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## A Note from the Editor:

In the middle of summer it is hard to think about programs and classes, so this time in the *New Connections* we are going to list some videos that aren't always thought of as being catechetical. Some of today's feature films offer a powerful religious message if we look for it. Some of you may be familiar with the recent movie lectionaries that have been published by Pauline Books and Media, Lights, Camera... Faith! These offer reflection processes on the various popular films and are excellent tools to explore.

In addition, this issue of *New Connections* will update you on the list of catechetical materials and textbooks that are in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. We will also alert you to some of the events and workshops that will take place through the Jegen Center this year. Enjoy!

## Texts Found in Conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The summer conformity listing of catechetical texts and series has just been published by the Bishops' Committee on the Catechism. As of June 01, 2004 there are some new items, so you will want to look over the list carefully.

We are currently in the process of reviewing what is available for high school, youth ministry and campus ministry programs. We hope to provide you with a listing of good resources for your area of work.

## Basal Catechetical Series Approved by the Bishops' Committee

### Benziger

Christ Jesus the Way! © 2003 K-6  
Cristo Jesús el Camino © 2003 K-6  
Come Follow Me © 1998 K-8  
Share the Joy © 1997 K-6

### Harcourt Religion Publishers

Call to Faith © 2005 1-6  
Walking by Faith © 1999 K-6

### Ignatius Press

Faith and Life © 1984-1987 1-8  
Faith and Life © 2002-2003 1-8  
Image of God © 1986-1993 K-8

### Loyola Press

Christ Our Life © 1997-2002 K-8  
Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts © 2005 1-6

### Resources for Christian Living

Faith First © 2000, 2001 K-6  
Faith First Junior High © 2001 Jr. High

### Sadlier (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

Acercandote a La Fe © 1999 K-6  
Coming to Faith/Keystone © 1998, 1999 K-6  
Creemos/We Believe © 2005 K-6  
Faith and Witness Program © 1998-1999 7-8  
One Faith, One Lord © 2003 7-8  
(English and bi-lingual editions)  
We Believe © 2004 K-6

### Silver Burdett Ginn

Blest Are We © 2004, 2002 1-6  
Blest Are We Jr High © 2005, 2003 7-8  
This Is Our Faith © 1998 K-8

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## ***Sacramental Preparation Texts in Conformity with the Catechism***

### **Reconciliation and Eucharist Texts**

#### Harcourt Religion Publishers

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation & Eucharist © 2000

Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía © 2000

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation & Eucharist, Level II © 2002

Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía, Nivel II © 2002

#### Pauline Books & Media

Jesus Brings Us Life © 1996

#### Pflaum Publishing Group

Together In Jesus – Eucharist © 2004

Together In Jesus – Reconciliation © 2004

#### Resources for Christian Living

Eucharist © 2003

Eucaristía © 2003

Reconciliation © 2003

Reconciliación © 2003

#### Sadlier (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

Sacrament Program: First Reconciliation and Eucharist © 2000

Primera Reconciliación y Primera Comunión © 2000

#### Silver Burdett Ginn

The Gift of Eucharist © 2000

The Gift of Reconciliation © 2000

### **Confirmation Texts**

#### Ave Maria Press

Send Out Your Spirit © 2003 HS

#### Harcourt Religion Publishers

Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation © 2000 Jr High

#### Ignatius Press

Image of God: Confirmation © 1986-1993 Jr High

#### Loyola Press

Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit © 1997 Jr High

#### Pauline Books & Media

Be Sealed © 1998 Jr High

#### Sadlier (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth © 2000 Jr High (English and bi-lingual editions)

## ***High School Texts in Conformity with the Catechism***

#### Ave Maria Press

Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice © 2001

Encountering Jesus in the New Testament © 2003

Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ © 2003

The Church: Our Story © 1999

The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice © 2005

Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality © 2001

#### C. R. Publications

Catholicism Series © 1996-1997

#### Harcourt Religion Publishers

Journey Through the Old Testament © 2002

The Light of Faith © 2005

#### Midwest Theological Forum

Introduction to Catholicism © 2003

Our Moral Life In Christ © 2003

#### Priory Press

Dominican Series © 2000

#### Resources for Christian Living

Understanding the Catechism © 1999

#### St. Mary's Press

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth © 2003

Living Justice and Peace © 2002

Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament) © 2002



### ***Feature Films that can Catechize***

The following videos can be used through the Jegen Center. Most of them are appropriate for the adolescent through adult age groups, though some are for the entire family. Call for more information on them.

#### **Babette's Feast** VC231021

A French chef living anonymously in a remote village wins 10,000 francs and treats her friends to a transformative feast.

#### **Brother Sun, Sister Moon** VC231046

The story of the early life of St. Francis of Assisi.

#### **Catholics** VC232392

The Pope's emissary comes to Ireland to help the Catholic clergy to conform to the new teachings of the Church. The priests and monks refuse to discard traditional ways and beliefs.

**Chariots of Fire** VC231048

This is the story of Harold Abrahams and his teammates as they look for honor for their nation and themselves.

**A Christmas Carol** VC232071

This is the classic tale of Scrooge and the Cratchit family in the holiday season.

**Con Ganas de Triunfar** VC230610

Heroes de la vida real que se proponen superar una dificultad a la que pocas personas se enfrentan, el Examen Nacional de Calculo Avanzado.

**Cotton Patch Gospel** VC230065

The popular musical translates the Gospels of Matthew and John into present day Southern vernacular.

**The Cross and the Switch Blade** VC231055

One man attempts to make a difference in the hopelessness of an inner city ghetto.

**Cry the Beloved Country** VC231034

Black and white find a common ground when faced with violence in this 1951 film.

**El Cuarto Rey Mago** VC233100

Durante 33 años, un mago y su fiel siervo siguen a Jesús, pero lo pierden de vista a cada momento. La historia culmina el Domingo de Resurrección cuando finalmente encuentra al nuevo Rey.

**Dead Man Walking** VC231016

A convicted killer is preparing to end his life on death row. Sister Helen Prejean agrees to be his spiritual advisor. They undertake a powerful and profound search for truth.

**Entertaining Angels, The Dorothy Day Story** VC231412

Dorothy Day's desire to make a difference in the world led her to help the homeless and poor, feed the hungry, care for the sick, and finally launch the activist newspaper Catholic Worker.

**The Father Clements Story** VC231027

This story is about Chicago priest, George Clements, and his quest to adopt a homeless inner city youth and become a father and son.

**The Fourth Wise Man** VC231052

This is a story of another wiseman who also knows of the birth of a new king. Starting out a bit later he just misses Jesus at every turn for 33 years until old and dying he meets Jesus at the Cross.

**Gandhi** VC231044

Mahatma Gandhi's story tells how he led his country to freedom without ever holding a political office.

**Go Tell it on the Mountain** VC231035

A Black American family moves from the rural South to Harlem, a journey of salvation and understanding.

**Godspell** VC231025

This is a modern day musical presentation of Matthew's Gospel. A disparate group of young New Yorkers, called from their workday lives, follow and learn from a modern Jesus. These roving performers enact the parables, share the Last Supper in a park, the Passion and Crucifixion in a junkyard, and the Resurrection on the streets of New York City.

**The Hiding Place** VC232414

Based on a true World War II story, this video traces a family helping to save the lives of countless Jews. They are arrested and imprisoned in one of Nazi Germany's most dreaded concentration camps.

**Jesus Christ Superstar** VC231040

This film version of the rock opera is told entirely in song, images, and music. It focuses on Christ's final days seen through Judas' eyes.

**Joan of Arc** VC231078

This is a Hollywood All-Star version of the story of the Maid of Orleans.

**El Malabarista de Notre Dame** VC232409

El Malabarista de Notre Dame es la historia de un Malabarista que después de haber perdido a su esposa y a su amigo rumba desorientadamente. Hasta llegar a una comunidad donde es tratado cordialmente. En la temporada Navideña la comunidad va a ofrecer un acercamiento especial al Señor. El Malabarista no tiene nada solo sus actos asombrosos cuales el Señor recompensa por su plebeya devoción.

**A Man for All Seasons** VC231043

Sir Thomas More refuses to compromise his faith when King Henry VIII decides to seek permission from the Pope to divorce his wife Catherine and marry Anne Boleyn. More is beheaded.

**Marcelino Pan y Vino** VC230925

En un pueblo pequeño nace un niño cuya madre lo abandona en la puerta de un convento franciscano. Marcelino crece al lado de los monjes conoce un amigo nuevo, Jesús crucificado.

**Miracle of Marcellino** VC230320

Left on the doorstep of a monastery as an infant, Marcelino was raised by the monks. One day he found a special friend in the attic, hanging on a cross.

**The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima** VC231051

Three children see a vision of a woman in a cloud of light who brings prophecies and words of faith. The crowds witness miracles: the sun dances, the lame walk, the blind see.

**The Mission** VC231049

This story of the 18th century colonization of the South American Indians demonstrates the conflict between faith and greed.

**My Left Foot** VC231015

This is the story of Christy Brown and his mother who helped him overcome impossible odds to achieve greatness.

**Native Son** VC231036

A poverty stricken young black man obtains a job as a chauffeur to a wealthy white family. When he accidentally kills his employer's daughter violence and racism ensue.

**A Raisin in the Sun** VC232075

This classic story of a Chicago ghetto family caught between the reality of their surroundings and a piece of the American Dream celebrates the human spirit.

**Reggie's Prayer** VC231311

A football superstar retires to become coach and history teacher at an inner city high school.

**The Robe** VC231032

The Hollywood story of the centurion who wins Jesus' Robe gambling at the foot of the cross.

**Romero** VC230644

Transformacion de un sacerdote en contra del involucramiento politico a un lider comprometido por la liberacion de la gente de El Salvador.

**Romero** VC231014

The film chronicles Romero's transformation from an apolitical, complacent priest to a committed leader of the Salvadoran people.

**Rudy** VC231042

A young man named Rudy will not let anything get in the way of realizing his dream to play football for Notre Dame University.

**Schindler's List** VC231041

This movie is the dramatized version of the real story of Oskar Schindler and his role in saving the lives of more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust.

**The Secret Garden** VC231019

An orphan rediscovers life with the help of new friends and a secret garden.

**The Sound of Music** VC231033

A young Austrian woman studying to take her religious vows discovers her true calling is to the Von Trapp family as wife and mother.

**Sounder** VC231045

This is the story of a black sharecropper family in Louisiana during the depression.

**The Spitfire Grill** VC231317

In this story of hope and healing a former female convict chooses to live in a small Maine town.

**Stand and Deliver** VC231050

Jaime Escalante, a high school math teacher, challenges his mostly Hispanic inner-city students, to master Advanced Placement Calculus. He believes in their ability, and believes in the necessity of education.

**The Ten Commandments** VC231047

The story of Moses and the Exodus are told in this classic epic.



***Save the Dates!***

**Chicago Catechetical Conference  
September 24 – 25, 2004  
Donald E. Stephens Convention Center  
You won't want to miss this!**

**Watch for Fliers:**

Ecumenism Forty Years Later – 10/19/04  
Catechetical Technology Day – 11/5/04  
Curriculum Exploration Days – 2/23-24/05  
Evangelization and Interreligious Dialogue:  
Compatible? – 3/9/05  
Video Fest – 6/17/05

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