal beliefs and his relationship to the Catholic Church with the history of the Church itself. From his first awakening of faith as a boy to his gradual disillusionment as a Catholic, Carroll offers a razor-sharp examination both of himself and of how the Church became an institution that places power and dominance over people through an all-male clergy. Carroll argues that a male-supremacist clericalism is both the root cause and the ongoing enabler of the sexual abuse crisis. The power structure of clericalism poses an existential threat to the Church and compromises the ability of even a progressive pope like Pope Francis to advance change in an institution accountable only to itself. Carroll traces this dilemma back to the Roman Empire and

the Middle Ages, when Scripture, Jesus Christ, and His teachings were reinterpreted as the Church became an empire. In a deeply personal re-examination of self, Carroll grapples with his own feelings of being chosen, his experiences as a priest, and the moments of doubt that made him leave the priesthood and embark on a long personal journey toward renewal—including his tenure as an op-ed columnist at The Boston Globe writing about sexual abuse in the Church. Ultimately, Carroll calls on the Church and all reform-minded Catholics to revive the culture from within by embracing anti-clerical, anti-misogynist resistance and staying grounded in the spirit of love that is the essential truth at the heart of Christian belief and Christian life.

Rome Sweet Home Scott Hahn 2016-10-27 The well-known and very popular Catholic couple, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have been constantly travelling and speaking all over North America for the last few years about their conversion to the Catholic Church. Now these two outstanding Catholic apologists tell in their own words about the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-Catholic ... until he reluctantly began to discover that his "enemy" had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous "dark night of the soul" after Scott converted to Catholicism. Their conversion story and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of lukewarm Catholics and brought them back into an active participation in the Church. They have also influenced countless conversions to Catholicism among their friends and others who have heard their powerful testimony. Written with simplicity, charity, grace and wit, the Hahns' deep love and knowledge of Christ and of Scripture is evident and contagious throughout their story. Their love of truth and of neighbor is equally evident, and their theological focus on the great importance of the family, both biological and spiritual, will be a source of inspiration for all readers.

The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments Scott Weeman 2017-11-10 Winner of a 2018 Catholic Press Association Award: Sacraments. (Second Place). In the first book to directly integrate the Twelve Steps with the practice of Catholicism, Scott Weeman, founder and director of Catholic in Recovery, pairs his personal story with compassionate straight talk to show Catholics how to bridge the commonly felt gap between the Higher Power of twelve-step programs and the merciful God that he rediscovered in the heart of the sacraments. Weeman entered sobriety from alcohol and drugs on October 10, 2011, and he's made it his full-time ministry to help others who struggle with various types of addiction to find spiritual wholeness through Catholic in Recovery, an organization he founded and directs. In The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments, Weeman candidly tackles the struggle he and other addicts have with getting to know intimately the unnamed Higher Power of recovery. He shares stories of his compulsion to find a personal relationship with God and how his tentative steps back to the Catholic Church opened new doors of healing and brought him surprising joy as he came to know Christ in the sacraments. Catholics in recovery and those moving toward it, as well as the people who love them will recognize Weeman's story and his spiritual struggle to personally encounter God. He tells us how: Baptism helps you admit powerlessness over an unmanageable problem, face your desperate need for God, and choose to believe in and submit to God's mercy. Reconciliation affirms and strengthens the hard work of examining your life, admitting wrongs, and making amends. The Eucharist provides ongoing sustenance and draws you to the healing power of Christ. The graces of Confirmation strengthen each person to keep moving forward and to share the good news of recovery and new life in Christ. Weeman's words are boldly challenging and brimming with compassion and through them you will discover inspiration, hope, sage advice, and refreshingly practical help.

From Fire, by Water Sohrab Ahmari 2019-01-25 Sohrab Ahmari was a teenager living under the Iranian ayatollahs when he decided that there is no God. Nearly two decades later, he would be received into the Roman Catholic Church. In From Fire, by Water, he recounts this unlikely passage, from the strident Marxism and atheism of a youth misspent on both sides of the Atlantic to a moral and spiritual awakening prompted by the Mass. At once a young intellectual's finely crafted self-portrait and a life story at the intersection of the great ideas and events of our time, the book marks the debut of a compelling new Catholic voice.

Christian and Catholic Dan Tarrant 2019-12-19 Discover a Church-approved grace alone, through faith alone, approach to Catholicism in this witness from Dan Tarrant, the founder of Personally Catholic and ReEngaged Ministries who can also be seen on CatholicTV. When describing his relationship with God as a Catholic Dan says: "I believe I am saved by grace alone, through faith alone, apart from works. And I am a practicing Catholic. I attend Mass every Sunday. I

go to Confession weekly. I carry the Rosary and the New Testament in my pocket. I pray the Hail Mary countless times a day. I am an Evangelical Christian. I am also a Catholic. Not sure such a thing is possible? Listen to my story."This book, Christian and Catholic, has received the Nihil obstat and Imprimatur of the Catholic Church which means that its radical message of unity with Evangelical Christians and unique approach to living one's Catholicism has been deemed to contain nothing opposed to the Catholic faith and been officially approved for publication by the Catholic Church after a thorough and formal review process. This signifies this book's full fidelity to the Catholic faith for you, the reader. Whether you are a Catholic who has had a powerful experience of Christ in Evangelical settings but wants to stay connected to the Catholic Sacramental life or you are an Evangelical who simply wants to know if Catholics really can be Christian, this book is for you! Written with a genuine love for both Catholic and Evangelical Christians, this book is not a list of arguments or theological treatises that would cause division, but a personal witness to a relationship with Christ that has been blessed by both communities of faith and been fashioned into a better instrument for Christ serving in the Catholic Church because of it. In the book, Dan writes: "This book is not a trap to make Catholics into Protestants or Protestants into Catholics. It's simply one person sharing his story of meeting Christ in both communities with the hope that it would help us be more one. Perhaps if you're Catholic, you'll see that God intends Evangelical Christians to be a blessing to you... Perhaps if you're an Evangelical Christian, you'll see that God intends Catholics to be a blessing to you... Finally, perhaps we'll all come to see that we're more one than we could have ever imagined and in that oneness give God a greater glory than we ever could have divided. That is certainly what I have discovered. Here's my story." The Heart of Catholicism Bert Ghezzi 2014 "Incorporates stories from the author's own life to show how Catholicism is contagious; spreading from person to person because of the things Catholics do that are distinctively Catholic"--