

Catechist Formation Process – Article & Book Study Credit Guide

Parish catechists, Catholic school teachers and those who are interested in the Catechist Formation Process are encouraged to undertake personal study to better form themselves as evangelists and disciples of Jesus Christ. Group study of books or magazine articles may be eligible for credit in the diocesan Catechist Formation Process. The following list gives suggestions for books appropriate for formation credit and the corresponding credit in the formation process. This credit assumes 10 hours of group discussion spread over no more than 10 months. For articles in appropriate periodicals, 1 hour of credit can be awarded per article with appropriate group discussion. For resources that do not contain discussion questions or with an available study guide, a group facilitator can guide the discussion. For resources on small group facilitation, contact the Office for Catechesis. If you would like to organize a study for a book or article not on this list, contact the Office for Catechesis for guidance on appropriate credit.

Author	Title	Publisher	Notes	Credit
Armenio, Peter	<i>The History of the Church (The Didache Series)</i>	Midwest Theological Forum (2005)		Church History
Armstrong, Dave	<i>Proving the Catholic Faith is Biblical</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2013)	Discussion questions included	Elective
Benedict XVI, Pope	<i>Jesus of Nazareth</i>	Doubleday (2007)	Study guide available for purchase from Ignatius Press	Christology
Binz, Stephen	<i>Advent Light</i>	Twenty-Third Publications (2004)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Blum, Christopher and Hochschild, Joshua	<i>A Mind at Peace: Reclaiming an Ordered Soul in the age of Distraction</i>	Sophia Institute Press (2017) 978-1622823819		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
*Campbell, James P.	<i>Mary and the Saints: Companions on the Journey</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417258	Discussion questions included in the book	Elective
*Connors, Russell B.	<i>Christian Morality: In the Breath of God</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417227	Discussion questions included in the book	Introduction to Morality
Dees, Jared	<i>31 Days to Becoming a Better Religious Educator</i>	Ave Maria Press (2013)	Free leader's guide: bit.ly/31DaysLeaderGuide	Basic Methodology Part 1 or 2
Francis, Pope	<i>Rebuking the Devil</i>	USCCB (2019)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Francis, Pope	<i>The Name of God is Mercy</i>	Random House (2016)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment

*Gros, O.P. Joye	<i>Theological Reflection: Connecting Faith and Life</i>	Loyola (2001) 978-0829417234	Discussion questions included in the book	Discipleship / Spirituality
Hahn, Scott	<i>Understanding The Scriptures: A Complete Course On Bible Study (The Didache Series)</i>	Midwest Theological Forum (2010)	Includes a student workbook	Themes in Scripture
Hahn, Scott	<i>Joy to the World: How Christ's Coming Changes Everything (and Still Does)</i>	Random House (2014)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Hanh, Scott	<i>The Gospel According to Mark, 2nd. Edition</i>	Ignatius Press (2012) 9781586174590	Study available at https://www.ignatius.com/promotions/catholic-study-bible/	Gospels
Hahn, Scott	<i>The Lamb's Supper</i>	Double Day (1999)	Study Guide	Themes in Scripture
Hakenewerth, S.M., Quentin	<i>Growing in the virtues of Jesus: The Marianist method of virtues for use in groups</i>	Burke Pub. Co (1996)	Limited Availability	Elective
Harrington, S.J., Daniel J.	<i>How Do Catholics Read the Bible?</i>	Rowman & Littlefield (2005)	Discussion questions included in the book	Introduction to Scripture
Horgan, Rev. John	<i>His Angels at Our Side: Understanding Their Power in Our Souls and the World</i>	EWTN Publishing, Inc. (2018)		Elective
*Hughes, Kevin	<i>Church History: Faith Handed On</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417234	Discussion questions included in the book	Vatican II Documents / Survey of Church History
Hunt, Allen	<i>The Turning Point: Eight Encounters with Jesus That Will Change Your Life</i>	Beacon Publishing (2018)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Keating, Karl	<i>What Catholics Really Believe</i>	Ignatius Press (1995)		Elective
Kelly, Matthew	<i>Perfectly Yourself</i>	Beacon Publishing (2017)		Elective
Kelly, Matthew	<i>Rediscovering Catholicism</i>	Beacon Publishing (2011)		Elective
Kelly, Matthew	<i>Fours Signs of a Dynamic Catholic</i>	Beacon Publishing (2012)		Discipleship and Spirituality
Kelly, Matthew	<i>Perfectly Yourself - Discovering God's Dream for You</i>	Beacon Publishing (2017)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Kelly, Matthew	<i>Rediscover Jesus</i>	Beacon Publishing (2015)	Questions at the end of each chapter.	Personal Spiritual Enrichment

Kelly, Matthew	<i>Resisting Happiness</i>	Beacon Publishing (2016)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Kodell, O.S.B., Jerome	<i>The Catholic Bible Study Handbook: A Popular Introduction to Studying Scripture</i>	Servant (2001)		Introduction to Scripture
Kreeft, Peter	<i>Back to Virtue: Traditional Moral Wisdom for Modern Moral Confusion</i>	Ignatius Press (1992)		Introduction to Morality
Lang, Lynne	<i>Virtue-Based Restorative Discipline: Comprehensive Guide</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2013)	Discussion questions included	Elective
Lukefahr, C.M., Oscar	<i>Catholic Guide to the Bible</i>	Liguori Publications (1992)		Introduction to Scripture
Lukefahr, C.M., Oscar	<i>The Catechism Handbook</i>	Liguori Publications (1996)		Overview of Catholic Teaching
Lukefahr, C.M., Oscar	<i>Christ's Mother and Ours: A Catholic Guide to Mary</i>	Liguori Publications (1998)		Elective
Lukefahr, C.M., Oscar	<i>We Live: To Know, Love, and Serve God</i>	Liguori Publications (2010)		Elective
Martin, S.J., James,	<i>Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life</i>	HarperOne (2011)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
McBride, Alfred, O.Praem.	<i>Essentials of the Faith: A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2002)		Overview of Catholic Teaching
McBride, Alfred, O.Praem.	<i>Images of Mary</i>	Saint Anthony Messenger Press (1999)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Miller, Most Rev. J. Michael	<i>The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools</i>	Sophia Institute Press (April 15, 2006)		Basic or Intermediate Methodology
*Neuman, O.S.B., Matthias	<i>Christology: True God, True Man</i>	Loyola Press (2009) 978-0829417197	Discussion questions included in the book	Christology
O'Brien, David M.	<i>There's a Beer in my Handbag: Unusual Thoughts about Everyday Faith.</i>	Createspace (2012)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment

Paprocki, Joe, and Williamson, D. Todd	<i>Great is the Mystery: Encountering the Formational Power of Liturgy</i>	Liturgy Training Publications (2013)	Discussion questions included in the book	Sacraments in Depth
Paprocki, Joe	<i>Practice Makes Catholic: Moving from a Learned Faith to a Lived Faith</i>	Loyola Press (2011)		Discipleship and Spirituality
Paprocki, Joe	<i>Living the Sacraments: Finding God at the Intersection of Heaven and Earth</i>	Loyola Press (2018)	Discussion Guide online for download	Sacraments in General
Paprocki, Joe	<i>The Catechist's Toolbox / Beyond the Catechist's Toolbox</i>	Loyola Press (2007/2013)	Discussion Guide online for download	Basic Methodology Part 1 or 2
Paprocki, Joe	<i>The Bible Blueprint: A Catholic's Guide to Understanding and Embracing God's Word</i>	Loyola Press (2009)	Discussion questions included in the book. Leader's Guide for download	Introduction to Scripture
Paprocki, Joe	<i>7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness: Enriching Your Faith by Strengthening the Health of Your Soul</i>	Loyola Press (2012)	Free discussion questions: bit.ly/7KeysGuide	Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Paprocki, Joe	<i>Under the Influence of Jesus: The Transforming Experience of Encountering Christ</i>	Loyola Press (2014)	Free discussion questions: bit.ly/UnderTheInfluenceOfJesus	Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Paprocki, Most Rev. Thomas John	<i>Holy Goals for Body and Soul: Eight Steps to Connect Sports with God and Faith</i>	Ave Maria Press (2013)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Pennock, Michael	<i>This is Our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults</i>	Ave Maria Press (1998)	Discussion questions included in the book	Overview of Catholic Teaching
*Pelzel, Morris	<i>Ecclesiology: The Church as Communion and Mission</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417265	Discussion questions included in the book	Overview of Catholic Teaching
*Ralph, Margaret Nutting	<i>Scripture: Nourished by the Word</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417203	Discussion questions included in the book	Introduction to Scripture
Rasmussen O.P, John Dominic	<i>An Educator's Guide to Living a Virtuous Life</i>	Lumen Ecclesiae Press - A Division of Education in Virtue (2018)		Discipleship and Spirituality

Riccardo, Rev. John	<i>Rerouting – Finding Our Way Back to God and His Church</i>	The Word Among Us Press (2018)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Ripley, Canon Francis	<i>This Is the Faith: A Complete Explanation of the Catholic Faith</i>	Tan Books and Publishers (1999)		Overview of Catholic Teaching
Rohlheiser, Ronald	<i>The Holy Longing: The Search for A Christian Spirituality</i>	Doubleday (1999)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Rohr, Richard	<i>The Divine Dance - The Trinity and Your Transformation</i>	Whitaker House (2016)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Rupp, Joyce	<i>The Cup of Our Life: A Guide to Spiritual Growth</i>	Ave Maria Press (2012)	Study guide at the back of the book	Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Sammons, Eric	<i>Holiness for Everyone: The Practical Spirituality of St. Josemaria Escriva</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2012)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Scalia, Elizabeth	<i>Strange Gods: Unmasking the Idols of Everyday Life</i>	Ave Maria Press (2013)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Schaeffler, O.P., Janet	<i>A Season of Gracious Gifts (e-resource) (Advent Retreat Kit)</i>	The Pastoral Center (2016)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Sri, Edward	<i>Into His Likeness, Be Transformed as a Disciple of Christ</i>	Ignatius Press – Augustine Institute (2017)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
*Stasiak, O.S.B. Kurk	<i>Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Ways of Life</i>	Loyola Press (2001) 978-0829417234	Discussion questions included in the book	Sacraments in Depth
Swinarski, Claire	<i>Girl Arise!</i>	Ave Maria Press (2019)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Teresa, Mother	<i>No Greater Love</i>	New World Library (2002)		Personal Spiritual Enrichment
Tomeo, Teresa	<i>Beyond Sunday: Becoming a 24/7 Disciple</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2018)		Discipleship and Spirituality
Weddell, Sherry	<i>Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2012)	Study guide available for purchase from <i>Our Sunday Visitor</i>	Discipleship and Spirituality
White, Joseph D.	<i>The Way God Teaches: Catechesis</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2014)	Discussion questions	Basic Methodology

	<i>and the Divine Pedagogy</i>		included in the book	Part 1 or 2
Vogt, Brandon	<i>Saints and Social Justice: A Guide to Changing the World</i>	Our Sunday Visitor (2014)		Catholic Social Teaching

* Loyola Press's Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series, available at a discount if ordered together.

Suggested Periodicals				
	Title	Publisher	Notes	
	Catechist	Bayand (owner of Pflaum Publishing Group)		*
	St. Anthony Messenger	Franciscan Friars of the St. John the Baptist Province – Franciscan Media		*
	Living City	Focolare		*
	Catholic Answers Magazine	Catholic Answers, Inc.		*

*Credit for magazine articles is awarded on an individual basis and is based on the content and depth of the article.



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