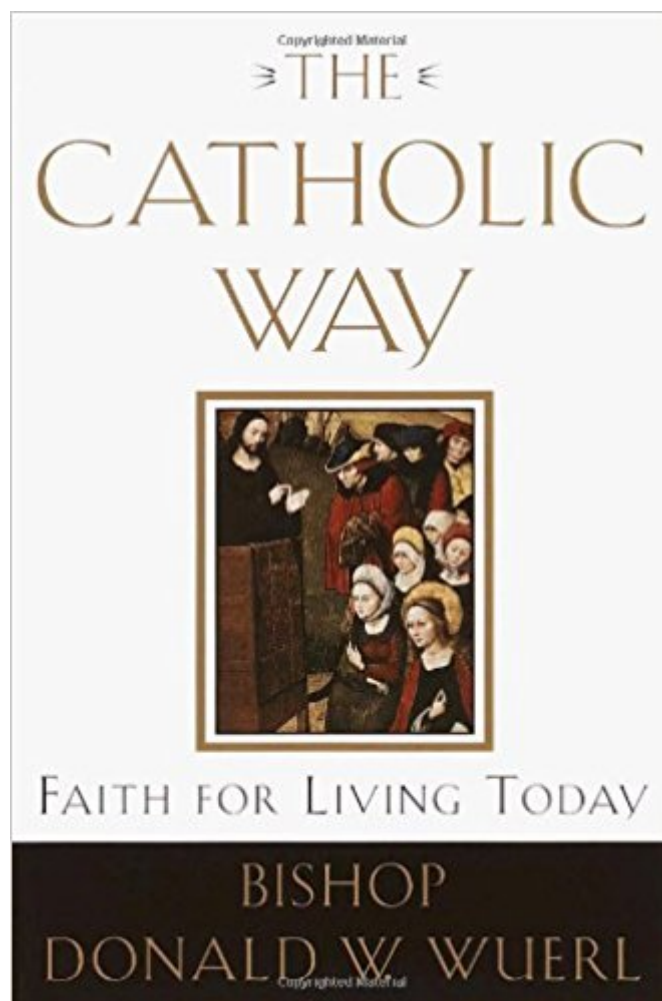


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# The Catholic Way: Faith For Living Today



## Synopsis

The Catholic Way is an up-to-date reflection on what it means to be a Catholic today. It is a clear, intelligent, and authoritative guide to the perennial faith of the Catholic Church as presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Written by a bishop recognized internationally and nationally for his teaching and writing, and for producing video presentations on the Catholic faith, this indispensable book illuminates the riches of the Catholic Church, guiding readers -- whether recent converts or lifelong Catholics -- to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Church. In concise, easy-to-understand language, Bishop Wuerl explains what the Church's Catechism is and how its content touches our life. He elucidates the words of the Sacred Scripture, the meaning of Jesus' life and ministry, Mary's place and significance within the Church's teachings, what the articles of the creed mean, what the sacraments signify, and how the commandments apply to us today. His insights provide answers to the questions "What do we believe?" and "Why do we believe that?" The Catholic Way can be used with confidence by all Catholics. For the faithful and the questioning, for believers and seekers, The Catholic Way will stand as the definitive book on the meaning and power of the Church's Catechism and its beliefs and teachings.

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## Customer Reviews

Anyone who wants to know the Catholic Church's position on just about any topic can easily find it by consulting the church's new catechism, a superbly organized and accessible compendium first published in 1992. For those intimidated by the catechism's language or overwhelmed by its sheer size, several guides have been produced, the latest of which is this easy-to-use companion volume,

written by the bishop of Pittsburgh and chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Education. Although not intended as a substitute for the catechism itself, Wuerl's book provides a fitting introduction to the more detailed summary of Catholic thought, which was produced by a commission of church cardinals and bishops. Wuerl is an excellent teacher who has expanded on portions of the catechism's teachings in 83 chapters, each of them brief and followed by questions for discussion or reflection. He deals with the catechism itself, the place of Scripture, the sacraments, the commandments, moral conscience, natural moral law and prayer. Non-Catholics may be especially interested in his explanations of the church teachings that still separate Catholics and Protestants (namely Mary, the pope and the saints). Progressive Catholics will be happy to see that chapters on social justice issues and racism in America have been included, and traditionalists will be pleased that Wuerl chose to deal with such current concerns as the Catholic belief in the "real presence" and the teaching authority of the pope and bishops. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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Bishop Wuerl, (now Cardinal Donald Wuerl) does an excellent summarization of the Catholic faith. This was a gift for our son who is now married and has moved to another state. He appreciated it as I did because it teaches the faith and is in conformity with the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". At the end of each chapter, there are questions to reflect on which makes it more personable for the reader. It is a book that I recommend for every Catholic, for anyone contemplating becoming a Catholic, or for anyone interested in understanding the Catholic way. Holly

As an inquisitive individual with a fairly secular upbringing, I felt that learning more about faith and living by the structure of a faith was a beneficial investment of my time. While this book does not answer every niggling question in my mind, it's an excellent starting place for non-Catholics and a book of interest to Catholics wanting to become more aware of how living the faith works.

This book is a great point-by-point Catechism for those just beginning to learn about Christianity and Catholicism. While it starts a little simplistically for someone already familiar with the Church's teachings, it does give excellent explanations for those new to the faith. This would be a great gift for a child preparing for their first communion; along with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (which this book is an explanation of) it might even serve well for teenagers in preparation for confirmation, especially if they are poorly catechized. This book is also a great start for introducing friends to the Church who are curious but unaware of what the Church believes.

Cardinal Wuerl's "The Catholic Way was everything I expected it to be, and more.

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