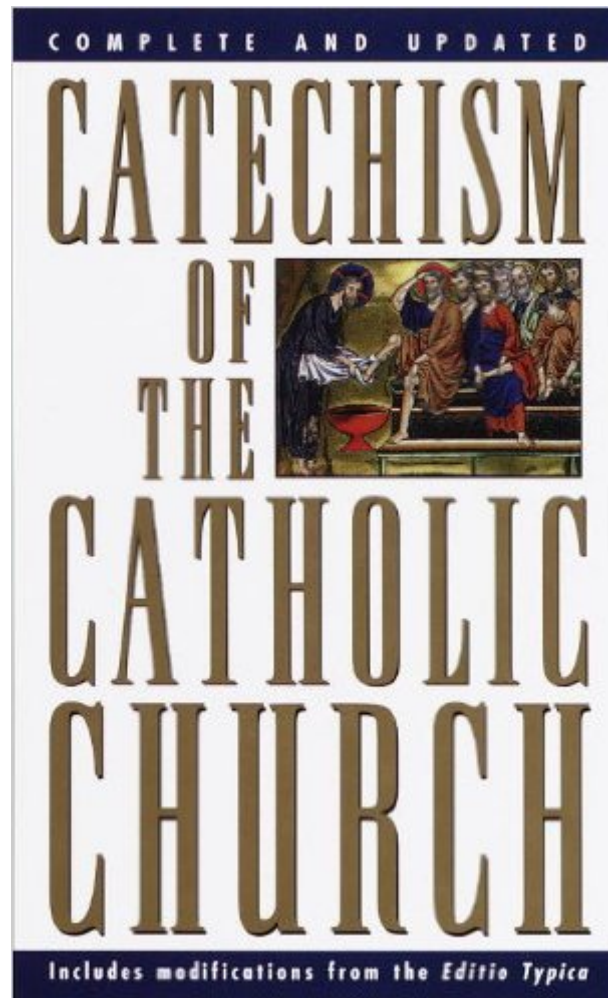


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# Catechism Of The Catholic Church



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## Customer Reviews

There are many versions of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and even many different editions

of each of those versions, so one would beg the question why review a book so readily available and so accessible. That would be a good question to ask. There is the 'original edition' the 'second edition' and now there is also a 'definitive edition' so why would we examine this work? The answer is that like with Shakespeare, for which there are innumerable editions each reader tends to gravitate towards a specific version or set of editions. In having spent many hours reading these documents over the last few months I can only state categorically that this is the 'best packaging' of the Catechism that I have yet to investigate. The larger format makes it easier to work with than many of the smaller pocket version, the wide margins left for personal notes and thoughts is much appreciated. As well this edition is the only one I have found with a glossary and it also has a more extensive index than the other two editions I examined.

Fulton Sheen once wrote that there are only a handful of Americans who hate the Catholic Church, though there are millions who hate what they think the Church is. This book is a must read for anyone who wants to speak intelligently about the Catholic Church and the faith it proclaims. Never polemical or overly didactic, the Catechism of the Catholic Church succinctly explains the Christian faith with clarity and charity. Even Protestants and non-Christians will find the Catechism well-documented, with copious notes and citations to Sacred Scripture, the writings of the early Christian Fathers, and other sources of impeccable authority. Perhaps the most useful aspect of this book is its accessibility. The Catechism was written with the laity in mind. Students, laymen, and the average reader alike will find it easy to read and understand. At the same time, those interested in serious scholarship will discover a treasure trove of theology, history, and doctrine. Without the Catechism of the Catholic Church, no Christian library is complete. Whether you are a cradle Catholic, a convert, or simply have questions about the Church, you owe it to yourself to read this book.

I grew up Catholic, served as an altar boy, followed the sacraments and thought I was a Catholic. I received this as a gift from my parents. While thumbing through it, I realized I had no idea what being a Catholic was. "Catechism of the Catholic Church" -- officially published by the Vatican -- is used by both protestant and Catholic schools to teach what Catholics believe. The top evangelical college in America (Wheaton College) even uses it for their Catholic theology course. I realized while reading this I had no idea what a Catholic baptism was, what the Catholic Church said about saints, what Rome has to say about Catholics who have converted to another Christian faith. And I learned some things the priest in our Chicagoland parish was not teaching Catholic doctrine. Whether you

are Catholic or not, there is a fair chance you've bought into some of what pop-culture has said Catholic is and is not. This easy-to-read (thick, but well-organized) book will give you the Catholic position on the matter. I fully recommend "Catechism of the Catholic Church." Anthony Trendl[...]

I downloaded the Catechism of the Catholic Church for my Kindle Fire, and I am very disappointed with the Table of Contents. I am a Faith Formation teacher and use the catechism on a daily basis. All references to the catechism found in Faith Formation documents and publications are listed as CCC and the number of the paragraph, i.e., CCC 125, CCC 2675, etc., etc. It is impossible to find references the way the Kindle catechism table of contents is laid out. I recommend that an additional page is added to the table of contents, listing CCC #s (at least every 25 paragraphs) for example - CCC paragraphs: 25 50 75 100 125 150, up to 2675; and when we want to go to one of those paragraphs, we would just touch the number and the kindle would take us to that paragraph. I came up with my own table of CCC #s and have to place it next to my kindle to make it easier to get to the paragraph I need. If I am asked to go to paragraph 115, I go to the location screen and type the location for paragraph 125, then just page back two or 3 pages to 115. But it would be so much easier to just touch paragraph 125 and page back, without having to look on my table for the location, typing it, and then page back. Is there any way you'all at can share this information with whoever can update the Kindle Fire digital Catechism so that customer satisfaction improves? Here is my table.

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