

Christ Our Life Loyola Press

"A magnificent book, bursting with profound spiritual insights, from a man who has quickly become one of the greatest spiritual teachers of our time." –James Martin, SJ, author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* In the year since he was elected, Pope Francis’s simple message of mercy, service, and renewal has spread to every corner of the world. Through his gentle demeanor, selfless actions, and welcoming call for service to others, Pope Francis has captured the attention of a world longing for an authentic message of hope—we want to hear what he has to say. Collected from Pope Francis’s speeches, homilies, and papers presented during the first year of his papacy, *The Church of Mercy* is the first Vatican-authorized book detailing his vision for the Catholic Church. From how to be citizens of the world to answering God’s call for evangelization, Pope Francis’s deep wisdom reminds us that the Church must move beyond its own walls and joyfully bring God’s mercy wherever suffering, division, or injustice exists. Named *TIME Magazine’s* 2013 “Person of the Year,” Pope Francis is helping the Church continue toward an authentic Christianity that is faithful to the Gospel and resonant with the world’s greatest needs. The Church of Mercy encourages each of us to ignite the flame within to help share the light of Christ and revitalize the Church.

This book leads readers deeper in their Marian devotion showing them how Mary wants to form Jesus in us so that we can give Jesus to the world. Nail down the facts, tear down the barriers! The Catechism of the Catholic Church is over nine hundred pages long, so it comes as no surprise that many Catholics think of their faith as complex—and certainly too complex to share with others! *A Well-Built Faith*—cleverly developed around a construction theme—makes it easy and flat-out fun for any Catholic to know what they believe and to feel confident in sharing those beliefs with others. The eighteen-chapter book—at times profound, at times humorous, always practical—follows the structure of the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer). Taking otherwise difficult topics about the Catholic faith and making them accessible and relevant to the lives of average Catholics, acclaimed author and teacher Joe Paprocki does so in a way that never compromises the rich depth of Catholic teaching and tradition. From the Trinity to the seven sacraments, from the Ten Commandments to the Lord’s Prayer, *A Well-Built Faith* will help Catholics nail down the facts of the faith and tear down the barriers keeping them from sharing their beliefs with others.

Master Catechist Joe Paprocki offers 9 simple and effective way to truly revitalize the way we talk about our faith.

Preparing Hearts and Minds

Discovering the Power of St. Ignatius Loyola’s Examen

Christ Our Life

Christus Vivit

2022

The Transforming Experience of Encountering Christ

Stories of Catholic Heroes and Saints throughout History

2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Religion—Christianity 2020 Catholic Press Association, 3rd Place: Future Church 2020 International Book Awards, Winner: Religion—Christianity Take a moment and ask yourself: does every activity in my parish point more deeply to Jesus? Julianne Stanz wants to help you and your parish community make sure the answer to this question is a resounding, "Yes!" Serving parishes in her diocese as the Director of New Evangelization, Stanz has recognized a practical and motivational way to restructure a parish’s mission – start with Jesus. *Start with Jesus* is a book about people, process, and culture, rather than an emphasis on quick fixes or unsustainable efforts. She aims to help regular people be transformed from the inside out by growing in relationship with Jesus Christ through individual and group experiences, thus transforming our parish communities. Start with Jesus will be an essential resource for decision-makers and thought-leaders in parishes, but its true strength lies in its value for the countless Catholics longing for peace, healing, and hope in the context of our parish communities. It will be an inspiration to Catholics who come to Mass each week, parents trying to instill the faith in their children, leaders searching for an effective and sustainable approach to parish renewal, and to all who are curious about developing a relationship with Jesus. ?

Following the example of St. Ignatius, we believe that praying the Examen will lead to a better life. The 500-year-old daily practice of honest self-assessment and reflection is a founding principle of Ignatian spirituality. What we don’t know is if St. Ignatius ever felt like changing it up a bit. Jesuit speaker and author Mark Thibodeaux, SJ, is confident that St. Ignatius wouldn’t mind a little flexibility in his prayer. Join Thibodeaux as he guides you through new and unique versions of the Examen, totally flexible and adaptable to your life. In ten minutes, you can tailor your daily prayer practice to fit your personal and situational needs, further enhancing and deepening your meditation. Reimagining the Ignatian Examen—the only book of its kind—will lead you through a fresh and stimulating reflection on your past day, your present state of being, and your spiritual desires and needs for tomorrow.

Learning to pray the Catholic way can be difficult for those who are new to the faith. What are the prayers? When do we pray them? Why do we pray them? In *A Beginner’s Book of Prayer*, esteemed prayer-book author and editor William G. Storey provides nearly 200 prayers of the Catholic Church for anyone needing an introduction to traditional Catholic prayers. The prayers are frequently placed in their historical and liturgical contexts, and the prayers are grouped by theme to make them easy to find. Anyone learning to pray, or simply wanting a better understanding of the prayers we pray, is sure to benefit from this book.

2022: A Book of Grace-Filled Days provides a concise and structured way to listen to God’s voice every day of the year.

Walking with Jesus

Jesus Gives Himself

Fresh Ways to Pray from Your Day

A Book of Grace-Filled Days

A 10-Day Personal Retreat with St. Ignatius Loyola

God Isn’t Finished with Me Yet

Seeing Jesus

Why Stay Catholic? is a lively, timely book about the "good stuff" within the Catholic Church today.

2017 Catholic Press Association Book Awards, Second Place: Pastoral Ministry “IF FORMER CATHOLICS WERE CONSIDERED A DENOMINATION, IT WOULD BE THE SECOND-LARGEST DENOMINATION IN THE U.S.”—from *A Church on the Move* Many statistics on the Catholic Church today are sobering, and the future of the Church can seem bleak indeed. The average parish often feels helpless to do anything that might help turn the tide and revitalize the Church. But best-selling author Joe Paprocki insists that there is good news: with the right plans in place, the Catholic Church—and the local parish specifically—will not only survive, but thrive. *A Church on the Move* offers 52 practical strategies for moving parishes forward, principally by focusing on the one thing the Church can offer that the world-at-large cannot: Jesus Christ. Each chapter begins with a quote from Pope Francis, and each helpful strategy falls within one of five key categories: how a Church on the move thinks, functions, worships, forms disciples, and engages the world. Every chapter takes an honest look at a particular problem in the Church before moving to a creative, redemptive, and achievable solution. *A Church on the Move* brings to the parish level the great themes of Pope Francis’ papacy— mission, mercy, and evangelization—and replaces despair with a profound hope for the future of the Catholic Church.

In *Abide in the Heart of Christ*, Rev. Joe Laramie, S.J., offers accessible wisdom from the foundations of Jesuit spirituality—St. Ignatius Loyola’s Spiritual Exercises—in a ten-day personal retreat that will help you encounter Christ, grow your relationship with him, and shape your heart. Laramie is your guide through this accessible retreat into the heart of Jesus. Based on a structure and approach he developed as a retreat leader at White House Jesuit Retreat in St. Louis, Laramie introduces you to classic themes of the Christian life, including sin, forgiveness, and creation. This book also helps you learn how to use key scripture passages to reflect on your own experiences. Each reflection includes teachings from the Spiritual Exercises and offers examples from Laramie’s own life. Reflection questions and activities guide you in further contemplation to help you see what’s in your heart, encounter Christ in your daily life, and live more fully in his love each day.

The Catholic understanding of the sacraments is presented in their relationship in the life of the Church. Learn more about sacraments at Loyola Press.

Under the Influence of Jesus

Abide in the Heart of Christ

A Way Forward for the Church

True God, True Man

Or, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, for General Use

Loyola Kids Book of Saints

Loyola Kids Book of Bible Stories

2019 Best Book Awards, Winner: Children’s Religious 2018 Association of Catholic Publishers’ “Excellence in Publishing Awards,” Second Place: Children’s Books 2018 Moonbeam Children’s Book Awards, Silver: Religion/Spirituality Written by popular Catholic children’s author Amy Welborn, this beautifully illustrated collection of Bible stories for kids and their families is uniquely arranged according to where the stories fall in the liturgical year and when they are proclaimed at Mass. Divided into five sections—Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter Season, and Ordinary Time—each section is subdivided into Old and New Testament stories. From “the Fall” to St. Paul, from the Exodus of the Israelites to the Ascension of Jesus, *Loyola Kids Book of Bible Stories* nurtures family and individual reading of the Bible at home, while familiarity with these stories will help children connect far more meaningfully with the liturgy.

Christians worldwide have been blessing themselves with the sign of the cross for centuries. But few who use this simple, familiar gesture know its impact as a powerful prayer. Author Bert Ghezzi shows how this potent prayer engages the Holy Spirit and affirms Christian identity. With insights derived from Scripture, church teachings, and personal experience, Ghezzi encourages people to utilize this powerful sign in their daily life. Drawing on the fascinating history of the sign of the cross, Ghezzi reveals six dynamic truths of the spiritual life that God gives. The Sign of the Cross brings forth an opening to God, renewal of baptism, mark of discipleship, acceptance of suffering, defense agains the devil, and victory over self-indulgence. This inspirational book brings to life the blessings of this ancient prayer and guides Christians to a renewed experience of God.

This book is an accessible, historical narrative about Peter Faber, one of the two original companions of St. Ignatius, and the origin of the Society of Jesus.

The 2009 edition of "Christ Our Life" for grades 1-8 maintains the tradition of teaching and reaching God's children. Written by the Sisters of Notre Dame, "Christ Our Life" continues to provide the thorough foundation of our Catholic faith for which the series has been known.

52 Ways to Get Mission and Mercy in Motion

A Church on the Move

Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth

An Introduction to Traditional Catholic Prayers

A Beginner's Book of Prayer

Handbook for Catholics

Its effects are often life changing. But what exactly is it, and why do so many people embrace it? The most influential spiritual movement of the modern age is Ignatian spirituality, an approach to the spiritual life based on the insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Ignatian spirituality teaches an active attentiveness to God joined with a prompt responsiveness to God, who is ever active in people's lives. In What Is Ignatian Spirituality?, David L. Fleming, SJ, provides an authoritative yet highly accessible summary of the key elements of Ignatian spirituality, among which are contemplative prayer, discernment, and dynamic involvement in service and mission. In twenty concise chapters, Fr. Fleming explains how this centuries-old method of disciplined reflection on God's work in the world can deepen our spiritual lives today and guide all the decisions we make. Also available in Spanish! ¿Qué es la espiritualidad ignaciana?

2019 Catholic Press Association, Third Place: Children's Books and Books for Teens—Children's Books 2019 Independent Press Awards, Distinguished: Children's Religious (Non-Fiction) 2019 International Book Awards, Finalist: Children's Religious 2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Children's Religious Shhh...God Is in the Silence reminds us that we are all loved by God and were created with the spark of God's love in our hearts. Through the gentle repetition of simple yet profound truths, this book will help children realize that silence is itself a form of prayer—the part of the prayer conversation when we quiet our minds to listen to God in our hearts. For families looking for affirming resources to show children that we are all loved by God, for teachers and catechists entrusted with the spiritual formation of young children, and for anyone looking for a meditative reminder of silence as prayer, Shhh...God Is in the Silence will help create the space to listen to the voice of God gently guiding us and speaking to us.

The Adaptive Teacher is a handbook packed full of concrete, ready-to-use strategies and tips to help teachers, catechists, and other parish leaders create a culture of welcome and inclusion in the classroom and parish space for all students, including those with cognitive and physical disabilities.

Inside this handy guide, you'll find everything you need to plan your Great Surprise event. Get one for each of your key team members. (One included in kit.)

Grade 7

Shhh...God Is in the Silence

Director Guide

Jesus Our Life

A Simple, Life-Changing Prayer

How Everyday Disciples Will Renew the Church

60 Scripture Stories Every Catholic Child Should Know

For most people most of the time, prayer is hard. It is especially difficult—not to mention unsatisfying—when people experience it as formal, dry, and repetitious. But what might happen if you discovered a simple prayer that changed all that? What if you discovered a prayer that changed you? In *A Simple, Life-Changing Prayer*, Jim Manney introduces Christians to a 500-year-old form of prayer that dramatically altered his perception of prayer and the way he prayed. The prayer is the examen, which St. Ignatius Loyola developed for the purpose of nurturing a reflective habit of mind that is constantly attuned to God’s presence. What makes the prayer so powerful is its capacity to dispel any notion that God is somewhere “up there,” detached from our day-to-day tasks and concerns. Instead, the examen leads us into a relationship with a God who desires to be personally caught up in the lives of those whom he created. By following five simple yet powerful steps for praying the examen, we can encounter the God who, as Scripture tells us, “is not far from each one of us”—the God whose presence in our lives can make all the difference in the world. Also available in Spanish! Una oración sencilla que cambia la vida

In *Walking with Jesus: A Way Forward for the Church*, Pope Francis urges us to make Jesus central in our individual lives and in the collective life of the Church—to walk toward him, and ultimately to walk with him at all times and in all places. With a foreword by Archbishop of Chicago Blase J. Cupich, Pope Francis’s first major appointment in the United States, *Walking with Jesus* offers the Church a much-needed way forward, past its inner and outer walls, as it fearlessly follows Christ toward the future.

Inspired by the USCCB’s statement “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism,” *Everyone Belongs* empowers young readers to reflect on the reality of racism in our society, to see it through the lens of history and faith, and act towards respect, understanding, and friendship. In this fully illustrated book for children ages 5-12, Ray lkanga is a young boy whose family fled violence in their home country to come to the United States as refugees. The family moves into a new neighborhood and Ray begins making new friends. His excitement is interrupted, however, when someone spray paints a hurtful message on their garage: “Go home!” *Everyone Belongs* is a book about recognizing the value of our differences, respecting each other, and forgiveness. ?

Joe Paprocki demystifies the Catholic sacraments and presents them as a way of life to be experienced each day, rather than as standalone events.

Living the Sacraments

Mary, Mother of Apostles

Faith-Based Strategies to Reach and Teach Learners with Disabilities

Start with Jesus

Visionary Encounters from the First Century to the Present

Christology

Why Stay Catholic?

To young Christians of the world, Pope Francis has a message for you: “Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!” In his fourth apostolic exhortation, *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis encapsulates the work of the 2018 synod of bishops on “Young People, The Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” Pope Francis has always had a special relationship with young people, and in his fatherly love for you he shows that: You can relate to young people in Scripture who made a difference You identify with the Christ who is always young You face difficult issues in the world today You yearn for the truth of the Gospel You are capable of amazing things when you respond to the Gospel You learn and grow with help from the faithful of all generations You need bold and creative youth ministry You can discover who God made you to be You are urged to pray for discernment *Christus Vivit* is written for and to young people, but Pope Francis also wrote it for the entire Church, because, as he says, reflecting on our young people inspires us all. “May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us.”

2019 Illumination Book Awards, Gold: Christian Living 2019 Living Now Book Awards, Gold: Meditation/Relaxation 2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Health: Aging/50+ 2018 Independent Press Awards, Winner: Aging I haven’t finished with my life, and neither has God. As we see few years ahead than behind, it can be easy to question our value or what we have left to contribute to our communities. How can we continue to give back and live with purpose in our later years? Barbara Lee is living this reality every day, and in this book she describes the intersection of aging with the timelessness of Ignatian spirituality. *God Isn’t Finished with Me Yet* shows readers how God meets us with unexpected grace. In five succinct chapters, Lee shows how Ignatian prayer and discernment offer those in later life a path to discovering previously unknown vocations and new ways of living and being of service. You’re still living your life, and God is still revealing His grace.

One of Publishers Weekly’s Best Books of the Year Winner of the Christopher Award Winner of the Catholic Press Association Book Award WITTY, WRYLY HONEST, AND ALWAYS ORIGINAL, *My Life with the Saints* is James Martin’s story of how his life has been shaped by some surprising friends—the saints of the Catholic Church. In his modern classic memoir, Martin introduces us to saints throughout history—from St. Peter to Dorothy Day, St. Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa—and chronicles his lifelong friendships with them. Filled with fascinating tales, Martin’s funny, vibrant, and stirring book invites readers to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives. Featuring a new chapter from Martin, this tenth-anniversary edition of the best-selling memoir updates readers about his life over the past ten years. In that time, he has been a New York Times best-selling author, official chaplain of The Colbert Report, and a welcome presence in the media whenever there’s a breaking Catholic news story. But he has always remained recognizably himself. John L. Allen, Jr., the acclaimed Catholic journalist, contributes a foreword that shows how Martin has become one of the wisest and most insightful voices of this era. “An outstanding and often hilarious memoir.” —Publishers Weekly “One of the best spiritual memoirs in years.” —Robert Ellsberg “Remarkably engaging.” —U.S. Catholic “Martin’s final word is as Jungian as it is Catholic: God does not want us to be Mother Teresa or Dorothy Day. God wants us to be most fully ourselves.” —The Washington Post Book World

Many Catholics feel catechized but not “evangelized,” meaning they know about Jesus but do not feel they know him personally. The bridge between where we are and where we want to be in our faith journey can be confusing without the right guidance. In *Under the Influence* of Jesus, best-selling author Joe Paprocki explains complex spiritual concepts with engaging discussion so that “everyday” Catholics can integrate and articulate their faith and live the Gospel in a way that is simple, compelling, contemporary, liberating, and life-changing. Also available in Spanish! La experiencia transformadora de encontrarse con Cristo

Discovering the Spiritual Graces of Later Life

Means of Grace, Ways of Life

Grade 2 Activity Book

My Life with the Saints (10th Anniversary Edition)

9 Simple Ways for Catechists to Cultivate a Living Faith

Loyola Kids Book of Heroes

Peter Faber

Jesus ascended to heaven. *End of story.* But then how do we explain the many Christians, in nearly every century since, who claimed to have seen, heard, met, and touched Jesus in the flesh? In *Seeing Jesus*, Robert Hudson explores the larger-than-life characters throughout Christian history who have encountered the actual face or form of the resurrected Christ--from the apostles Thomas and Paul in the first century to Charles Finney in the nineteenth and Sundar Singh in the twentieth. Hudson combines history, biography, spiritual reflection, skepticism, and humor to unpack awe-inspiring and sometimes seemingly absurd stories, from a surprise sighting of Jesus in a cup of coffee, to Christ appearing to Julian of Norwich during a life-threatening illness to assure her that "all manner of thing shall be well." Along the way, he uncovers deeper meaning for us today. Through Hudson's quirky and lyrical prose we get to know people of unflinching faith, like Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Avila, Silouan the Athonite, and Sojourner Truth--those who claim radical encounters with Jesus. The result is a fascinating journey through Christian history that is at once thoroughly analytical and deeply devotional.

Rev. ed. of: *True God, true man. Includes bibliographical references (p. 103-106). The witness of the New Testament -- Seeking the life history of Jesus -- Christology and the first ecumenical councils -- Further christological beliefs -- Images of Jesus Christ in Catholic spirituality -- Christ with us today -- Jesus Christ: Lord of the future.*

ManresaOr, the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius, for General UseMy Life with the Saints (10th Anniversary Edition)Loyola Press

Handbook for Catholics is a conveniently organized collection of all the essential information needed for lay Catholics to understand and practice the faith they profess. From common Catholic prayers to Catholic Doctrine, from the Liturgical Year Calendar to the Order of the Mass, this easy-to-read, easy-to-use book will help Catholics grow in their knowledge and love of the faith.

The Sign of the Cross

God Calls a People

Sharing the Wisdom of Time

Everyone Belongs

Grade 6

Manresa

What Is Ignatian Spirituality?

What do heroes do? Do they fight monsters? Sometimes, but they also hold the hands of people who are sick and lonely. They build schools. They study the planets. They forgive those who have harmed them. Heroes are people who look at the world around them, see what needs to be done, and through the grace of God find the strength to help others. In the thirty-six stories in Loyola Kids Book of Heroes, you'll meet a Catholic nun who stood up to the most infamous outlaw in the Old West. You'll learn how entire villages of men and women devoted their lives to building great cathedrals to show their love and respect for God. You'll learn about John the Baptist, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Charlemagne, St. Albert the Great, Dorothy Day, St. Patrick, and many others. Most of all, you'll learn that with God's help anyone can be a hero and make the world a better place.

Book of SaintsWho are the saints, why are the lives of saints important for children, and what can children learn from lives and actions? In Loyola Kids Book of Saints, the first in the Loyola Kids series, best-selling author Amy Welborn answers these questions with exciting and inspiring stories, real-life applications, and important information about these heroes of the church. This inspiring collection of saints' stories explains how saints become saints, why we honor them, and how they help us even today. Featuring more than sixty saints from throughout history and from all over the world, Loyola Kids Book of Saints introduces children to these wonderful role models and heroes of the church. Ages 8-12.

The Church Then and Now

Reimagining the Ignatian Examen

Grade 8

A Well-Built Faith

Catholic Faith

The Church of Mercy

How to Live Marian Devotion to Proclaim Christ