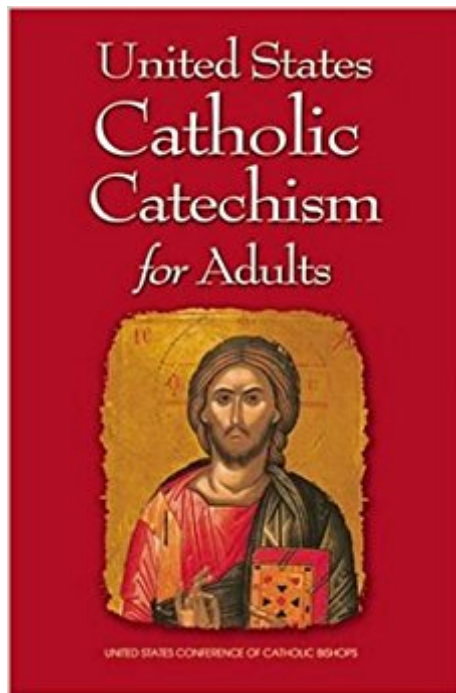




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The presence of the Catholic Church in the United States reaches back to the founding days of our country through the leadership of Archbishop John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States. His story, like other stories at the start of the chapters in the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, gives us a glimpse into the lives of Catholics who lived out their faith throughout our country's history.

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Customer Reviews

"When it is published, it will be an invaluable tool for adult catechesis, especially the RCIA." --Bishop Michael Saltarelli, Diocese of Wilmington

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults was developed by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism of the Catholic Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of bishops at its November 2004 General Meeting and received the subsequent recognition of the Holy See.

My first comment pertains only to the Kindle edition, which I purchased today, for convenience of availability, as I lead a Faith Formation department at a large parish --The Kindle edition does not include Page Numbers! How silly! If I want to mark something in my Kindle edition, that I've noticed

in my print edition, the closest I can immediately come is the CHAPTER -- not the page! Then, I have to check the print edition, to see what's on the page, and go back to the Kindle edition to find a page that looks like that in the chapter. In the Kindle edition you can only find things by Chapter. You could find your exact page, IF you already knew the "location number" that is assigned to that page in the Kindle version. The problem is, that you can't know that until AFTER you find the correct page. Sorry, , I love ya, but this is NUTS. This is THE reason why I give the KINDLE VERSION of this Book 4 stars, instead of 5. It's a demerit for KINDLE, not for the Book itself. The Kindle Version also leaves out all of the photos that appear in the print version. Now, I'll take a breath, and speak to the print edition of the Book, which I have also purchased through . It's excellent -- provided that you also own, and have ready at hand, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The US Catholic Catechism for Adults is not an official doctrinal/dogmatic work; it is an instrument for catechesis, based upon the CCC. I keep my CCC, and the Compendium CCC at hand, to look up the references. As a leader of a Faith Formation department, I feel a responsibility to be able to "back up" what appears in any teaching instrument, with the actual text from the CCC and/or other official Church documents.

We bought the Kindle version for use in a class at our church. While all the content is the same as the printed edition, the formatting is different, making it difficult to follow along with the priest leading the discussion. First issue is the lack of page numbers in our Kindle Fire HD. Second, and more importantly, the printed edition contains blocked text in gray boxes which interjects pertinent commentary. This is presented in the Kindle as a section of text with a line before and after, but otherwise indistinguishable from the main text, which disrupts the flow of the reading and understanding. The US Catholic Catechism is unique in providing supportive description and examples. It is not just the dry presentation of question and answer like the Baltimore Catechism of my youth, but may include real world examples of people living the faith as well as theological truths. Despite being a Catholic all our lives, we are learning new things in an adult format about our Church.

This book is based upon the superb CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. The book introduces many Catholic Saints and other outstanding Catholics. I'm currently using the book to catechise a woman who wishes to return to the Church after being away since childhood. She is very intelligent and seems to grasp the basic teachings of the Church, The book is difficult and takes concentration to go through it. I recommend the book to those who must prepare adults for Baptism,

Confirmation and/or First Confession.

...this catechism could be good for RCIA classes, along with the study guide, I suppose, but it's mainly just a re-hash of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which, in my opinion, is a more complete catechism and should be THE text for use in RCIA. I find that this catechism sort of 'talks down' to the adults for which it is intended. Just my 2¢...

This Catechism gives additional information that relates to the US. Nice additional touch.

The United States Catechism for Adults (US Catechism) is THE book for RCIA in the United states. I am in my 7th year as director of an RCIA program in DC and use it in our RCIA program as the book the students read at home; the book that has assigned readings for each week. Then I ask the students to write in the "Reader's Journal for the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults" (Readers Journal), which they bring to class for small group discussions each week. They only have to bring the Readers Journal to class. In class we use questions from the "Compendium : Catechism of the Catholic Church" (Compendium) to launch into topics and teaching, and read aloud from paragraphs in the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" (CCC) to reinforce the points. As the teacher I am aided by the "Study Guide for the U.S. Adult Catholic Catechism" (Study Guide), which identifies what questions in the Compendium and what paragraphs in the CCC match the Chapter of the US Catechism. Then for video supplementation we are aided by components of the Catholicism series by Fr. Barron, and by the great new resource arrangement at Word on Fire (<http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/browse/catechism/>) which has Fr. Barron's 10 minute topic video pieces arranged by the Chapters of the CCC. Arranging the delivery and coverage of content at RCIA has gotten a lot easier!!

I studied the regular Catechism that came out a couple years ago, read the entire thing, even took a mini 3wk online course from it, but this boook, AAAHHHHH!! Finally something that really explains the concepts in everyday language. I've only started this book, but love it already. I actually cant wait to pick it up at night and see what's next. Really really really excellent . I may even buy the study guide, not that you need it.

I recently went through the RCIA process to convert to Catholicism. This book helped me a great deal in understanding what the church teaches and why. I enjoyed reading it much more than

expected.

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