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A Note from the Editor

Once again Advent and Christmas are nearly upon us and I for one am wondering where the year has gone! In this edition of the Newsletter you will find the updated list from the Bishops' Committee on materials that are in conformity with the Catechism. This is the list as of September 30, 2005, and there are some new titles particularly in the area of immediate sacramental preparation.

Included in this edition you will also find some suggested videos for Advent and Christmas preparation with your family and students. Be sure and book early as they are usually very popular at this time of year!

Finally, we are initiating the Family/Individual Membership plan for the Jegen Center. We still have the parish/institution memberships but we are also aware of the need for other forms of membership for some families and individuals. Some of the details follow. Give us a call to talk this over if you would like to be part of this plan. And if you are looking for a Christmas gift that will spiritual growth and nourishment all year long, you may want to consider giving a membership to the Jegen Center!

Individual/Family Membership

The Jegen Center is your one-stop library for media resources to help you develop and share our faith with your family, students and parish, and to enrich your own faith formation journey. We have over 5000 books and 2000 videos available for renting/borrowing. We have a significant amount of materials available in Spanish; a smaller amount of resources are available in Polish. Our catalog is available on-line at www.jegen.org.

Materials are available through parish/institutional annual memberships, and on a per-use basis for non-members. These ways of using our resources do not suit everyone. In some cases, a parish membership is not supported; or an individual discovers the Jegen Center and wants to use our services without a particular parish connection.

To attend these needs we are piloting an Individual/Family annual membership for \$75.00 with free standard one-way shipping to the patron, and \$60.00 without the free shipping benefit.

If this seems to meet your needs, give us a call at 312-243-4562.

Approved Basal Catechetical Texts

Benziger

Christ Jesus the Way! S & P ©2003 K-6
Christ Jesus the Way! S & P ©2004 7-8
Cristo Jesús, el Camino, S/P ©2003 K-6
Come Follow Me, S/P ©1998 K-8
Share the Joy, P ©1997 K-6

Harcourt

Call to Faith, S & P ©2005 K-6
Un Llamado a la Fe P ©2005 Level A-D
Walking by Faith, S/P ©1999 K-6

Ignatius Press

Faith and Life, S ©1984-87, 2002-03 1-8
Image of God, S ©1986-1993 K-8

Loyola Press

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

RCL

FaithFirst, S & P ©2000, 2001 K-6
FaithFirst Junior High, S & P ©2001 7-8
FaithFirst/Legacy Edition, P ©2006 S ©2007 K-8

Sadlier

Acercandote a La Fe S/P ©1999 K-6
Coming to Faith S ©1998, P ©1999 K-6
Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition S ©1998 P ©1999 K-6
Creemos/We Believe P ©2005 K-6
We Believe, S & P ©2004 K-6
Faith and Witness S & P ©1998-99 7-8
One Faith, One Lord S ©2003 7-8
Un Solo Fe, Un Solo Señor S ©2003 7-8

Silver Burdett Ginn

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

**Samples of most of the above texts
can be reviewed at the Jegen Center.**



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Approved High School Catechetical Texts/Series

The following individual texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism* by the Bishops' Committee.

Apostolate for Family Consecration (series)

The Apostolate's Family Catechism S/P © 2003, 05
Consecration in Truth S/P & M ©2001

Ave Maria Press

Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice
S © 2001

The Church: Our Story S © 1999, 2006

Encountering Jesus in the New Testament S © 2003

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

Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe S © 2006

Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping in Christ
S © 2003

Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality
S © 2001

C.R. Publications (series)

Catholicism Series S/P & M ©
1996-97



Harcourt Religion Publishers

Journey Through the New Testament S © 2006

Journey Through the Old Testament S © 2002, 06

The Light of Faith S © 2005

Morality: Our Response to God's Love S © 2005

Legionaries of Christ (series)

Friends of Jesus/Witnesses of Christ S © 2003

Midwest Theological Forum

The History of the Church S © 2005

Introduction to Catholicism S & M © 2003

Our Moral Life in Christ S & M © 2003

Understanding the Scriptures S © 2005

Priority Press (series)

Dominican Series S & M © 2000

RCL-Resources for Christian Living (series)

Understanding the Catechism S/P © 1999 M ©1998

Saint Mary's Press

The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth S/P © 2004

Living Justice and Peace S © 2002

Approved Immediate Sacramental Preparation

The following texts for immediate sacramental preparation have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism* by the Bishops' Committee.

Ave Maria Press (High School Confirmation)

Send Out Your Spirit S/P & M © 2003

Benziger

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise
(primary) S/P & M ©2006

Eucharist: We Give Thanks and Praise
(intermediate) S/P & M ©2006

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (primary)
S/P & M © 2006

Reconciliation: Pardon and Peace (intermediate)
S/P & M © 2006

Reconciliación: Perdón y paz S/P & M ©2006

Harcourt Religion Publishers

Call to Celebrate: Eucharist S/P & M Reconciliación

Call to Celebrate: Reconciliation S/P & M ©2007

Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía
S/P © 2000

Celebrar Nuestro Fe: Reconciliación y Eucaristía
(Nivel II) S/P © 2002

Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation S/P & M ©2000

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist
S/P & M © 2000

Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation and Eucharist (II)
S/P & M © 2002

Ignatius Press

Image of God (Mass Books and Confirmation) S/P
& M © 1986-1993

Loyola Press

Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit S/P & M © 1997

Confirmed in the Spirit S/P & M ©2007

Pauline Books and Media

Be Sealed S/P & M © 1998

Jesus Brings Us Life S/P & M © 1996

Pflaum Publishing Group

Confirmation: Gifted with the Spirit (7-8) S © 2005

Confirmation: Receiving the Gift of the Spirit (9-12)
S © 2005

Together in Jesus - Eucharist S & M © 2004

Together in Jesus - Reconciliation S & M © 2004

Unidos en Jesús Primera Eucaristía S/P & M © 2004

Unidos en Jesús Primera Reconciliación S/P & M ©2004

RCL - Resources for Christian Living

Eucaristía S/P & M © 2003

Eucharist S/P & M © 2003

Reconciliación S/P & M © 2003

Reconciliation S/P & M © 2003



Saint Mary's Press (High School Confirmation)

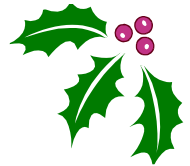
Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's
Handbook S/P © 2006

Confirmed in a Faithful Community: Candidate's
Handbook (Immediate Prep) S/P © 2006

Silver Burdett Ginn

The Gift of Eucharist S/P & M © 2000

The Gift of Reconciliation S/P & M © 2000



William H. Sadlier, Inc.

First Eucharist S/P & M © 2000

First Reconciliation S/P & M © 2000

Primera Comuni3n S/P & M © 2000

Primera Reconciliaci3n S/P & M © 2000

The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Preparation
for Youth S/P & M © 2000

We Believe and Celebrate First Eucharist S/P ©2006

We Believe and Celebrate First Penance S/P ©2006



Video Titles for Advent and Christmas

There are numerous videos available for your use over the Advent and Christmas season. Below you will find the titles, call numbers, and a brief description of some of these seasonal videos. In some cases the running time and target audience are also included. For a complete description please go to the Jegen Website, www.jegen.org, and you will find the details in the on-line catalog.

For Children

VC151312 **The Nativity.** Travel with three adventuresome children to the time of Jesus' birth. Relive with them the excitement of Bethlehem's welcome to the new king.

VC150047 **Mary's Story and Clem, the Clumsy Camel.** 10 min Pre - Intermed Two appealing stories for little children.

VC150048 **The City that Forgot about Christmas and I Will Take You to the Christ Child.** 55 min Pre - Intermed Animated and claymation video features two Christmas stories.

VC150049 **Welcome the Stranger.** 16 min Pre - Intermed Claymation video features the Peppercorn puppets.

VC040102 **A Christmas Gift.** Claymation characters find the real meaning of Christmas in this adaptation of a song by Peter, Paul and Mary.

VC040103 **A Star for Jeremy.** A night before Christmas dream of a young boy and a special star that awaits the birth of Jesus.

VC040104 **The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas.** Bears usually sleep through Christmas, but Ted E. Bear finds out from Santa that Christmas means loving, sharing and joy.

VC040105 **The Secret of the Second Basement.** At Christmastime a loving family of street people teaches that nothing-- no "things"-- bring greater joy than Jesus, God's gift to the world. Featuring the Peppercorn Puppets.

VC040828 **McGee and Me!; 'Twas the Fight before Christmas.** 30 min Prim - Intermed Nicholas and McGee learn about God's love for people who are hard to love. Nick makes a discovery that makes him look beyond the carols, decorations, and good times with family to find the season's real meaning.

VC040843 **Gerbert: The Gift of Giving.** Gerbert finds the joy of choosing to give over the hunger to get.

VC040872 **Veggie Tales; The Toy that Saved Christmas.** 30 min Family The Veggie characters embark on a hazardous journey to find the true meaning of Christmas. They teach that Christmas is not about "getting" but about "giving, and mostly about the greatest gift of all, Baby Jesus.

VC041270 **The Mouse in the Manger.** Oscar, the mouse, leaves home because he is angry with his father. In his adventure he learns a lot about himself as he talks to various animals who are in the manger of Bethlehem at Jesus' birth.

VC041312 **Nestor, The Long-Eared Christmas Donkey.** Family Nestor is mocked by everyone for his long ears, but Mary and Joseph choose him to take them to Bethlehem,

VC210094 **A Good and Perfect Gift; A Christmas Story.** A touching Christmas story of the power of prayer and how it can lead us to appreciate the gifts of those who enter our lives.

VC040877 **Secret Adventures: I'm Dreaming of a Right Christmas.** Andrea Thomas and her friends come to an adventuresome understanding of what Christmas is really about, loving someone and living it out.

VC041338 **The Selfish Giant.** 27 min Prim - Intermed Oscar Wilde's timeless tale of the selfish giant can unlock the meaning of Christmas, but is also a story about sacrifice, joy, and God's unselfish love.

VC221348 **Nicholas, the Boy Who Became Santa.** 30 min Prim - Intermed Nicholas was a young child when he discovered a very special, life changing secret -- the gift of giving. He brought happiness to many people, and faced many dangers.

VC041349 **A Christmas for Little Children, Sing-Along Celebration.** Contains music, stories of Mary, Francis of Assisi, and Nicholas, done through animation and puppets.

VC190176 **There's No Such Thing As A Chanukah Bush, Sandy Goldstein.** A young Jewish girl longs for a Christmas tree, or Chanukah Bush. Parents and grandfather show her ways to help Christian friends celebrate while remaining proud of her own faith.

VC151198 **A Little Stable in Bethlehem.** A re-enactment of the Christmas Story from perspective of the animals in the stable.

VC151710 **Animated Stories from New Testament; The King Is Born.** 30 min Prim - Intermed The King is born is a video classic of the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus.

VC041448 **Quigley's Village: A Christmas Story; The Joy of Giving** 30 min Pre - Prim Everyone learns that Christmas is more than getting presents in this video when unexpected things happen in preparing the Christmas pageant.

VC081751 **The Angel's Advent Lesson.** 11 min Prim-Intermed Angel Theo visits Danny and helps him learn the true meaning of Advent as a time of waiting for Jesus.

VC232071 **A Christmas Carol.** Classic tale of Scrooge and the Cratchic family in the holiday season.

VC042108 **A Christmas Wish.** 9 min Prim - Intermed Justine discovers that the time of preparation increases the joy of Christmas. Stresses the anticipation and preparation of Advent .

VC082156 **Advent with Saint Nicholas; Customs from Around the World.** 12 min Prim-Intermed St. Nicholas helps ten-year old Holly learn more about the meaning of Advent customs such as Advent calendars and wreaths, Christmas trees, Las Posadas, etc.

VC044672 **Veggie Tales; The Star of Christmas.** 45 min The true story of God's love shows us how to love one another.

VC222109 **Saints for Kids; Volume 2; Nicholas, Stephen, Anne and Joachim.** 4 min/segment Pre-Intermed Nicholas is the popular patron of children whose kindhearted goodness reminds people of the true meaning of Christmas. Stephen was the first person to give his life for Jesus. Anne and Joachim are the legendary parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

VC163155 **Jacob's Gift.** 30 min Family In this Christmas story a young boy named Jacob decides whether to finish his project or help a family with a newborn baby.

VC153421 **Visual Bible for Kids; The Birth of Jesus.** 30 min Prim - Adolesc A cozy fire, cookies and cocoa, a family, and a visit from a favorite uncle creates the environment to read the Christmas Story.

VC150984 **In the Beginning; The Birth of Jesus: Stories from the Old Testament.** 30 min Prim-Intermed The ancient prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled through the birth of the Messiah in a stable in Bethlehem.

VC044356 **Alabaster's Song.** 30 min Pre-Intermed This is a fully animated adaptation Max Lucado's Christmas book of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree, who sang a remarkable song.

VC153810 **Jesus for Kids; Animated Bible Stories for Ages 4-6.** 10 min/segment Pre-Prim The first segment is The First Christmas. It introduces young children to the life of Jesus. VC150852 **The Story of the Nativity/Beginner's Bible.** The story of the birth of Jesus is told by animated characters.

VC151383 **Jesus, A Kingdom Without Frontiers: The King is Born.** 30 min The birth of Jesus in a stable in Bethlehem fulfills the ancient prophecies.

VC083723 **Following Jesus through the Church Year; Advent Roads.** 10 min Prim-Intermed Detective Krispin travels through the four weeks of Advent guided by signs along the road lit by the Advent wreath.

VC083724 **Following Jesus through the Church Year; Christmas Crossroads.** 10 min Prim-Intermed Detective Krispin visits the stable where Jesus was born. Jesus is no longer there, so Krispin must travel to Nazareth to find him.

En Español

VC151123 **En el Principio: El Nascimento de Jesus.** 30 min Las ancestrales profecias del Antiguo Testamento se cumplen cuando, en un establo de Belen, nace el Mesias: Jesus de Nazaret.

VC042356 **La Primera Navidad.** 21 min Niños - Adultos La Primera Navidad es un video que relata la tradicional travesia de Maria y Jose, de Nazaret a Belen.

VC221348 **Nicolas, Y Los Tres Sacos de Oro; Santa Claus, La Verdadera Historia.** He aqui la fascinante historia del nino cuya generosidad y amor lo convirtio en una de las figuras mas queridas de todos los tiempos y que hoy llamamos Santa Claus.

VC151699 **Relatos Animados del Nuevo Testamento: El Rey Nacio.** 30 min El Rey Nacio es un video que contiene la historia clasica del nacimiento de Jesus segun la Biblia.

VC151670 **Un Reino Sin Fronteras: Ha Nacido El Rey.** 30 min En "Ha Nacido el Rey" se cumple la antigua profesia de que el Rey de los judios habia de nacer en un establo en Belen.

VC210585 **Un Regalo Bueno y Perfecto** Nos cuenta de la navidad inolvidable de una nina que vive en un pueblo pequeno de Nuevo Mexico. Ella la pide a Dios un papa para navidad mientras en el pueblo llega un hombre huyendo a la policia.

VC151672 **Un Reino Sin Fronteras: Herodes y los Reyes de Oriente.** 30 min La soberbia del rey Herodes le hace ordenar la muerte de los ninos inocentes de Belen, mientras que la Sagrada Familia escapa a Egipto.

VC044495 **Veggie Tales; El Juguete que salvo la Navidad.** Uno de los valientes juguetes decide tomar la decision de poder salir de la jugueteria y enseñarles a los ninos el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Que en la Navidad es mejor dar que recibir.

For Families or Adults

VC140061 **Bible on Video; The Gospel of Luke; Christmas, Part I.** 60 min Intermed-Adult Using the King James Version of the Bible this presents the gospel of Luke word-for-word of the annunciation, nativity, the baptism of Jesus, and His rejection.

VC080091 and VC080092 **Preparing for Christmas I and II.** Shows how to experience the peace, love, and beauty of Christmas by preparing for it in a contemporary fashion.

VC162144 **Norman Rockwell Christmas.** 50 min Family Eddie Albert and Ross Malinger host this nostalgic look at the illustrious world of Norman Rockwell.

VC162416 **Keeper of the Peace.** 22 min Intermed-Adult This tells of Christ's birth from a different angle, Through forgiveness and reconciliation a young Roman soldier and an old Jewish woman find the true keeper of the peace.

VC043232 **The First Christmas.** 22 min Family This claymation animated video program, narrated by Christopher Plummer, tells the traditional story of the birth of Jesus.

VC084315 **Advent; A Time to Hope.** 20 min Family In this video, author Kathy Chesto ties everyday events to Advent, and teaches viewers what it means to hope.

VC143453 **The Nativity; A Video Translation of Luke 2:1-21.** 10 min Intermed-Adult The birth of Jesus Christ is proclaimed in this highly visual music video.

VC080077 **Advent; The Journey Toward Christ; Program 1; Awakening.** Adolesc-Adult Looks at the everyday world that surrounds us, and how much we can be awake to the experience of God in that world; has an Advent focus.



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