

# Catechism Update

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## What is There for High School on the Conformity List?

The report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the General Assembly in November of 2003 detailing concerns about the content of some high school catechetical material in wide use in this country has raised questions about the availability of materials that do conform to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. In response, here is a brief overview of high school catechetical materials which as of March 1, 2004 carry a declaration of conformity.

There are six high school series which currently carry a declaration of conformity. These appear on the conformity listing by series title only. The series in alphabetical order according to the name of the publisher are:

- ***Consecration in Truth*** from the Apostolate for Family Consecration

*Consecration in Truth* is a seven volume series designed for use at various age levels. The publisher designates the last four volumes in the series as appropriate for use with students on both the junior and senior high school level.

- ***The Apostolate's Family Catechism*** from the Apostolate for Family Consecration

This is a two volume series reflecting the same content as the seven volume series cited above. The publisher has designated these two volumes as appropriate for use with high school age students.

- ***Catholicism Series*** from C.R. Publications

There are four volumes in this series. They are titled: *Catholicism & Ethics*, *Catholicism & Society*, *Catholicism & Reason*, and *Catholicism & Life*. Three of the four texts focus on various aspects of moral theology. The fourth text, *Catholicism & Reason*, is an apologetics text.

- ***Witnesses of Christ*** from the Legionaries of Christ

There are three books in this series designated for tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. They are part of a twelve volume series developed by the Legionaries of Christ for catechetical instruction from first to twelfth grade.

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- **Dominican Series** from Priory Press

There are four volumes in this series. They are titled: *Love's Revelation*, *God Calls You*, *Responding to God*, and *Jesus is the Way*. The publisher describes the series as a “traditional Thomistic study in content and style, adapted for advanced young students.”

- **Understanding the Catechism** from RCL

This is a four volume series of workbooks. They are titled: *Understanding the Catechism: Creed*, *Understanding the Catechism: Liturgy and Sacraments*, *Understanding the Catechism: Morality*, and *Understanding the Catechism: Prayer*, each workbook is designed for one quarter of a school year. The four workbooks together could be used for a year long course, or could be used throughout the four years of high school as supplements. These workbooks could also be used in parish religious education.

In addition to these series, the conformity listing also contains thirteen individual texts or titles for use with high school students. Twelve of these texts are designed for semester or year-long courses in Catholic high schools. The thirteenth text is a Confirmation preparation program for high school age students. The titles are presented alphabetically by publisher and title. If the title is not self-explanatory, a short description is also provided.

### **Ave Maria Press**

*Catholic Social Teaching; Living and Learning Justice*  
*The Church: Our Story* (Church history and ecclesiology)  
*Encountering Jesus in the New Testament*  
*Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshipping in Christ*  
*Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality*  
*Send Out Your Spirit* (Confirmation preparation)

### **Harcourt**

*The Light of Faith* (Overview of the Catholic Faith)  
*Journey Through the Old Testament*

### **Midwest Theological Forum**

*Introduction to Catholicism* (Overview of Catholic Faith)  
*Our Moral Life in Christ*

### **Saint Mary's Press**

*The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth* (Overview of Catholic Faith)  
*Living Justice and Peace*  
*Written on Our Hearts* (Old Testament)

High school publishers continue to work at creating new stand-alone texts such as those cited just above. The Catechism Committee hopes that more high school texts will be added to the conformity listing over the next several months.

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N.B., The Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism has never made a statement to the effect that a particular series or text is better than other series or texts. Nor has the Committee ever identified a series or text as a model for other publishers to follow. In recent months the bishops on the Committee have learned that such claims as these have been made. Anyone making such comments is making false statements.

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### Suggestions for Reading Conformity Listing:

Verify copyright date—an edition in use may not be an edition found to be in conformity.

Verify title and edition—e.g., a School text may carry a conformity declaration while its Parish counterpart does not.

ST = student text      TM = teacher manual      CM = catechist manual      BL = bilingual      S = School

P = Parish      S/P = single edition applicable to both      S&P = two separate editions, both found to be in conformity

## Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

As of March 12, 2004 the following texts and series have been found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

### Apostolate for Family Consecration

|   |                               |                  |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Consecration in Truth ©2001             | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | 1-8, high school |
| The Apostolate's Family Catechism ©2003 | ST                            | 1-12             |

### Ave Maria Press

|   |                             |                        |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice ©2001     | ST                          | high school            |
| Encountering Jesus in the New Testament © 2003                  | ST                          | high school            |
| Our Sacramental Life: Living and Worshiping<br>in Christ © 2003 | ST                          | high school            |
| Send Out Your Spirit © 2003                                     | ST, doctrinal content of TM | high school sac. prep. |
| The Church: Our Story ©1999                                     | ST                          | high school            |
| The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice                | ST                          | high school            |
| Your Life in Christ: Foundations of Catholic Morality ©2001     | ST                          | high school            |

### Benziger

|  |                                      |     |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Benziger Family Life ©2001 (3rd printing or later) | STs                                  | K-8 |
| Christ Jesus, The Way!, S&P © 2003                 | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | K-6 |
| Christo Jesús, el Camino, P© 2003                  | BL STs, doctrinal content of CMs     | K-6 |
| Come Follow Me, S/P ©1998                          | STs, doctrinal content of TMs        | K-8 |
| Share the Joy ©1997                                | STs, doctrinal content of TMs        | K-6 |

### Brightstar Publishing

|   |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
| Light of the World ©1996(TM/1-3) ©1997(4-6) | student booklets,<br>doctrinal content of TMs | ages 9-13 |
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### C.R. Publications

|                               |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Catholicism Series ©1996-1997 | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | high school |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|

### Foundation for the Family

|                                      |  |     |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----|
| The New Corinthians Curriculum ©1996 | teacher curriculum guide,<br>parent-to-child guide | K-8 |
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### Harcourt Religion Publishers

|  |  |                   |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Call to Faith, P ©2005   | ST   | 1-6               |
| Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation ©2000                            | ST, doctrinal content of TM                      | sacramental prep. |
| Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation & Eucharist ©2000              | English STs, BL STs,<br>doctrinal content of TMs | sacramental prep. |
| Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation & Eucharist,<br>Level II ©2002 | English ST, BL ST,<br>doctrinal content of TM    | sacramental prep. |
| Growing in Love ©2001  | STs (3-8), student lessons (K-2)                 | K-8               |
| Journey Through the Old Testament ©2002                              | ST   | high school       |
| The Light of Faith © 2005  | ST   | high school       |
| Walking By Faith, S/P ©1999  | STs, doctrinal content of TMs                    | K-6               |

### Ignatius Press

|   |   |                                  |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Faith and Life © 1984-1987                              | STs, doctrinal content of TMs                       | 1-8                              |
| Faith and Life © 2002 (grades 1-2), © 2003 (grades 3-8) | STs, doctrinal content of TMs                       | 1-2, 3-8                         |
| Image of God © 1986-1993                                | STs, doctrinal content of TMs<br>and resource books | K-8, Confirmation,<br>Mass Books |

### Leaflet Missal Company

|                       |                               |     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Project Genesis ©1997 | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | K-8 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----|

### Legionaries of Christ

|  |    |       |
|--|----|-------|
| The Treasure of My Catholic Faith © 2003 | ST | 1-6   |
| Friends of Jesus © 2003                  | ST | 7-9   |
| Witnesses of Christ © 2003               | ST | 10-12 |

### Loyola Press

|  |                                      |                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Christ Our Life, S/P ©1997(P TM©1999)                    | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | K-8               |
| Christ Our Life, S/P ©1997/2002(P TM©1999)               | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | K-8               |
| Christ Our Life: Confirmed in the Spirit©1997(P TM©1999) | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | sacramental prep. |
| Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts, P ©2005        | STs, doctrinal content of CMs        | 1-6               |
| Knowing Our Catholic Faith: Beliefs & Traditions ©2000   | student worktexts                    | 1-8               |

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### Midwest Theological Forum

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Introduction to Catholicism © 2003 | ST, doctrinal content of TM | high school |
| Our Moral Life In Christ © 2003    | ST, doctrinal content of TM | high school |

### Our Sunday Visitor

|   |                               |     |
|---|-------------------------------|-----|
| Catholic Vision of Love © 1996, revised edition | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | 5-8 |
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### Pauline Books & Media

|                            |                             |                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Be Sealed ©1998            | ST, doctrinal content of TM | sacramental prep. |
| Jesus Brings Us Life ©1996 | ST, doctrinal content of TM | sacramental prep. |

### Priory Press

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Dominican Series © 2000 | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | high school |
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### RCL ♦ Resources for Christian Living

|  |                                      |                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Eucharist © 2003   | ST, doctrinal content of CM          | sacramental prep. |
| Eucharistia © 2003   | ST, doctrinal content of CM          | sacramental prep. |
| Faith First S/P ©2000, 2001 (TM and CM, 3rd printing or later) | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | K-6               |
| Faith First Junior High S/P ©2001                              | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | 7-8               |
| Nuestra Identidad Catolica ©1998                               | student workbooks                    | 1-8               |
| Our Catholic Identity ©1998                                    | student workbooks                    | 1-8               |
| Reconciliation © 2003  | ST, doctrinal content of CM          | sacramental prep. |
| Reconciliación © 2003  | ST, doctrinal content of CM          | sacramental prep. |
| Understanding the Catechism ©1999                              | 4 STs                                | high school       |

### Sadlier (William H. Sadlier, Inc.)

|   |  |                   |
|---|--|-------------------|
| Acercandote a La Fe/Coming to Faith ©1999                 | BL STs,doctrinal content of 1-6 TMs                                | K-6               |
| Coming to Faith/Keystone Edition, S ©1998 & P ©1999       | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs                               | K-6               |
| Faith and Witness Program, S & P ©1998-1999               | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs                               | 7-8               |
| One Faith, One Lord © 2003                                | English ST, BL ST, doctrinal content of English and BL TMs         | 7-8               |
| Sacrament Program: First Reconciliation & Eucharist©2000  | English STs, BL STs, doctrinal content of TMs and director's guide | sacramental prep. |
| The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth©2000 | English ST, BL ST, doctrinal content of English and BL TMs         | sacramental prep. |
| We Believe , S & P © 2004                                 | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs                               | K-6               |

### St. Maron's Publications

|                             |                               |     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Faith of the Mountain ©2000 | STs, doctrinal content of TMs | 1-8 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|

### St. Mary's Press

|   |    |             |
|---|----|-------------|
| Living Justice and Peace © 2002             | ST | high school |
| The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth ©2003 | ST | high school |
| Written on Our Hearts (Old Testament) ©2002 | ST | high school |

### Silver Burdett Ginn

|  |                                      |                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Blest Are We, P © 2002, S © 2004             | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | 1-6               |
| Blest Are We Junior High, P © 2003, S © 2005 | STs, doctrinal content of CM and TMs | 7-8               |
| The Gift of Eucharist ©2000                  | ST, doctrinal content of TM          | sacramental prep. |
| The Gift of Reconciliation ©2000             | ST, doctrinal content of TM          | sacramental prep. |
| This Is Our Faith, S ©1998                   | STs, doctrinal content of TMs        | K-8               |

### Vietnamese Catechetical Committee

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|--|--------------------------|-------------------|
| The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth ©2001 | BL Vietnamese/English ST | sacramental prep. |
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