

# Catechism Update

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## Catechism Committee Holds Annual Meeting with Publishers

The bishops on the Catechism Committee held their annual meeting with publishers on Thursday, September 6, in Chicago. Approximately fifty people were present representing twenty-five publishing houses and catechetical organizations. This number represented an increase in the number attending. Part of the reason was that officials from the Libreria Editrice Vaticana were also present in Chicago to meet with publishers following the Catechism Committee's meeting in order to explain the new copyright policy for use with Vatican and papal writings.

The Catechism Committee's meeting followed a pattern that has emerged over the last few years. First, the Committee spoke to the publishers about doctrinal issues they have noted in reviews during the preceding year. Then they spoke about practical points concerning aspects of the conformity review process. Meeting attendees also were given a report on the work of the Committee on Catechesis by a member of that committee who also serves on the Catechism Committee. Finally, the bishops on the Catechism Committee addressed questions from the publishers, some of which were submitted in advance and some of which were raised from the floor.

In addressing the doctrinal issues in reviews, the bishops on the Catechism Committee explained how some catechetical materials, in trying to explain the Trinity on a level that can be understood by children, inadvertently fall into elements of modalism. In order to avoid this problem, the bishops advised publishers to have their writers and editors rely on using the revealed names for the Persons of the Trinity.

A second doctrinal issue the bishops addressed had to do with the way catechetical materials explain the Real Presence. Without using the term, the bishops warned publishers against inadvertently teaching impanation in saying that Jesus is present in the bread and in the wine. At the same time, the Committee acknowledged that there is a wider problem with this terminology present in our parishes today when clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion alike talk of distributing the Bread and/or the Wine.

Other issues dealt with by the Committee during this part of the meeting concerned suggested doctrinal teachings to include in catechetical texts on Church history as well as doctrinal topics to include in pre-school materials.

Publishers had a number of questions in response to the report on the work of the Committee on Catechesis. Representatives from a number of companies, especially those who publish materials for high school, sought practical information concerning the

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content of the “National Doctrinal Framework for Catholic High School Age Students” as well as concerning the timing of its possible release. The same was also true for the Committee on Catechesis’ draft document, “Catechetical Formation in Chaste Living.”

The most conversation occurred in relation to the topic of “whole community catechesis.” The publishers mentioned to the bishops on the Committee that there are many variations of “whole community catechesis” being practiced throughout the country. Publishers share the bishops’ concerns that some parishes are using Generations of Faith or other similar programs not to complement systematic, age-appropriate religious education programs but to replace them. If such practices were to become wide-spread, the bishops and publishers alike agree that the result would be another generation of religiously illiterate Catholics.

The meeting ended following a discussion initiated by a publisher on the question of meeting the spiritual needs of today’s youth. In his closing remarks, Archbishop Hughes thanked the publishers for their participation and on behalf of the other bishops present commented positively on how well the publishers in attendance evidence their commitment to the mission of the Church.

The 2007 Catechism Committee meeting with publishers is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, August 28, in Chicago.

## Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

\*\*As of **Mar. 1, 2007** the following texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.\*\*

<b>Key to the Conformity Listing</b> (Titles new to the listing since previous July 2006 <i>Catechism Update</i> are in bold.)		
S=School Student Text	P=Parish Student Text	TM= Teacher Manual
S/P= single edition applicable to both school and parish		CM= Catechist Manual
		S&P= two separate editions, both found to be in conformity
<b>Preschool Text</b>		
<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Specifics</b>
<b>I am Special (Kindergarten)</b>	<b>Our Sunday Visitor</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2005</b>
<b>Preschool Series</b>		
Discovering God	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
<b>God Made Everything</b>	<b>Loyola Press</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2008</b>
<b>Questions for God</b>	<b>VirTru Powers</b>	<b>S/P ©2007</b>
<b>Elementary Series: School and Parish</b>		
The Apostolate’s Family Catechism	Apostolate for Family Consecration	S/P ©2003, ©2005
<b>Blest Are We (1-6)</b>	<b>Silver Burdett Ginn</b>	<b>S&amp;TM ©2004, P&amp;CM ©2002, 2008</b>
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
<b>Call to Faith (7-8)</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
<b>Call to Faith Junior High Faith Booklet Series</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2008</b>
Christ Jesus, the Way (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2003
Christ Jesus, the Way (7-8)	Benziger	S&TM, P&CM ©2004
Christ Our Life (K-8)	Loyola Press	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, ©2006
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©2003, 2002
Faith and Life (1-8)	Ignatius Press	S&TM ©1984-1987
Faith and Witness Program (7-8)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM, P&CM ©1998-1999
Faith First (K-6)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001, 2000
Faith First (7-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S&TM, P&CM ©2001
<b>Faith First Legacy Edition Church History (7-8)</b>	<b>RCL - Resources for Christian Living</b>	<b>S&amp;TM ©2007</b>
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
<b>Finding God (7-8)</b>	<b>Loyola Press</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
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

## Elementary Series: School and Parish (continued)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Specifics</i>
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
<b>We Believe Series, We Live Our Faith (7-8)</b>	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc.</b>	<b>S/P ©2007</b>

## 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
<b>The Church Through History</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S ©2007</b>
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament	Ave Maria Press	S ©2003
<b>The History of the Church</b>	<b>Midwest Theological Forum</b>	<b>S ©2005, TM ©2007</b>
Introduction to Catholicism	Midwest Theological Forum	S&TM ©2003
Journey Through the New Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2006
Journey Through the Old Testament	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2002, ©2006
Justice and Peace: Our Faith in Action	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2007
The Light of Faith	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S ©2005
Living Justice and Peace	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
<b>Marriage and Holy Orders: Your Call to Love and Service</b>	<b>Ave Maria Press</b>	<b>S ©2007</b>
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
<b>Understanding the Scriptures</b>	<b>Midwest Theological Forum</b>	<b>S ©2005, TM ©2007</b>
Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament)	Saint Mary's Press	S ©2002
<b>Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality</b>	<b>Ave Maria Press</b>	<b>S ©2001, 2008</b>

## High School Series

<b>Catholicism Series</b> [Reason, Life, Ethics, Society, Scripture]	<b>C.R. Publications</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©1996-2006</b>
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
<b>Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Older Adolescents)</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2008</b>
<b>Call to Celebrate: Confirmation (Younger Adolescents)</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2008</b>
Call to Celebrate: Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation and Eucharist (intermediate)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM/CM ©2007
Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2000
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2002
Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©1997
<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>RCL - Resources for Christian Living</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)	Pflaum Publishing Group	S&TM ©2005
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's Handbook	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidates Handbook (Immediate Preparation)	Saint Mary's Press	S/P ©2006
Confirmed in the Spirit (7-9)	Loyola Press	S/P&TM ©2007
Eucharist	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (primary)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise (intermediate)	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
First Reconciliation	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
First Eucharist	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000

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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&TM/CM ©2006
We Believe and Celebrate First Penance	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2006

### Materials in Other Languages

Acercandote a La Fe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S&TM ©1999
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
<b>Confirmados en el Espíritu (7-9)</b>	<b>Loyola Press</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
Creed: A Course on Catholic Faith	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2000
Creemos/We Believe (K-6)	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	P&CM ©2005
<b>Creemos y celebramos Primera Comunión</b>	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc.</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
<b>Creemos y celebramos Primera Reconciliación</b>	<b>William H. Sadlier, Inc.</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
Christo Jesús, el Camino (K-6)	Benziger	S&TM ©2003
El Espíritu Santo nos Libera:	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM/CM ©2000
Preparando a los jóvenes para la Confirmación		
Eucaristía	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Eucaristía: Damos gracias y alabanza	Benziger	S/P&TM/CM ©2006
Nuestra Identidad Católica (1-8)	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S ©1998
Primera Reconciliación	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Primera Comunión	William H. Sadlier, Inc.	S/P&TM ©2000
Reconciliación	RCL - Resources for Christian Living	S/P&TM ©2003
Reconciliación: Perdon y paz	Benziger	S/P&TM ©2006
The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth	Vietnamese Catechetical Community U.S.A.	S/P ©2001
Un llamado a celebrar: la Eucaristía	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación	Harcourt Religion Publishers	S/P&TM ©2007
<b>Un llamado a celebrar: la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía (intermediario)</b>	<b>Harcourt Religion Publishers</b>	<b>S/P&amp;TM/CM ©2007</b>
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
New Corinthians Curriculum (K-8)	Foundation for the Family	TM and Parent Guide ©1996
Project Genesis (K-8)	Leaflet Missal Company	S&TM ©1996

### Materials for RCIA

<b>God Calls You By Name</b>	<b>Mother's House Publishing</b>	<b>P&amp;CM ©2006</b>
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