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Basic Texts for the Catechumenate

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults/ Catecismo Católico de los Estados Unidos para los Adultos
Local catechism based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Presentation of the Catholic faith that resonates within the contemporary context of the U.S.A to better foster ongoing conversion to Christ and movement toward mature, adult faith. Each chapter includes a story of a saint, references to the CCC, connections to culture, prayer, reflection/discussion questions. Available in English text and audiobook. Spanish text also available. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Supplements, especially useful for Mystagogy

Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Quick synopsis of the essential contents of the faith as promulgated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Presented in 598 questions and sacred art. USCCB

Catholic Updates
Very readable four-page leaflets on various subjects. Also a video series of various titles to enhance learning and faith sharing. Leader’s guide entitled. 'Come and See' Leader Edition: A Lectionary-based Christian Initiation Resource Using Catholic Updates also available. St Anthony Messenger Press

Foundations in Faith
Practical tools for the catechumenal process with adults. Include Director's Guide; parish leader manual for each period in the RCIA; Handbooks for Inquirers, Sponsors, Catechists, and Neophytes, and a Handbook on Prayer that provide helpful information and prayerful exercises for reflection. Participant Books available for liturgical year cycles A, B, C. Echoes of Faith videos correlate. RCL

Journey of Faith
Catechetical program of 44 lessons contained in individual four-page handouts designed for use primarily in RCIA. Lessons from Inquiry through Mystagogy explore basic Catholic beliefs and practices. Topics include a Catholic approach to the bible, the sacraments, morality, prayer, and the liturgical seasons, and much more. Thought-provoking questions help participants relate each topic to their own personal experience. Options available for adults, teens, and children. Leader’s Guides also available. Ligouri

RICA: Un Enfoque Practico/A Practical Approach to Christian Initiation for Adults
Available in Spanish and English, Las páginas reproducibles son la fuente más indispensable ya que hace el programa RICA más atractivo en su implementación. Secciones del programa y sus guías de práctica correspondientes se encuentran incluidas en este maravilloso libro. Resource guide with reproducible worksheets for implementing the RCIA. Guideline for facilitating the program, program sessions, corresponding worksheets, and outlines for the rites are provided. Rosalie Curtin, et al, Our Sunday Visitor

Apprentices in Faith http://apprenticesinfaith.com
Online subscription resources that provides RCIA teams and participants with sound liturgical, scriptural, and doctrinal resources to use throughout the RCIA process. It will include resources for all participants in the RCIA process. Materials are uploaded quarterly. RCL Benziger

The Heart of Faith: A Field Guide for Catechumens and Candidates
Reflections for catechumens and baptized candidate throughout the entire process of preparing for initiation or reception into full communion to learn in particular what living the way of Christ looks like. Nick Wagner, Twenty-third Publications

The Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism
Book based on Father Himes’ popular video series, The Mystery of Faith includes questions for reflection and discussion at the conclusion of each chapter. Chapters on Incarnation, Trinity, Tradition, Eucharist, Salvation, Church, Reconciliation, Baptism, Sacraments of Vocation, and Grace. Available in print and audio versions. Fr. Michael Himes, St Anthony Messenger Press

Questions of Faith: A Workbook Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church
Explores the main teachings of the Catholic Church through 160 questions. Each question referenced to paragraph numbers in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and to page numbers in the popular catechism This Is Our Faith by Michael Pennock. Writing questions and personal thought questions included to help participants make connections between the Church's tradition and their own experiences. "Note to the Catechist" in the back of the workbook offers suggestions for homework, review games, evaluation, and ideas for expanding upon the personal thought questions with activities for individuals and small groups. Michael Amodei, Ave Maria Press

The Teaching of Christ: A Catholic Catechism for Adults
Catechism for adults presented in an easy-to-understand style with each chapter ending with a listing of important concepts to remember. 5th edition is correlated to the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as other significant church documents like the General Directory for Catechesis. eds. Bishop Donald Wuerl, Ronald Lawler, OFM Cap, et al, Our Sunday Visitor
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For Adaptations with Children of Catechetical Age (see RCIA #252-330)*

*There is no official Church designation of RCIC or Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. The initiation of children is addressed in the various sacramental rites, but is always oriented as an adaptation of the rites for adults. The form with adults provides the norm for initiation practice with all age groups.

The Catholic Connections Handbook for Middle Schoolers Guidance for young teens in learning about all the central aspects of the Catholic faith, including God, revelation, faith, Jesus the Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, liturgy and sacraments, Christian morality and justice, and prayer. Catechist manuals available. Janet Claussen et al, St Mary’s Press

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth Clear, concise information for teens about beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church organized to parallel the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Teaching activities manual available. Brian-Singer Towns, St Mary’s Press

Children and Christian Initiation Leader Guide thoroughly explores the meaning of symbols and ritual gestures to prepare the child before the rites and reflect upon their meaning afterward. Includes practical suggestions to involve parents and sponsors in this important passage into the faith community, parent, sponsor book addressing what they need to accompany a child into full initiation and journals for children also available. Kathy Coffey, Living the Good News

Children’s Catechumenate Director’s guide, catechist manual, and children/family text options available for Primary, Intermediate, and Upper level formation. Rev. Thomas Long and Emily Filippi, Our Sunday Visitor (mycatholicbookstore)

Friends on the Way Downloadable pdfs of lectionary-based learning for children. Resources for Year A are currently being developed. Team RCIA

God is Calling Includes leader’s guide, story books, and activity books. Books come at two levels, ages 7-10 and 11-14 plus intergenerational family catechesis; Covers three years with three themes. Final section adapts the series to initiation of children of catechetical age. Judith Dunlap and Mary Cummins Wlodarski, St Anthony Messenger Press

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Lectionary-based Resources Helpful for Sunday Dismissal sessions

At Home With the Word/Palabra de Dios Annual publication containing the texts of Sunday readings for that liturgical year and scripture reflections with questions for study and discussion, as well as meditations on the practices in the Christian life. Uses the Revised New American Bible scripture texts from the Lectionary for Mass for the United States. Spanish-language version is Palabra de Dios. English-language version also available in large print. Liturgical Training Publications

Breaking Open the Word One resource guide available for each cycle of the liturgical year to assist in designing, facilitating, and conducting personal reflection and catechumenate sessions after Dismissal. eds. Karen Hinman Powell and Joseph P. Sinwell, Paulist Press

'Come and See': A Lectionary-based Christian Initiation Resource Using Catholic Updates Combines the most popular and useful Catholic Update titles with comprehensive, lectionary-based resources designed especially for use with the RCIA. Scripture-Breaking (based on the three-year Lectionary cycle), catechetical session outlines for each of the periods, and special "Seasonal Daily Prayers" for at-home use during the process. Leader Edition and Participant Edition are supplied in three-ring binders. ed. Karen Albertus, St Anthony Messenger Press

Gospel Weeklies Weekly leaflet resource for children. Available for Grades 2-3, 4-6, 7-9. Pflaum Publishing Group

Sunday by Sunday Four-page weekly that invites adults to the regular spiritual exercise of reflecting on the Sunday scriptures together through prayer, reflection, sharing, and invitation to just living. Annual subscription. Quantity discount available. Joan Mitchell, CSJ, Good Ground Press

Word and Worship Workbook Three volumes (one for each year make up a comprehensive liturgical, scriptural and catechetical resource designed to explore the meaning and implication of the seasons, feasts and the Sunday liturgies of Cycles A, B, or, C. Mary Birmingham, Paulist Press

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Orientation of Team, Catechists, Sponsors

Beginnings and Beyond Institute
Five day foundational institute for RCIA leaders and team members of all skill and experience levels. Deepens the understanding of the conversion journey and offers an experience of the flow of the RCIA process through adapted rites. Some sessions are grouped by particular interest or experience level. Cosponsored with dioceses across the U.S. and Canada though usually open to participants outside the area. The Forum also offers a variety of shorter pastoral training institutes that are also helpful in ongoing formation of the Catechumenate team. Check website for current schedule. North American Forum on the Catechumenate

Come to the Waters: The Adult Journey to Baptism
This DVD follows both catechumens and candidates in the year-round RCIA process for adult education and initiation into the Catholic community at St. James Cathedral in Seattle, culminating with their baptism at the Easter Vigil. Reproducible study guide available online at http://www.usccb.org/cc/CTW-StudyGuide.pdf Catholic Communications Campaign, USCCB, 2005. 58 minutes

Becoming Catholic: An Adult’s Faith Journey
This video is divided into four segments: story, witness, teaching and musical reflection. Recently initiated Catholics share how their faith journey led them to the Catholic Church. Fr. Tom Richstatter, OFM presents the RCIA process. While originally aimed at inquirers or those seeking initiation, it could be used to help team members or sponsors place themselves in the place of the initiates so to gain a “newcomer’s” perspective. Leader’s guide included. St Anthony Messenger Press, 1995. 33 minutes

This Is the Night
The experiences of RCIA candidates at St. Pius V parish in Pasadena, Texas are explored. Interspersed among the interviews with the candidates and various parish members are scenes from the Scrutinies of the Third Sunday in Lent and the Easter Vigil. Liturgy Training Publications, 1992. 30 minutes

RCIA Catechist’s Manual
Pages 13-24 provide a basic introduction to the liturgical, catechetical and pastoral aspects of the process of Christian Initiation. A chart with an overview of the RCIA process is also available. Association for Catechumenal Ministry distributed through Liturgical Training Publications

Sponsor and Team Development
Skills and study in Spirituality, Theology, Liturgy

Echoes of Faith Plus: Adult Faith Formation
Video assisted module for forming facilitators. Gives Basic introduction to skills and attitudes for facilitators of parish faith formation in a variety of settings. The four segments explore the importance of helping participants get in touch with their personal faith stories, the nature of small groups, skills for facilitating small groups, and strategies for incorporating explicit doctrinal content into faith sharing settings. RCL

Handing on the Faith: Forming RCIA Sponsors
Offers suggestions and affirmation to those who accompany adults on the journey of initiation. Includes a scripture story segment of one of the first sponsor-candidate relationships (Ananaias and Saul), a witness segment from parish sponsors and candidates, a teaching segment from Rita Burns Senseman on key points about the role of the sponsor, and a music video reflection. Comes with a Leader’s Guide. Sponsor guide may be purchased. St Anthony Messenger Press, 2002. 29 minutes

What Is Faith
Video explores of the question “Where does faith come from?” or “How do we become people of faith?” Kathleen Chesto helps viewers examine the importance of naming and claiming our own story. Delineates the role of ritual in that process, while including importance of theological questions to challenge the story and doctrine to limit the answers we give to our questions. Facilitator’s guide included. Twenty-Third Publications, 2001. 31 minutes

We Are Called: Catholic Social Teaching for Today
Video moves viewers to a greater understanding of Catholic Social Teaching in relationship to our baptismal call to holiness and to invite them to make the principles a part of their response to God's call. Study guide offers four different program designs for use with adolescents and adults. Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis-CEFM, 2001. 22 minutes

We Are Sent: Eucharist and Our Living Amen
Explores how the celebration of Eucharist calls people of all ages into communion with Jesus Christ while it also prepares them to be sent out to live justly in the world. Combines music, images from a celebration of the Eucharist, and reflections by parishioners in orienting people to the Mass. Conversation guide included. Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis/CEFM, 2005. 18 minutes
Websites

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
  www.usccb.org

- Sacred Space
  http://sacredspace.ie

- Sunday Connection from Loyola Press
  www.loyolapress.com/sunday-connection.htm

- Team RCIA
  www.teamrcia.com

- WingClips (movie clips for teaching)
  www.wingclips.com

- RCIA Network Blog
  http://rcianetworkspm.wordpress.com/

Publisher/Distributor Contact Info

- Ave Maria Press
  www.avemariapress.com
  1.800.282.1865

- Good Ground Press
  www.goodgroundpress.com
  1.800.232.5533

- Ligouri Publications
  www.liguori.org
  1.800.325.9526

- Liturgical Training Publications
  www.ltp.org
  1.800.933.1800

- Living the Good News
  www.morehouseeducation.org/LivingTheGoodNews/
  1.800.824.1813

- North American Forum on the Catechumenate
  www.naforum.org
  1-202-884-9758

- Our Sunday Visitor (OSV)
  www.osv.com
  www.mycatholicbookstore.com
  1.800.348.2440

- Paulist Press
  www.paulistpress.com
  1.800.218.1903

- Pflaum Publishing Group
  www.pflaum.com
  1.800.543.4383

- RCL/Benziger
  www.rclbenziger.com
  1.800.688.8356

- St Anthony Messenger Press
  http://catalog.americancatholic.org/default.aspx
  1.800.488.0488

- St Mary’s Press
  www.smp.org

- Twenty-Third Publications
  www.pastoralplanning.com
  1.800.321.0411

- USCCB Publishing
  United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
  www.usccbpublishing.org
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