

Family Catechesis Resource List

“The Christian family is ordinarily the first experience of the Christian community and the primary environment for growth in faith. Because it is the “church of the home” the family provides a unique locus for Catechesis. It is a place where the Word of God is received and from which it is extended.”

National Directory for Catechesis (#29 D)

Below are samples of some of the many resources in the area of Catholic Family Catechesis. We hope this will be a help to families who wish to take an active part in forming their children in faith.

Church Documents in Support of Family Catechesis

- [Catechesi Tradendae](#) (Catechesis in our Time)
- [Gravissimum Educationis](#) (Declaration on Christian Education)
- [Gaudium et Spes](#) (The Church in the Modern World)
- [Lumen Gentium](#) (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church)
- [General Directory for Catechesis](#)
- [National Directory for Catechesis](#)
- [Familiaris Consortio](#) (The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World)
- [Evangelii Nuntiandi](#) (Evangelization in the Modern World)
- [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

United States Bishops Information on Family Catechesis

- USCCB: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/children/> (Article)
- *USCCB Conformity List* **Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series** <http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/subcommittee-on-catechism/upload/Current-Conformity-List.pdf>

Catholic Catechetical Publishers Website and Materials for Family Catechesis

Loyola Press:

Great Website! Get on it and browse. There is much information in both English y Español.

- <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/parish-ministry/intergenerational-catechesis###>
- Book: Pérez-Rodríguez, Arturo, & Arias, Miguel, *Saints of the Americas Conversations with 30 Saints from 15 Countries*
- Website: Family Faith and Fun:
<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/family-faith-and-fun>
- *How to Raise Kids Who Care* (Article)
<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/family/catholic-teens/making-moral-choices/how-to-raise-kids-who-care>
- Book: Campbell, D Min James P., *52 Simple Ways to Talk with Your Kids about Faith*
- Articles & Activities: <http://www.loyolapress.com/faith-formation/christ-our-life/christ-our-life-2016/parents-and-students>
 - *Praying with Children*
 - *Prayer and the Family Meal*
 - *Sunday Connection: Activities and prayer on the Sunday Mass Scripture Readings*
 - *10 Tips for a Better Mealtime*
 - *How to Raise Kids who Care*
 - *Turning to God in Time of Tragedy*
 - *Meet Pope Frances*

RCL Benziger

<http://rclbenziger.com/family-life-parish-products/>

- **Family Life/ Vida Familiar-Series** in English, Español and Bilingual
- *OUR FAMILY PRAYS: Catholic Prayers & Traditions in English & Español*
- *CATHOLIC PRAYERS AND PRACTICES* in English, Español and Bilingual
- *FAITHFUL REVOLUTION VATICAN II (COMPLETE SERIES 5 DVD BOX SET): CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II!*

Sadlier

- **Webpage:** <http://www.sadlier.com/religion/parish-school/catholic-family-life-and-sexuality-for-children>
 - Family Prayer Card (English o Español)
 - Stewards of God's Creation Lesson (English o Español)
- **Webpage: *Family Center*:** Activities, Tips and Articles to support Families in their Spiritual Journey as Catholics
- **Teachings on Human Sexuality:** <http://www.sadlier.com/religion/parish-school/catholic-family-life-and-sexuality-for-children>

St. Mary's Press

Webpage: <http://www.smp.org/category/Family/>

- Book: Edited by: Vitek, MA, John M., *Catholic Family Connections Bible*
- Various Book Titles connecting teens to faith and family

Catholic Mom.com

<http://catholicmom.com/faith/gospel-activities/>

- Sunday Gospel Activities: including:
 - Coloring page
 - Mass worksheets – 7-10, 11-14
 - Lesson Plan
 - Word search – Puzzle, Solution
 - Crossword puzzle – Puzzle, Solution
 - Extra activities
 - Gospel Activity Archives – Previous activities from CatholicMom.com
- **Webpage: Saint Web Sites:**
- <http://catholicmom.com/faith/saint-solutions/>
- - Catholic Cuisine
 - Catholic Culture Prayers, Activities and Recipes for each day of the liturgical calendar
 - Catholic Encyclopedia
 - Catholic Home and Garden Costume Ideas for All Saints Day
 - Catholic Icing All Saints Day Resources
 - Catholic Toolbox Catechetical Activities
 - Holy Spirit Interactive Kids Zone Saint a Day
 - Illuminated Ink Saint Resources
 - J Club Saint a Day for Catholic Kids

- Loyola Press All Saints Day
- Loyola Press Saint Play Scripts
- Loyola Press Saint Resources
- Loyola Press Saint Stories for Kids
- Our Coat of Many Colors Costumes
- Our Sunday Visitor All Saints/Halloween Resources
- Pflaum Family Pages
- Saint Cast
- Saint Fun Facts Cartoons
- Saints.SQPN.com
- Saints and Angels
- Soft Saints
- View from the Domestic Church Saint costume ideas
- Waltzing Matilda Saint coloring pages, games and activities
- **Printable Activities:**
 - All Saints Day Word Search
 - All Saints Day Word Search (Solution)
 - All Saints Day Crossword Puzzle
- **List of Children's Books about Saints**

Social Justice: Catechesis in Action: Families Helping Families

- **Catholic Relief Services (CRS):**
 - <http://www.crs.org/get-involved/resource-center>
 - <http://www.crs.org/get-involved/learn>: Suggestions on how to get involved in helping CRS
- **St Vincent DePaul Society**
 - <http://svdpdallas.org/about-us/>
 - The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Dallas (SVDP) is a nonprofit, Catholic lay organization that provides temporary assistance for basic needs as well as educational, advocacy and referral support to promote self-sufficiency. We serve those in need in Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Fannin, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall counties in North Texas. SVDP assists those in need regardless of race, creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political affiliations.
- **Catholic Charities**
 - <https://ccdallas.org/>
 - Helping Children, Families, Seniors and Refugees
 - Volunteer opportunities available