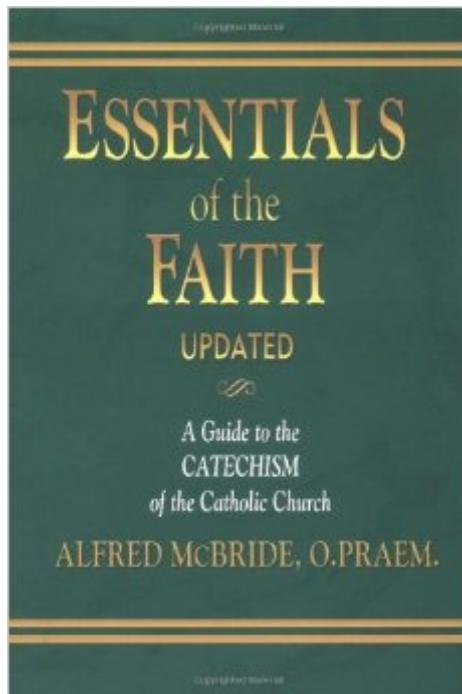


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We challenge you to find a better, more understandable, more accessible guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, than this newly updated classic. *Essentials of the Faith* is more than a brilliant guide to the Catechism. It's also a practical handbook for putting those timeless teachings of the Church into daily life. Everything you need to know about the Catholic Faith is presented in short topical chapters, tied directly to the principles so marvelously articulated in the Catechism. With reflections, prayers, and daily action to help you live out what you've learned, Father McBride's stunning presentation of the truth helps all of us make doctrines not just what we believe, but how we live.

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In fifty-five, two-page chapters, Fr. McBride breaks open and explains the much longer Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each chapter includes an opening narrative, a Q&A with responses excerpted from the Catechism, a prayer, a glossary of words and terms, and a personal reflection. It's a marvelous resource, with crisp writing and orthodox explanations. Fr. McBride also provides a brief history of catechesis that examines the failure of methods preached by catechetical elites for the past forty years. Anyone stuck in a vacuous "let's sit in a circle and talk about the Sunday readings" RCIA program, i.e., the RCIA program of a typical American parish, should treat this book as a godsend.

We have been using this text for 3 years in RCIA to replace a program with little hard core catechetics in it. Both the team and the inquirers are well pleased with it. It should be used with a bible and The Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Easy read, great explanations. I will definitely be referring back to my highlighted sections. I would definitely recommend this to anyone wanting to understand what the Catholic Church's teachings are. As it has been explained to me, the Catechism is like a guidebook for life to go along with the Holy Bible. I am in RCIA - joining the Church in just 2 weeks - and still coming to understand many of the Church's teachings. I expect it could take years to fully accept them all, and I may never understand them, but this book helps to explain and points to the places in the Holy Bible where the teachings are taken.

I was introduced to "Essentials of Faith" by a Deacon who runs an RCIA program. I now use it in the parish RCIA of which I am the director. The chapters are concise and offer points to reflect on as well as prayers. The book is a valuable resource for RCIA programs because it doesn't overwhelm the catecumens and candidates. Richard J. August, St. Francis de Sales Parish.

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