

catechism update

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National Adult Catechism: Consultation to Begin on Second Draft

In late May, the bishops who serve on the Editorial Oversight Board for the *National Adult Catechism* held a conference call to give a final review to the second draft of the text before sending it out to the bishops of the United States for review and comment. The consultation on this second draft is expected to commence in June and last until sometime in September. Archbishop Hughes, the chair of the Catechism Committee, plans to ask the Administrative Committee in September to schedule a vote of approval for the *National Adult Catechism* at the November 2003 General Assembly.

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Chairman

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The second draft of the *National Adult Catechism* is significantly longer than the first draft. There are several reasons for this. In response to suggestions received from the consultation on the first draft, the treatment of some concepts and topics has been added to the text. The inclusion of a doctrinal summary in each chapter added about two pages to each chapter. A new chapter, found in the second section of the draft, focuses on sacramentals. The material in the two chapters which provides an introduction to the morality section of the text has been reordered and augmented for clarity. The chapters which focus on prayer have doubled in length because of additional material. Practical additions to the text include a table of contents and a comprehensive glossary at the end.

As noted in the last issue of this newsletter, the impending consultation on this second draft is expected to generate suggestions for modifications or amendments which will serve to refine the text. The bishops on the Editorial Oversight Board and on the Catechism Committee are confident that, in the not too distant future, the *National Adult Catechism* will be released for use in the United States and adults throughout the country will find it to be of great benefit.

Once the text has received final approval from the Vatican, the process of translating the text into Spanish will begin. It is anticipated that the Spanish language edition of the *National Adult Catechism* will be available within a year of the approval of the English language text.



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Archbishop Levada Resigns from Catechism Committee

In April, Archbishop William Levada, tendered his resignation from the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism in part because of increased responsibilities as the chair-elect of the Committee on Doctrine. Archbishop Levada has been a member of the Catechism Committee since its inception in 1994. Archbishop Levada also served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Implementation of the Catechism from 1992 to 1994. In addition, Archbishop Levada was one of a group of bishops from around the world appointed by Cardinal Ratzinger in 1986 to serve as a member of the editorial board which oversaw the development of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Archbishop Levada's contributions to the development of the *Catechism* itself as well as to the use of the *Catechism* in this country have been invaluable.

As of this writing, a new member has not yet been appointed to the Catechism Committee to fill the vacancy on the Committee created by Archbishop Levada's resignation. It is expected that a new member will be appointed very soon.

Changes in Staff to the Catechism Committee

The first half of 2003 has brought several changes in staff to the Catechism Committee.

- Molly Growdon, the Administrative Secretary in the office, resigned in order to be able to stay home full time with her new daughter. Christina Major began working as the new Administrative Secretary in March.
- Brian Keane, the Coordinator of Assessment, resigned in April for personal reasons. Marie Scanlon, the new Coordinator of Assessment, will begin working at the Conference on June 2. Marie has extensive experience in catechesis, having served as a Catholic school teacher, a parish Director of Religious Education, the Archdiocesan Director of Parish Religious Education in Philadelphia, and the Director of Catechetical Services for Loyola University Press in Chicago.
- Brian Doyle, the Project Specialist in the office, will be leaving this position in early June to return to his home in the Indianapolis area. He will be working for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis in the Development Office. The process of hiring a new Project Specialist is underway.

Conformity Listing of Catechetical Texts and Series

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

As of June 10, 2003 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
Ave Maria Press		
Catholic Social Teaching: Learning and Living Justice ©2001	ST	high school
Encountering Jesus in the New Testament © 2003	ST	high school
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Send Out Your Spirit © 2003	ST, doctrinal content of TM	high school sacramental prep.
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Benziger		
Benziger Family Life ©2001 (3rd printing or later)	STs	K-8
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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		
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Foundation for the Family		
The New Corinthians Curriculum ©1996	teacher curriculum guide, parent-to-child guide	K-8
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Celebrating Our Faith: Confirmation ©2000	ST, doctrinal content of TM	sacramental prep.
Celebrating Our Faith: Reconciliation & Eucharist ©2000	English STs, BL STs, doctrinal content of TMs	sacramental prep.
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Journey Through the Old Testament ©2002	ST	high school
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Ignatius Press		
Faith and Life © 1984-1987	STs, doctrinal content of TMs	1-8
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Our Sunday Visitor		
Catholic Vision of Love © 1996, revised edition	STs, doctrinal content of TMs	5-8
Pauline Books & Media		
Be Sealed ©1998	ST, doctrinal content of TM	sacramental prep.
Jesus Brings Us Life ©1996	ST, doctrinal content of TMs	sacramental prep.
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St. Maron's Publications		
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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
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The Spirit Sets Us Free: Confirmation Prep for Youth ©2001	BL Vietnamese/English ST	sacramental prep.

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