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This issue includes: 1) Roman Calendar of Saints for October; 2) St. Francis Media Resources; 3) DVDs for St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta; 4) October: Month of Mary and the Rosary; 5) Resources for Respect Life Month; 6) Divine Mercy DVDs and PRs; 7) Lectio Divina; 8) Follow Me; 9) Catholicism: The Pivotal Players; 10) Books for Strong Catholic Families Program; 11) Two NEW DVDs; 12) Online Resources.

OCTOBER ROMAN CALENDAR NOTES: (Keep resources such as the Bible, a book of the saints, a breviary, statues and pictures of saints, a rosary, crucifix, Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Children’s Daily Prayer, Catechism of the Catholic Church and a catechism such as This Is Our Faith by Pennock. Begin the children’s day with specific mention of the liturgical importance of the day or reference to it throughout the day. Signs and symbols are very effective in our catechesis.) During the month of October we also celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – Encourage devotion to the rosary and provide sheets on how to pray it. Rosaries can be provided for children by the parish rosary society.

October 1 Memorial of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Doctor of the Church – She lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. Attest to the need for silence and contemplation in our lives. Died September 30, 1897 of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at age 24; The Story of the Soul, urged all to follow “the little way”; proclaimed doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997.

October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels
October 4 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi – religious; deacon; noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion, love for all, and love for God’s creation; renounced wealth to follow “Lady Poverty”; founded the Franciscan family; wrote the Canticle of the Sun, received the stigmata; canonized only 2 years after his death. Celebrate the blessing (and appreciation) of pets and all animals. Make large symbols mentioned in Daniel 3:57-88 or the canticle of the Sun. Franciscans became promoters of devotion to the crèche as well as the Stations of the Cross.

October 6 Saint Bruno, 1101 in Calabria, priest; Founded mother house of the Carthusians in 1084 who today number around 320 religious. Their motto: “While the world changes, the cross stands firm.” Or Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, 1849, virgin. USA, founded the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary for Christian Education.

October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary – This memorial was established by Pope Pius V. It recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation.
October 9  **Saint Denis, 258; First bishop of Paris, and companions, martyrs; patron of Paris and of France.**
Saint John Leonardi, 1609 in Rome; Founded (1574) the Congregation of Clerics Regular of the Mother of God

October 11 **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 14 **Saint Callistus I, Pope , martyr, 222; organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome.**

October 15 **Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church; Teresa of Avila; 1852 at Alba; Spanish mystic who, with St. John of the Cross, founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars and nuns, for which she had to endure great trials; first woman declared doctor of the Church; Spanish mystic, noted for her spiritual scholarship.**

October 16 **Saint Hedwig, 1243 peacemaker dedicated to the poor and prisoners; as a widow retired to Cistercian convent. Mary Margaret Alacoque, virgin. A French Visitandine mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Promoted First Friday devotion.**

October 17 **Saint Ignatius of Antioch, 107, bishop, martyr, Apostolic Father known as the second successor of St. Peter in Antioch; first to use the term “Catholic Church” as a collective designation for Christians.**

October 18 **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
No gospel writer is more concerned than Luke with God’s mercy, universal salvation and compassion of Jesus. No gospel writer is more concerned with the role of the Spirit in the life of Jesus and his disciples, with the importance of prayer, or with Jesus’ concern for women. He is patron of the medical profession. Display the *Book of the Gospels.*

October 19 **Memorial of SS. Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf** – Isaac was a French Jesuit missionary to the Hurons and Iroquois; tomahawked to death. Direct catechesis toward the missionary activity of the Church and the concept of martyrdom. Discuss contemporary missionaries and martyrs.

October 20 **Saint Paul of the Cross, 18 Oct, 1775; priest (USA) renowned preacher and founder (1720) of the Passionate, today numbering about 2,160 members**

October 22 **Saint John Paul I, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. Elected Pope on October 16, 1978. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people, and the sick, led him to make numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. He died on April 2, 2005 and beatified on May 1, 2011.**

October 23 **Saint John of Capistrano, 1546, priest; O.F.M; Reformer of the Franciscan and Poor Clares. Preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus; patron of military chaplains.**

October 24 **Anthony Mary Claret, 1870; bishop; vigorous reforming bishop of Santiago, Cuba; founded (1849) the Missionary Sons of Immaculate Heart of Mary Claretsian.**

October 25 **Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

October 28 **Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles, Simon 1st c; Called “the Canaanite” and also “the Zealot,” an anti-Roman party; possibly preached in Egypt and Persia. Jude or Thaddeus 1st c; may have preached in Palestine and Persia; Patron of those in despair or hopeless situations.**

October 31 **All customs around the celebration of Halloween are really All Saints Day and All Souls Day customs. Halloween is the celebration of the eve of the festival of All Saints Day.**
**November**

November 1  **Sunday - Feast of All Saints** – Honoring the saints who have gone before us. Holy day of obligations. First mentioned in the fourth c. Eastern feast of All Martyrs. (Not a holy day of obligation in USA)

November 2  **Conmemoration of all the Faithful Departed Souls** (All Souls). Pray for the Faithful Departed – especially relatives and friends.

November 20  **Feast of Christ the King** - End of Year of Divine Mercy

November 24  **Thanksgiving Day** is celebrated in the USA

November 26 – Saturday – The End of the Year of Grace 2016

November 27  **First Sunday of Advent** – Beginning of the Year of Grace, 2017. Year A

**OCTOBER 4 - FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

The following are DVDs and videos about St. Francis of Assisi whose feast day is celebrated on October 4th.

**Brother Sun, Sister Moon**  – I-A  – 120 min. – DV 1069

**Francis of Assisi**  – JH-A – 110 min. – DV 1117

**Francis and Clare of Assisi**  – JH-A – 30 min. – DV 1116

**Francis The Knight of Assisi**  – JH-A – 30 min. – VC 1315 or DV 1118

**Reluctant Saint: Francis of Assisi**  – JH-A – 60 min. – VC 2877 or DV 1182

**Saints for All Seasons: Francis of Assisi**  – P-I – 16 min. – VC 2057

**MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Choose from any of the numerous suggestions below to teach your students about one of the most beloved saints of the entire church. Please check the on-line catalog for summaries and details.

**DVDs / VIDEOS:**

- Assisi: Home of St. Francis  – DV 61042  50 min. (JH-A)
- St. Francis of Assisi  – VC 11644  28 min. (JH-A)
- Saint Francis  – DV 61188  205 min. (JH-A)
- My Catholic family: Saint Francis of Assisi  – DV 61957 25 min. (P-I)
- In The Footsteps of Francis and the Sultan: A Modeling For Peacemaking  – DV 61949 (SH-A)

**CDs:** (Adult level)

- Francis: The Journey and the Dream  – CD1557 – 51560
- The Little Flowers of St. Francis  – CD 51610 – 51613
- Treasures of a Poor Man: St. Francis and Franciscan Spirituality  – CD 516879 – 51682
- Franciscan Mysticism: I Am That Which I Am Seeking – CD 52251-52254
- Francis: Turning the World On Head: Subverting the Honor/Shame System – CD 52255
- In The Footsteps of Francis: Awakening to Creation – CD 52265
- Saint Francis: Gift of God, Man of Prayer - CD
PTINTED RESOURCES (PRs)

The Road To Assisi: The Essential Biography of St. Francis PR 31281 A
Author Paul Sabatier helps the reader discover how the privileged son of a wealthy merchant became the most loved figure in Christian history since Jesus. Sabatier portrayed a fully human Francis, much like each of us in our awkwardness, insecurities, and fear, but also a gentle mystic and passionate reformer who desired to live as Jesus taught his disciples. 172 pages.

Francis of Assisi Canticle of the Creatures PR 31269 A
Paul M. Allen and Joan deRis Allen are the authors. This delightful study of Francis shares reflections on one of the most creative prayers in Christianity and illustrates how the canticle of the Creatures can be used as a spiritual tool in today’s meditation practices. 144 pages.

Vision Books: Francis and Clare: Saints of Assisi PR 32324 I-JH
The Vision Books for youth nine to fifteen years old are one of the most popular and well-written series of saints' lives ever produced for young people. Today, from nation to nation, the good works of the Franciscans remind the world of the gentle charity of their founder - the "Poor Little Man" of Assisi. Francis of Assisi became God's Troubadour, and this is the story of the people's saint - the happy friar who preached in the marketplace and gave up family and fortune to devote his life to God and His poor. Other men followed, and Saint Clare too left her castle to establish a convent. The saints of Assisi followed Lady Poverty and found happiness. Helen Walker Homan has captured all the excitement and beauty of these two popular saints' lives, and their centuries-long influence on the whole world through their radical living of the Gospel and founding of two great religious orders. Illustrated. 187 pages.

St. Joseph Picture Books: Saint Francis of Assisi PR 32297 P-I
This series of books by Rev. Lawrence G. Lovasik, S.V.D. is intended to help you teach the basics of the Catholic faith. Each book deals with one or more of the following themes: 1) the teachings of the church, 2) the Christian way of life, 3) our Catholic worship. Each book for primary grades is illustrated in full color and is simply written. This book tells the life story of one of the most well-known and beloved saints of the world. Illustrated. 32 pages.

Francis of Assisi PR 31275 A
This book by Adrian House is written for readers of any faith or none. Although the whole of St. Francis’s life was based on his belief in God and in Jesus as God's Son, he was the least dogmatic of the saints, seeing himself as God’s troubadour. But, above all, it is through his universal love that he has influenced the world for nearly eight centuries. 336 pages.
PRs (Continued)

**The Sun And Moon Over Assisi: A Personal Encounter With Francis And Clare**  PR 31277  A
This book reveals how the lives of the two medieval saints from Assisi, Francis and Clare, helped to transform the life of a thoroughly modern cynic from Los Angeles, California. The major events of the lives of the two saints are unfolded here in a series of vivid and engaging stories. Alongside the history of Francis and Clare, another story unfolds: the story of the spiritual transformation of the author, Hollywood film maker and television producer Harold Thomas Straub. The book illustrates how Francis and Clare speak to the present-day, secularized person. 614 pages

**Saints & Virtues: Francis of Assisi – Living Fortitude**  PR 31279  A
Fortitude enables us to conquer our fears, even the fear of death, in the name of our beliefs. Francis' love of God and his faith in the spiritual life gave him the strength, or fortitude, to follow God even when his parents abandoned him. Francis remains a spiritual and human example of the importance in standing firm in your beliefs - even in situations that may seem unpleasant or possibly deadly.  61 pages.

**MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA DECLARED SAINT ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

**FIFTH WORD: MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA, THE DV 61108**
This 25 minute video captures the life of a young woman possessing an astounding degree of sensitivity and a complete willingness to fulfill and embrace the will of God. She discovered the true magnitude of life and secret of happiness in a way that few ever think of doing, through giving up everything, including her own personal life, to the poorest of the poor, as in them she saw the image of Christ himself. Msgr. Foley and Paloma Gomez Borrero provide a 35-minute documentary of anecdotes on Mother Teresa that are interwoven with the animated film to describe how her first biography was created. Also available as video vc 29
GREAT SOULS: MOTHER TERESA: WOMAN OF COMPASSION    DV 61125
Filmed on location in Macedonia, France, England, and India, this hour traces the dramatic story of a young teenage Catholic girl who felt called by God to serve the poorest people of India. How Sister Agnes overcame impossible adversity to her vision and became Mother Teresa of Calcutta inspired the world with her example of compassion for the poor and set a standard for servanthood unequaled in the twentieth century. Through the eyes of those who knew her and those who observed her from afar, this inspiring hour will powerfully demonstrate the good that one person can do amid the most difficult of circumstances. Also available as video vc 2828

MOTHER TERESA    DV 61158
In a powerful portrayal, Golden Globe winner Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. A shrewd diplomat and an indomitable force, Mother Teresa is unwilling to accept what others deem impossible, fearlessly fighting for the unloved and the forgotten. Her good works transcend hardships and ultimately earn her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The small miracles and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

MOTHER TERESA: IN THE NAME OF GOD'S POOR    DV 61159
Geraldine Chaplin gives an outstanding performance as Mother Teresa, an extraordinary woman who dedicated her life to the dying and destitute and transformed the world with her courage, faith and love. Calcutta, 1946 - As the slum erupts in violence, a nun answers a call from God to ease the suffering of the poor. Leaving the safety of her own world, Mother Teresa enters the city's wretched slums armed with nothing more than faith and determination. Although at first there is great opposition, she soon begins a groundbreaking ministry in Calcutta's war-torn streets that will transcend all cultural and religious biases. As news of her work and her message of unconditional love spreads, so does her fame and in 1979 she is honored with the Nobel Peace Prize. She is known the world over simply as Mother Teresa but to millions of people whose hearts she touched, she will be remembered as a great humanitarian who inspired the world. Also available as video vc 2126

MOTHER TERESA: SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS    DV 61160
“Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me.” Mother Teresa always remembered these words of Jesus. She said that she saw the face of Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped. Mother Teresa asked the whole world to look for Jesus' face there, too. This video presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother Teresa was a person much like themselves: a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in the world. Also available as video vc 2253.
NEW
MOTHER TERESA: THE LEGACY  DV 62227
Ignatius Press    2004   JH-A
From Emmy Award winning directors Ann and Jeanette Petrie comes Mother Teresa: The Legacy is the dramatic story of Mother Teresa’s last day, her sudden death and her moving state funeral which was attended by the poor, the powerful and the rich from around the world. The official film of the Occasion of her Beatification in Rome, the film contains new footage and interviews with one of the most beloved people of our time, Blessed Mother Teresa and chronicles her on-going legacy. At the heart of this film and, for the first time, we see and hear Mother Teresa reveal her simple but profound spirituality that, put into action, transcended religious, political and cultural boundaries and enabled her to open 500 home for the poor in over 124 countries. Mother Teresa speaks directly from her heart to the viewer, sharing insights into the source of her strength and her inspiration. 55 minutes. Themes: Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Saints.

NEW
TESTAMENT OF MOTHER TERESA, THE  DV 62228
Ignatius Press    2016   JH-A
This rare interview captures on film one of the most beloved women and humanitarians of our time. Director Marcel Bauer had to wait many years before Mother reluctantly gave him permission for an interview. This program is the film record of that historic interview, filmed just months before Mother Teresa’s death, which contains her thoughts and viewed on many important subjects. This film may well be regarded as the spiritual testament of one of the most exceptional women of our time. Also, for the first time in many years “the most hallowed place” was permitted to be filmed, the Hall of the Dying Kalighat. Since her death in 1997, she continues to inspire admiration around the world. Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003 and was approved in 2016 for sainthood in the Catholic Church by Pope Francis. 43 minutes. Themes: Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Saints.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF MARY AND THE ROSARY
As we pay special tribute to Mary and the rosary during the month of October, we can also make it a “teachable moment” for ourselves and others.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY
The following titles are available as we honor Mary and the rosary this month..
Animated Rosary For Kids – DV 1250 – P-I – 120 min.
Close Encounters With Mary and The Rosary – DV 1077  or VC 3015 – I-JH – 12 min.
Animated Rosary For Kids DV 61250 120 min. P-I
This film was especially created to teach little ones how to pray the Holy Rosary, while contemplating each mystery as if they were in each scene. A Guardian Angel, our very own Angelito, is our guide; introducing us to each scene and explaining the teachings of Jesus. After each mystery we recite the Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be, which are presented karaoke-style across your television screen. And at the end of the Rosary, everyone joins in to sing a song praying for the intentions of our Holy Father. Included are the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries.

Close Encounters With Mary and the Rosary DV 61077 12 min. (I-JH)
During a classroom exercise wherein Fr. Brendan guides young students in making a rosary of string and beads, young Alex finds he just doesn't get what the rosary is all about. Luckily for him, our helpful angel appears to clear things up. The rosary is all about major events in the life of Jesus, so angel compares the Mysteries to a photo album. When it's made visual and Alex sees what the rosary represents, it all becomes real to him. All four mysteries are presented and explained in age-appropriate language so that young audiences will understand that the rosary is a very special way to get in touch with Jesus and Mary. Also available as video vc 3015

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary VC 12946 30 min. (JH-A)
The new Mysteries of Light are a wonderful way to meditate on Jesus’ life, drawing closer to his teachings and His love. You will be praying the rosary amid the sights and sounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Fr. Louis Studer, Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, will lead you in praying the Mysteries of Light. As you reflect on the mysteries, you will be inspired by music and scenes from the Shrine.
OCTOBER – MONTH OF MARY AND THE ROSARY  (Continued)

Little Rock Scripture Study: Touching the Mysteries: Scripture and the Rosary  DV 61146   95 min.  (A)
Little Rock Scripture Study is unique combination of study, reflection, and prayer that leads to a transformation of faith. This 4-week video-based bible study includes four essential elements: 1) participants spend about 20 min. a day prayerfully reading and reflecting on the assigned section of Scriptures. Commentary and questions direct the reflection. 2) Weekly small-group sharing and prayer. 3) A brief 15 min. wrap-up lecture on video develops and clarifies the theme of the lesson. 4) Group meeting ends with shared prayer. This "Touching the Mysteries" course includes four parts: An Introduction, Lesson 1 The Joyful Mysteries (23 min.), Lesson 2 The Mysteries of Light (20 min), Lesson 3 The Sorrowful Mysteries (21 min.) and Lesson 4 The Glorious Mysteries (18 min.) This includes one Study Guide and one Answer Guide. Participant copies of the Study Guide can be purchased through The Liturgical Press (phone: 1-800-858-5434)

The Holy Rosary: Glorious, Joyful & Sorrowful Mysteries  VC 11493   40 min.  (P-A)
This videotape includes information about the Glorious Mysteries, Joyful Mysteries and Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary. Through pictures and description, each mystery is explained. Very good for classroom use.

Pray the Rosary  VC 12458   40 min.  (SH-A)
This video explores the inspiration and history behind this devotion and explains how to pray the rosary according to Catholic tradition and practice. The story segment is the true account of Father Sigfrid Schneider, O.F.M, a missionary in China from 1931-1953. While imprisoned by the Communist government, he fashioned a rosary from the thread of his socks. His devotion to Mary and missionary zeal are recounted by four of his nephews who are Franciscans. In the witness segment, Catholics share what praying the rosary means in their lives. In the teaching segment, spiritual writer and teacher Gloria Hutchinson traces the history of the rosary and explains step-by-step how to pray it. The music video reflection is a prayerful meditation featuring original artwork depicting the 15 mysteries of the rosary, accompanied by instrumental versions of three traditional Marian hymns.

Pray the Rosary with Bishop Daniel N. DiNardo for an Increase in Religious Vocations VC 12583   75 min.  (I-A)
Bishop Daniel DiNardo leads the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the rosary with a scriptural reading and prayer between each decade of the rosary. The video is enhanced by the music of Father David Hemann.

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OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE MONTH
As the sacredness for all life from conception to natural death is under attack, please keep these titles in mind during Respect Life Month.

**Bella**  DV 61261  60 min.  (JH-A)
This pro-life film tells the story of a young single waitress in New York City who becomes pregnant, loses her job, and struggles with the decision of whether or not to keep the child. In the meantime she meets a mysteriously compassionate Latino chef, (Eduardo Verastegui), who has suffered a tragedy in his past, and is perhaps the only person who really cares about her. During the course of the film, a decision is reached that will change both of their lives.

**“I Was Wrong”**  DV 61318  30 min.  (SH-A)
"I Was Wrong" captures the changed hearts of two women restored by the redemptive forgiveness of Jesus Christ and brings a deeper understanding of how abortion strikes at the heart and soul of America. Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade, never could have imagined the outcome of her deception: 4,000 abortions a day since 1973. Norma never had an abortion, but her Supreme Court case brought abortion on demand to America. The power of prayer plus the loving actions of a little girl and others drove Norma from working in an abortion center into the arms of Jesus. Joyce Zounis' choice of abortion, not once but seven times, nearly cost her her life. Tormented by disbelief, she lived a nightmare of anger, guilt, and disconnection. Touched by the truth of God's tender love through a radio show, Joyce now shares her gripping story to reach those who desperately need hope and healing.

**October Baby**  DV 61855  105 min.  (JH-A)
As the curtain rises, Hannah hesitantly steps into the stage for her theatrical debut in college. Yet before she can utter her first lines, Hannah - unscripted-collapses in front of the stunned audience. After countless medical tests, all signs point to one underlying factor: Hannah's difficult birth. This revelation is nothing compared to what she learns from her parents: she was actually adopted....after a failed abortion attempt. Bewildered, angered, and confused, Hannah turns for support to Jason, her oldest friend. Encouraged by his adventurous spirit, Hannah joins his group of friends on a Spring Break road trip, embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past...and find hope for her unknown future. In the midst of her incredible journey, Hannah finds that life can be so much more than what you have planned. 105 minutes
OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE MONTH (Continued)
Other titles include:
At the Crossroads  VC 11497  25 min. (JH-A)
God Knew Your Name  VC 12424  7 min. (P-A)
The Mailbox  VC 11476  24 min. (JH-A)
Through Grandpa’s Eyes  VC 11351  20 min. (P-A)
A Chance of a Lifetime  VC 11521  28 min. (JH-A)
Final Blessing  VC 12078  52 min. (SH-A)
Life Is Sacred  VC 12589  6 min. (JH-A)
Self-Esteem  VC 11253  20 min. (JH-A)
Weekend  VC 11652  12 min. (JH-A)

NOVEMBER 1 – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Below are listed only a few titles about some of our more well-known Saints or Notable Christians.
Please check THEMES of videos and DVDs under Saints (Notable Christians) for many more suggestions.

Don Bosco - vc 1525– I-A – 110 min.
Maximilian Kolbe Saint of Auschwitz - vc 1873– SH-A – 75 min.
Mother Teresa: A Life of Devotion - vc 2108– JH-A – 50 min.
Saints for All Seasons: Catherine of Siena – vc 2055 – I – 19 min.
Saints for All Seasons: Elizabeth Ann Seton – vc 2056 – I – 19 min
Saints for All Seasons: Francis of Assisi – vc 2057 – I – 16 min
Saints for All Seasons: Martin De Porres – vc 2061 – I – 16 min
Saints For Kids Volume 1 – vc 2628 – EC-P – 15 min.
Saints For Kids Volume 2 – vc 2629 – EC-P – 15 min
Saints For Kids Volume 3 – vc 2630 – EC-P – 15 min
Saints For Kids Volume 4 – vc 2631– EC-P – 15 min
Saints For Kids Volume 5 – vc 2632 – EC-P – 15 min
Saints For Kids Volume 6 – vc 2633 – EC-P – 15 min
MY CATHOLIC FAMILY SERIES ON SAINTS
This animated series of DVDs tell how Thomas and his wife Helen help their children come to understand the importance of virtues by teaching them about the lives of the saints. Some of these 30 minutes episodes for Primary to Intermediate grades include English and Spanish language tracks.

My Catholic Family: Blessed Pier Giorgio DV 61568
My Catholic Family: Saint Anthony of Padua DV 61662
My Catholic Family: Saint Benedict DV 61487
My Catholic Family: Saint Anthony of Padua DV 61662
My Catholic Family: Saint Anthony of Padua DV 61662
My Catholic Family: Saint Catherine of Labour DV 61883
My Catholic Family: Saint Catherine of Siena DV 61488
My Catholic Family: Saint Clare of Assisi DV 61884
My Catholic Family: Saint Catherine of Siena DV 61488
My Catholic Family: Saint Clare of Assisi DV 61884
My Catholic Family: Saint Dominic De Guzman DV 61885
My Catholic Family: Saint Dominic Salvo DV 61955
My Catholic Family: Saint Don Bosco DV 61569
My Catholic Family: Saint Edith Stein DV 61663
My Catholic Family: Saint Elizabeth Of Hungary DV 61956
My Catholic Family: Saint Faustina DV 61489
My Catholic Family: Saint Francis of Assisi DV 61957
My Catholic Family: Saint John Vianney DV 61490
My Catholic Family: Saint Joseph DV 61586
My Catholic Family: Saint Josephine Bakhita DV 61958
My Catholic Family: Saint Joseph DV 61586
My Catholic Family: Saint Josephine Bakhita DV 61958
My Catholic Family: Saint Louis De Montfort DV 61664
My Catholic Family: Saint Martin De Porres DV 61959
My Catholic Family: Saint Maximilian Kolbe DV 61571
My Catholic Family: Saint Monica DV 61960
My Catholic Family: Saint Padre Pio DV 61492
My Catholic Family: Saint Rita Cascia DV 61665
My Catholic Family: Saint Rose of Lima DV 61887
My Catholic Family: Saint Teresa of Avila DV 61572
My Catholic Family: Saint Thomas More DV 61888
My Catholic Family: Saint Margaret Mary DV 61491

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS IN NOVEMBER - SERIES OF BOOKS ABOUT SAINTS

Intermediate to junior high - The Communion of Saints is an important part of our Catholic beliefs. Saints provide a witness to the importance of prayer and action in our lives. Vision Books is a series of about 25 titles of different saints for intermediate to junior high students (9 to 15 year olds). Included is a teacher’s guide book pr 2319 if desired. A list of these titles is available under “V” (Vision Books) of Printed Resources. To make this set available to your class you may wish to request the entire series for a month to six weeks. This entire series would be pr 2319 to pr 2346. There are also a number of other books available about the saints.

Primary to intermediate - St. Joseph Picture Books for primary and intermediate grades is a series of books intended to help teach the basics of the Catholic faith. Each book deals with one or more of the following themes: 1) the teachings of the church, 2) the Christian way of life, 3) our Catholic worship. Each book for primary grades is illustrated in full color and is simply written. A list of these titles is available under “S” (St. Joseph Picture Books…) of Printed Resources. To make this set available to your class you may wish to request the entire series for a period of a month to six weeks. This entire series would be pr 2255 to pr 2305. There are also a number of other printed resources available about the saints. For questions please call at 712-233-7529.
MEDIA FOR HALLOWEEN AND ALL SAINTS DAY – PRE-SCHOOL TO ADULT

Digger is a curious youngster who would like to join in the Halloween festivities, but some of his friends say that celebrating Halloween is wrong. His sister, Beth, calms Digger's fears by teaching him the Christian history of All Saints Day celebration. Digger is pleased to learn that young Christians can enjoy the Halloween celebration with the knowledge that God is our refuge and strength, therefore we have nothing to fear. (EC-P)

Damien DV 61085  90 min.
The saintly Fr. Damien went to the Hawaiian Islands in the late 1800s to work with the lepers confined on the island of Molokai. He died himself a leper after serving for sixteen years. Terence Knapp gives a stunning performance in this one-man television drama of Damien's great compassion for humanity and love of God. Nationally acclaimed, this film won many awards including the prestigious Peabody Award. This is a monologue delivered by Damien as a spirit telling the progress of his own funeral procession. As Damien comments on his last and final journey back to his homeland, he reminisces about his childhood, his ministry in the quarantined leper colony, and his faith in God and humanity. Also available as video vc 2318. (JH-A)

Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace DV 61067  90 min.
What is a moral person to do in time of savage immorality? That question tormented Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman of great distinction who actively opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. The Nazis hanged him on April 9, 1945, less than a month before the end of the war. Bonhoeffer's last years, his participation in the German resistance and his moral struggle are dramatized in this film. More than just a biographical portrait, "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace" sheds light on the little-known efforts of the German resistance. It brings to a wide audience the heroic rebellion of Bonhoeffer, a highly regarded Lutheran minister who could have kept his peace and saved his life on several occasions but instead paid the ultimate price for his beliefs. ENGLISH / SPANISH (JH-A)

The Fifth Word: Mother Teresa of Calcutta DV 61108  25 min.
This 25 minute video captures the life of a young woman possessing an astounding degree of sensitivity and a complete willingness to fulfill and embrace the will of God. She discovered the true magnitude of life and secret of happiness in a way that few ever think of doing, through giving up everything, including her own personal life, to the poorest of the poor, as in them she saw the image of Christ himself. Msgr. Foley and Paloma Gomez Borrero provide a 35-minute documentary of anecdotes on Mother Teresa that are interwoven with the animated film to describe how her first biography was created. Also available as video vc 2983. (P-A)
Mother Teresa: Seeing the Face of God DV 61160  35 min.
"Whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me." Mother Teresa always remembered these words of Jesus. She said that she saw the face of Jesus in the face of each sick and dying person she helped. Mother Teresa asked the whole world to look for Jesus' face there, too. This video presents the life and work of Mother Teresa with words and pictures that even the youngest child will enjoy. Children will happily learn that Mother Teresa was a person much like themselves: a person whose strong faith and trust in God helped her to make incredible changes in the world. Also available as video vc 2253. (P-I)
For many more suggestions please check under the video and DVD themes of “Role Models/ Saints” and “Saints (Notable Christians)”.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
DECEMBER 8, 2015 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016

NEW Divine Mercy DVD:
LUKE: THE GOSPEL OF MERCY (Includes DV 62332 to DV 62334)
Catholic Scripture Study International  2016     A


Christian Family Caregivers - Exploring the Works of Mercy of Family and Community - DV 61929 - JH-A
The traditional teaching of the Corporal and Spirituals Works of Mercy is applied to the challenges of family and community living. Seeing the role of caregiver as a work of the Gospel helps to put in perspective those acts of kindness and love that characterize our daily efforts to ease the suffering and bring hope to those in need, both at home and in the community. 23 minutes
MORE DVDs FOR DIVINE MERCY

DOORS OF MERCY: EXPLORING GOD’S COVENANT WITH YOU (Includes DV 62281 to DV 62284)
Saint Benedict Press 2016 A
This 8-week program journeys 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 to Christ. Each 90 minute session includes: Welcome & Opening Prayer; Prior Lesson Recap; Video Lesson with host Fr. Jeffry Kirby; Small Group Discussion; 5 minute break; Life Application Video; How Then Shall We Live?; Living It out; God’s Plan of Mercy; Closing Prayer & Dismissal. Explore how God makes his mercy present to you in ordinary - and extraordinary - ways. Learn about the six great Covenants of the Bible. Understand how the Sacraments are “Doors of Mercy” - and how to make them effective in your life. Explore the revelations of St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy devotion. This program, hosted by Fr. Jeffry Kirby, STL and special guests, includes a 4 disc set of DVDs, one Leader Guide, and one Study Guide. Additional Study Guides are available through Saint Benedict Press at 1-800-437-5876 or MercyStudy.com Each lesson is about 90 minutes. **Themes:** Saint Benedict Press Materials, Mercy, Covenant

**Divine Mercy Chaplet For Kids**, The - DV 61931 - I-JH
Today, more than ever before, our kids are bombarded by an endless array of frivolous distractions, distractions which often blunt their senses of the spiritual. They need the anchor of Jesus’ Mercy to hold them fast. With this in mind, this animated program features St. Faustina teaching her young friends Kristen, Enrique, and others about the Divine Mercy Devotion and how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Covering such topics as the origins of the Divine Mercy Image, the importance of the Sacrament of Confession, and much more, it is a great tool for introducing your children to God's infinite mercy. 156 minutes. This audio is in English and Spanish versions. 20 minutes.

**Divine Mercy: No Escape - The Life of Saint Maria Faustina**, The - DV 61482 - JH-A
This is the moving story of St. Faustina, a young Polish nun chosen by God to share His message of mercy with the whole world. Filmed in Poland, the Vatican, Germany, and the United States, it stars Melanie Metcalf as Faustina, and is narrated by a screen legend Helen Hayes. It captures the tenderness and zeal of Faustina's heart toward her mission from Jesus and reveals the story of Divine Mercy unfolding today. 47 minutes.

**Last Appeal: The Life of Sister Faustina - The Apostle of Divine Mercy**, The - DV 61611 - JH-A
Sister Faustina was canonized by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000. Here is the story of a peasant girl chosen to bring the message of Mercy to mankind in preparation for the Last Day - The Day of Judgment. The drama unfolds through the revelations and visions of God to Helen Kowalski. The story of Helen vividly brings to light the struggles she went through in the process of delivering the message through the humble life of a nun in a convent in Poland at the beginning of the 20th century. 35 minutes.
PROPHETS: MESSENGERS OF GOD’S MERCY, THE: DV 62154 to DV 62158
Ascension Press 2014 A
The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy includes ten 30-minute sessions on five DVD discs. Thomas Smith provides comprehensive teaching and commentary on the prophets. These videos are designed to follow the lessons in The Prophets Study Set, which contains the reading assignments, questions, and responses for the study. If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as “spiritual marriage counselors.” They afflict they afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of the faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.
Disc 1 includes Session 1: Introduction to the Prophets (31 minutes) and Session 2: Hosea: Living God’s Love Story (37 minutes).
Disc 2 includes Session 3: Jonah: God’s Reluctant Messenger (34 minutes) and Session 4: Isaiah Part 1: Prophet of Woe (35 minutes).
Disc 3 includes Session 5: Isaiah Part 2: Prophet of Consolation (35 minutes) and Session 6: Jeremiah: The Broken Hearted Prophet (40 minutes).
Disc 4 includes Session 7: Ezekiel: God’s Watchman on the Wall (31 minutes) and Session 8: Daniel: Faithful to the End (33 minutes).
Disc 5 includes Session 9: Haggai and Malachi: Messengers of Hope (35 minutes) and Session 10: New Testament and Modern Prophets: Messengers of the New Covenant (39 minutes).

Each session in this program includes one set of five DVD Discs and one Study Set with Questions and Responses for Sessions 2 through 5. Each session in The Prophets includes four steps to help you understand the material and take it to heart. It is important that the steps be followed in order, as each steps builds upon the previous one: 1) Home Preparation involves reading Scripture and answering a series of questions which takes about 1 hour. 2) Small group discussion of the Study set Questions is guided each week by trained facilitators who can use the Responses to help facilitate the discussion and is about 40 minutes. 3) The Video Presentation “crows” each session, providing a deeper explanation of the topic, particularly as it applies to everyday life. (30 minutes) 4) Review of Response: included in the Study Set are detailed responses to the questions for you to review before moving on to the next session and to keep for later reference. Discover who the prophets were, what their message was, and why they are important. See how God is constantly calling you to a deeper relationship with him. Understand how the central message of the prophets is one of love, proclaiming the mercy of God for his children. Finally, discover the ways you are called to be the voice of God to others and much more. This Prophets Bible study program includes: one set of five DVDs, one Study Set and one Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. Additional Study Sets may be purchased through Ascension Press at www.ascensionPress.com or at 1-800-376-0520.
68 minutes. Themes: Ascension Press Materials, Prophets, Adult Bible Study
Divine Mercy Materials Continued

RESPONDING TO GOD PERSON TO PERSON - DV 62242 - A
A powerful talk by Vinny Flynn is based on the best-selling book. Vinny’s down-to-earth style and powerful teachings on the Sacraments, Divine Mercy, and the Father’s love will inspire and revitalize the faith of parishioners. Three sessions are: 1) God’s Plan; 2) Confession and 3) Eucharist. Topics include: Why we were created; God’s loving plan for each of us; Healing through Confession; The transforming power of the Eucharist; and How to become holy no matter what your vocation. Experience regeneration that will draw you into a personal relationship that will change your life.

Divine Mercy Printed Resources:

7 SECRETS OF DIVINE MERCY - PR 3814.72
In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized the great 20th century visionary of Divine Mercy, Sister Faustina Kowalska and proclaimed the Sunday after Easter to be celebrated annually as Divine Mercy Sunday. In 2006, Pope Benedict stressed that “Divine Mercy is not a secondary devotion, but an integral dimension of Christian faith and prayer.” Now Pope Francis has proclaimed an extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, which will begin on December 8, 2015. These three popes have made it very clear that Divine Mercy is a major part of the Christian faith and now this powerful new book reveals why. Author Vinny Flynn shows how Divine Mercy is not just another worthy “private devotion”; it is the key devotion, the umbrella devotion over everything else. 200 pages.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF MERCY: A SPIRITUAL GUIDE FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - PR 33815.72
Paulist Press 2015 A
Specifically designed to guide readers through the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, this book is a collection of short inspirational excerpts, mostly from pope Francis, on the theme of mercy. As companion and comfort for the pilgrimage to cross the Threshold of Mercy, it imparts inspiration from the words of Sacred Scripture, the thoughts of Pope Francis, and the words of those who inspire him. 181 Pages.

MAGNIFICAT YEAR OF MERCY COMPANION - PR 33816.72 Ignatius Press 2015 A
The essential guide for living the Year of Mercy is by Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P. Each day of the week, a different way to experience: 1) Poetry that helps you contemplate the miracle of mercy; 2) Meditations from saints and spiritual masters who share their profound insights into this divine gift; 3) Profiles of saints whose lives exemplify extraordinary witness to mercy; 4) Catechesis on this powerful virtue and much more. 448 pages.
Divine Mercy Printed Resources:

**MERCY’S GAZE: 100 READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE & DIARY OF St. Faustina**
- PR 3817.72  Ignatius Press 2015 A
Vinnie Flynn has selected parallel passages from scripture and the Diary of St. Faustina that develop key mercy themes and encourage you to gaze on Jesus. This rich spiritual fare for 100 days of prayer and reflection. 170 pages.

**WE HAVE FOUND MERCY: THE MYSTERY OF GOD’S MERCIFUL LOVE**
- PR 33818.72  Ignatius Press 2015 A
The message of Divine Mercy as communicated through Sister Faustina is both a starting point and a recurring theme for Cardinal Christoph Schonborn’s discussion of God’s merciful love. He raises important questions, such as, “What is the relationship between mercy and justice?” 156 pages.

**CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF MERCY**
- PR 33818.72  Paulist Press 2015 A
Specifically designed to guide readers through the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, this book is a collection of short inspirational excerpts, mostly from pope Francis, on the theme of mercy. As companion and comfort for the pilgrimage to cross the Threshold of Mercy, it imparts inspiration from the words of Sacred Scripture, the thoughts of Pope Francis, and the words of those who inspire him. 181 pages.
DIVINE MERCY IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD (Includes DV 2286 to DV 2290)
Ignatius Press 2016 A

This program is a dramatic 10-session film journey featuring the renowned speaker and author Father Michael Gaitley. With skill and lucidity, Father Gaitley weaves a tapestry and beauty with the threads of the dramatic history of Poland, the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of St. John Paul II. This program includes a set of 5 DVDs holding 10 sessions and an exclusive Guidebook with practical advice to create and maintain a transformative group experience.

Disc 1 includes Episode 1: God’s School of Trust. Episode 2: Behold, This Heart.
Disc 3 includes Episode 5: Proclaim This Message. Episode 6: Fatima.
Disc 4 includes Episode 7: The Secret of Divine Mercy. 8: God’s Master Plan.
Disc 5 includes Episode 9: Mary’s Knight. Episode 10: The Final Question.

The weekly group meeting includes five steps lasting about 90 minutes: 1) Opening prayer; 2) Introduction; 3) Video; 4) Small-Group Discussion of 45 minutes; and 5) Conclusion and Closing Prayer. This program includes a set of 5 DVDs and 1 Guidebook. Additional Guidebooks are available through www.ignatius.com or 1-800-651-1531.
NEW DVD PROGRAMS

LECTIO: PRAYER: FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD - DISC 1 OF 3 (Includes DV 2291 to DV 2293)

Ignatius press 2016 A

Disc 1 includes Session 1: Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue. Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but isn’t always easy to do. Though we’re taught that prayer is a “conversation”, we often feel as if it is completely one-sided. In this first session, Dr. Tim Gray shows how the solution to the problem of prayer can be found in the Scriptures. (29 minutes).

Session 2: Guigo’s Ladder: A Way Of Ascent. Prayer may not always be easy, but sometimes we make it more difficult than it needs to be. In this session, Dr. Gray demonstrates how, like climbing the rungs on a ladder, following a simple order of prayer carries us form the cares of this world to intimate conversation with God. (29 minutes).

Disc 2 includes Session 3: Lectio & Meditation: Climbing The First Rung. In reading and meditating on Sacred Scripture, we begin to ascend the ladder of lectio divina as we open our hearts and minds to hear and understand God’s word to us. (30 minutes) Session 4: Oratio: Conversation With God. Using the example of St. Augustine, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Psalms, Dr. Tim Gray teaches us how to deepen our daily dialogue with God and enjoy the fruits of an intimate conversation with our Lord. (31 minutes).

Disc 3 includes Session 5: Contemplation: The Gaze Of Love. The desire of the Christian heart is to see God. In Contemplation, Dr. Tim Gray shows us how to rest at the pinnacle of the ladder of prayer, gazing upon God in love. Session 6: Resolutio: Putting Love Into Action. Prayer that does not lead to action is empty. Dr. Gray demonstrates how, at the end of lectio divina, we take the step

What better way to discover God’s Mercy than through prayer? Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the Church’s tradition of lectio divina to show how the simple steps for making prayer a conversation of love and intimacy with God. Essential and accessible, this new Lectio series is ideal for personal faith formation and small group study. Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures in six session the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture, to hear from God, to respond in conversation, and to bask in His presence. Each Lectio session includes: 1) Opening Prayer; 2) Introduction; 3) Questions; 4) Video; 5) Discuss Questions; 6) Memory Verse; 7) Closing Prayer; and 8) For Further Reading. This program includes a 3 DVD disc set, 1 Leader Resource Guide, and 1 Study Guide. Additional Study Guides are available through www.ignatius.com or 1-800-651-1531. Themes: Prayer, Lectio Divina, Adult Faith Formation

NEW DVDs
FOLLOW ME: MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN-Includes DV 62310 to DV 62313
Ascension Press   2016   A
Disc 1 of this 4-disc program by Edward Sri on the Gospel of John includes: Introduction: About Follow Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John (2:18 minutes); Session One (32:12 minutes)”In the Beginning”: Jesus at the Center (John 1:1-18); and Session Two (33:46 minutes) “Come and See”: Becoming Disciples (John 1:19-2:25). Disc 2 of this 4-disc program by Edward Sri on the Gospel of John includes: Session Three (31:57 minutes) At the Well: Our Deepest Thirst (John 3:1 -4:42) and Session Four (34:27) “Believe in Me”: Trust and Surrender (John 4:43-6:71). Disc 3 of this 4-disc program by Edward Sri on the Gospel of John includes: Session Five (33:00 minutes) Encountering Mercy (John 7-9) and Session Six (32:52) The Law of Self-Giving. (John 10-12)
Disc 4 of this 4-disc program by Edward Sri on the Gospel of John includes: Session Seven (29:56 minutes) the New Commandment and Life in the Spirit (John 13-17) and Session Eight (35:30) “It Is Finished”: A Dying and Rising Love. (John 18-21)
Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer - he wants you to be his disciple and friend. Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ. This program includes eight videos on 4 DVDs, one Workbook, and one Leader’s Guide which contains the session overviews, talk notes, discussion questions, and Leaders’ responses needed for the study. Additional Follow Me Workbooks can be obtained from Ascension Press at 1-800-376-0520 or AscensionPress.com
Themes: Ascension Press Materials, Bible Study

KIDS AND PRAYER - DV 62319
Paraclete Press   2015   P-I
Introduce your kids ages 6-11, your classroom, to Prayer with this lively new video presentation in four sessions (7-10 minutes each), each asking a basic question. These four segments include explanations from Br. Mickey, interviews with kids, onscreen storyboard Bible teaching featuring Br. Mickey’s illustrations, and “on the road” field trips to look at each question from a different angle. Your class will enjoy paying attention to this engaging instruction. A resource booklet is included.
Themes: Prayer
NOW AVAILABLE:
CATHOLICISM: THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS
DV 62335 - DV 62340
THREE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES PROGRAM (May be ordered on our web site or call 712-233-7529)

SOUL SEARCHING: THE RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LIVES OF AMERICAN TEENAGERS PR 33809.14 Oxford University Press 2005 A

Soul Searching tells the definitive story of the religious and spiritual lives of contemporary American teenagers, reporting the findings of the largest and most detailed study ever undertaken of this phenomenon, a study based on a nationwide telephone survey of teens and their parents, as well as in-depth interview with more than 250 of the survey respondents. Chock-full of carefully interpreted interview data and solid survey statistics, Soul Searching contains many surprising findings. It challenges the conventional wisdom that many teens today are “spiritual seekers” and shows greater teenage religious involvement is significantly associated with more positive adolescent life outcomes. The book also reveals the complexity of contemporary teenage religious life, showing that religion is widely practiced and positively valued by teens, but also de-prioritized and very poorly understood by them, yet significant nonetheless in shaping their lives. More broadly, Soul Searching describes what appears to be a major transformation of faith in the United States, away from the substance of historical religious tradition and toward a new and quite different faith. Authors are Christian Smith, Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame and Melinda Lundquist Denton, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Clemson University. 291 pages.

SOULS IN TRANSITION: THE RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL LIVES OF EMERGING ADULTS PR 33810.14 Oxford University Press 2009 A

How important is religion for young people in America today? What are the major influences on their developing spiritual lives? How do their religious beliefs and practices change as young people enter into adulthood? Souls In Transition explores these questions and many others as it tells the definitive story of the religious and spiritual lives of emerging adults, age 18 to 24, in the United States today. This is the much-anticipated follow-up study to the landmark book Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers. Based on candid interviews with thousands of young people tracked over a five-year period, Souls In Transition reveals how the religious practices of the teenagers portrayed in Soul Searching have been strengthened, challenged and often changed as they have moved into adulthood. The book vividly describes as well the broader cultural world of today’s emerging adults, how that culture shapes their religious outlooks, and what the consequences are for the religious faith and practice in America more generally. Some of the book’s findings are surprising. Parents turn out to be the single most important influence on the religious outcomes in the lives of young adults. On the other hand, teenage participation in evangelization missions and youth groups does not predict a high level of religiosity just a few years later. Moreover, the common wisdom that religiosity declines sharply during the young adult years is shown to be greatly exaggerated. Painstakingly researched and filled with remarkable findings, Souls In Transition will be essential reading for youth ministers, pastors, parents, teachers, and students a at church-related schools, and anyone who wishes to know how religious practice is affected by the transition into adulthood in America today. Authors are Christian Smith, Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame and Patricia Snell, Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame. 299 pages.
THREE BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FOR STRONG CATHOLIC FAMILIES PROGRAM (Continued) (May be ordered on our web site or call 712-233-7529)

YOUNG CATHOLIC AMERICA: EMERGING ADULTS IN, OUT OF, AND GONE FROM THE CHURCH    PR 33811.14    Oxford University Press  2014

Studies of young American Catholics over the last three decades suggest a growing crisis in the Catholic Church: compared to their elders, young Catholics are looking to the Church less as they form identities, and fewer of them can even explain what it means to be Catholic and why that matters. Young Catholic America, the latest book based on the groundbreaking National study of Youth and Religion, explores a crucial stage in the life of Catholics. Drawing on in-depth surveys and interviews of Catholics and ex-Catholics ages 18 to 24 - a demographic commonly known as early “emerging adulthood” -- leading sociologist Christian Smith and his colleagues offer a wealth of insight into the wide variety of religious practices and beliefs among young Catholics today, the early influences and life-altering events that lead them to embrace the Church or abandon it, and how being Catholic effects them as they become full-fledged adults. Beyond its rich collection of statistical data, the book includes vivid case studies of individuals spanning a full decade, as well as insight into the twentieth-century events that helped to shape the Church and its members in America. An innovative contribution to what we know about religion in the United States and the evolving Catholic Church, Young Catholic American is a definitive source for anyone seeking to understand what it means to be young and Catholic in America today. Authors are Christian Smith, Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame, Kyle Longest, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Furman University; Jonathan Hill, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Calvin College; and Kari Christoffersen; a PhD candidate at the University of Notre Dame. 273 pages.

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Dan Ryan, Ed.D., superintendent of Catholic schools, said the diocese brought Strong Catholic Families to the diocese as a result of the Catholic schools’ long-range planning process. “One of the goals of the Catholic schools’ long-range planning is increasing school and parish interactions and working with parents as the primary educator of their child,” he said. One of the main premises of Strong Catholic Families is the importance of assisting parents in their role as the primary educator.
TWO NEW DVDs:

**VOCATIONS - WOMEN RELIGIOUS:**


Are women still becoming religious sisters? Is there anyone responding to the call? Are 21st Century women still interested in pursuing a radical Gospel life in the Church? What contribution does a religious sister make in the world? An unprecedented film on DVD from the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious and Grassroots Films, *For Love Alone* opens its audience to the lives of modern women who have responded to a personal call to follow Christ with the gift of their own lives. This inspiring journey showcases the stories of Sisters from multiple communities from their first hearing of the call to their daily lives now - praying, accompanying the poor, tending the sick, comforting the elderly, teaching the young, and protecting the most vulnerable. This film reveals the joys discovered by women who live FOR LOVE ALONE. **Themes:** Vocations, Religious Women

**RESURRECTION OF CHRIST:**

*Risen*  DV 62342  Ignatius Press  2016  SH-A

*Risen* is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer Clavius (Joseph Flennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. Witness the manhunt that changed the course of human history. Available in English, Spanish and French. **Note:** This film is rated PG-13 for biblical violence. 108 minutes. **Themes:** Passion of Christ, Faith
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VCAT VOLUME 1 - CREED  
VCAT VOLUME 2 - SACRAMENTS

VCAT VOLUME 3 - MORALITY  
VCAT VOLUME 4 - PRAYERS (in October)

Focusing on the main teachings about the Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayers from the Catechism, this fantastic series contains dozens of 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. 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. NOTE: These fantastic series are also available on DVDs in our Media Center library.

Check out “Encountering The Word”, a weekly look at the Liturgy of the Word by Jeff Cavins.

Check out God’s Story series. It is a history of God’s love for mankind through Scripture.
Finally, if you come across an Online Resource that could be of value to others, please send this information to the Media Center via larrys@scdiocese.org

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