

An Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

CATECHISM *of the* CATHOLIC CHURCH

SECOND EDITION

*revised in accordance with the official Latin text
promulgated by Pope John Paul II*

contains glossary and analytical index



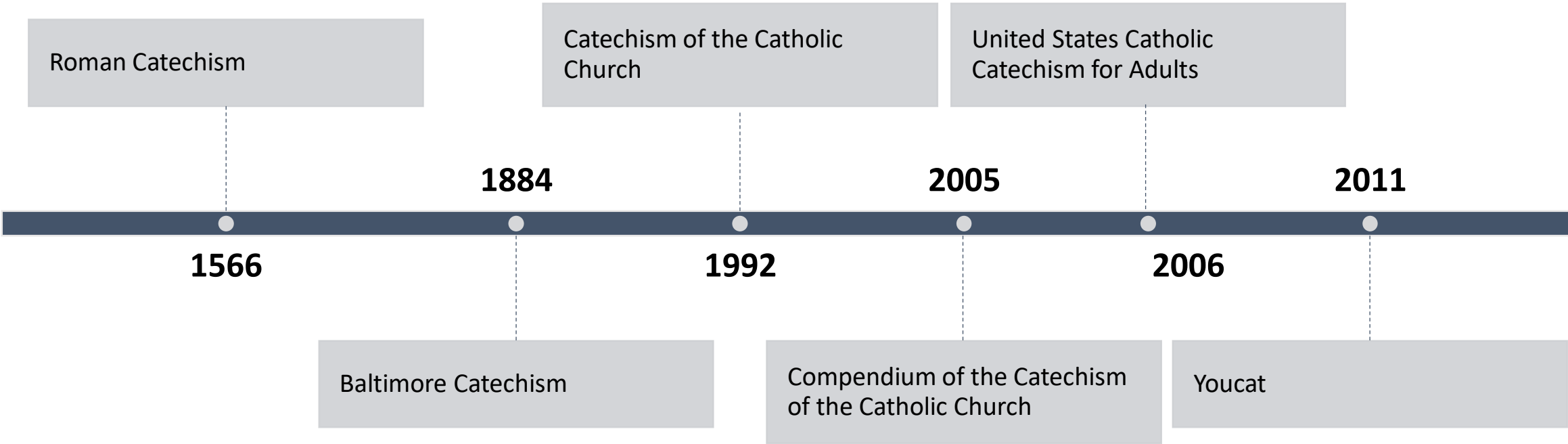
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What is a Catechism?

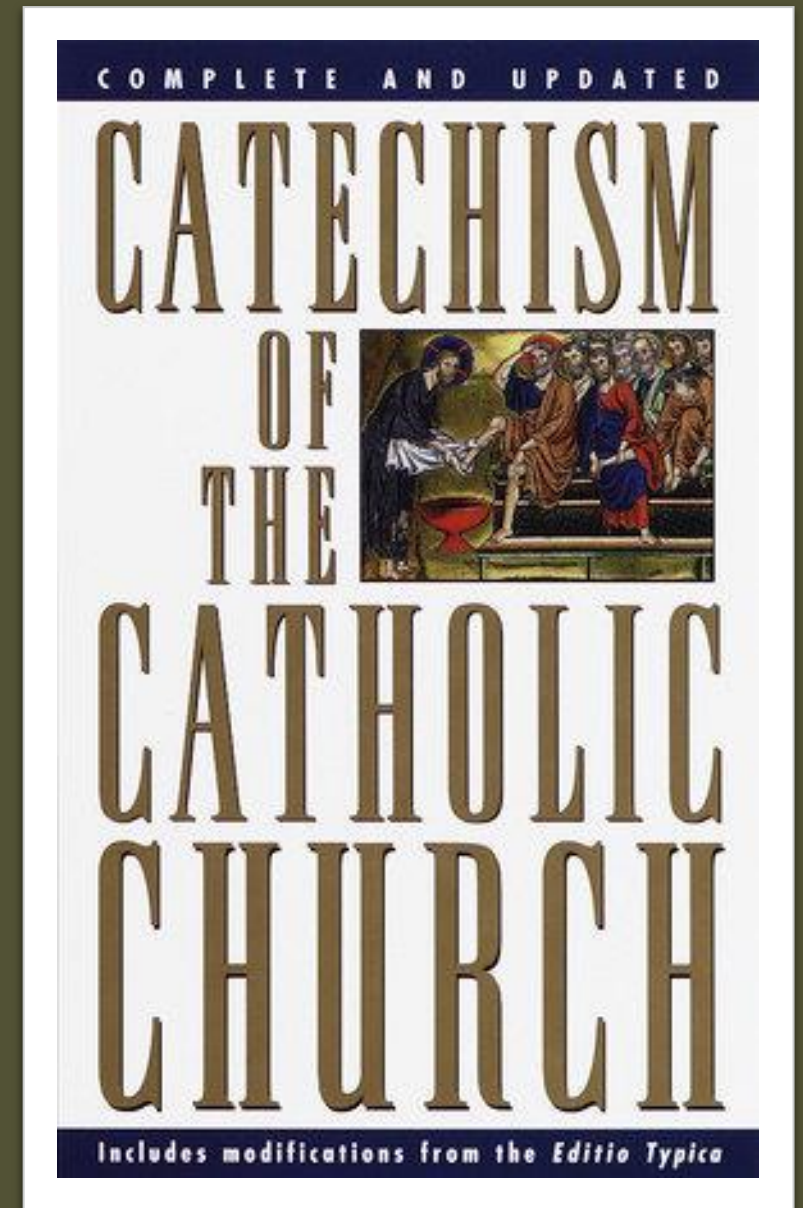
- “A catechism is a text which contains the fundamental Christian truths formulated in a way that facilitates their understanding.” – USCCB
- It conveys the essential teachings of the Catholic Church in a summary.
- A Catechism is not a “how-to” manual or a list of laws/rules.

A Partial History of the Catechism



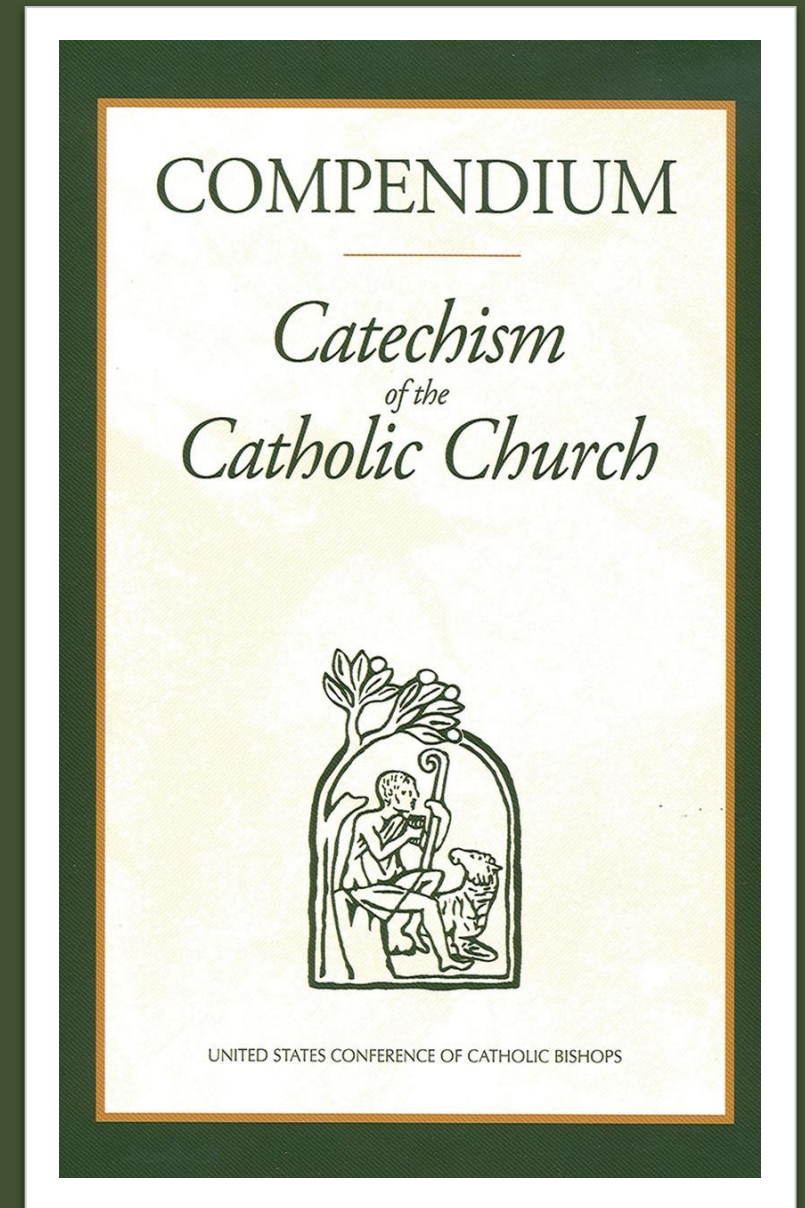
The Catechism of the Catholic Church

- A universal or major catechism
- Intended as the “standard” or basis for all other catechisms
- It is a point of reference
- References Sacred Scripture, the Church Fathers, popes, church documents, and the writings of the saints
- Can be difficult to read
- Full Text online:
 - http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM



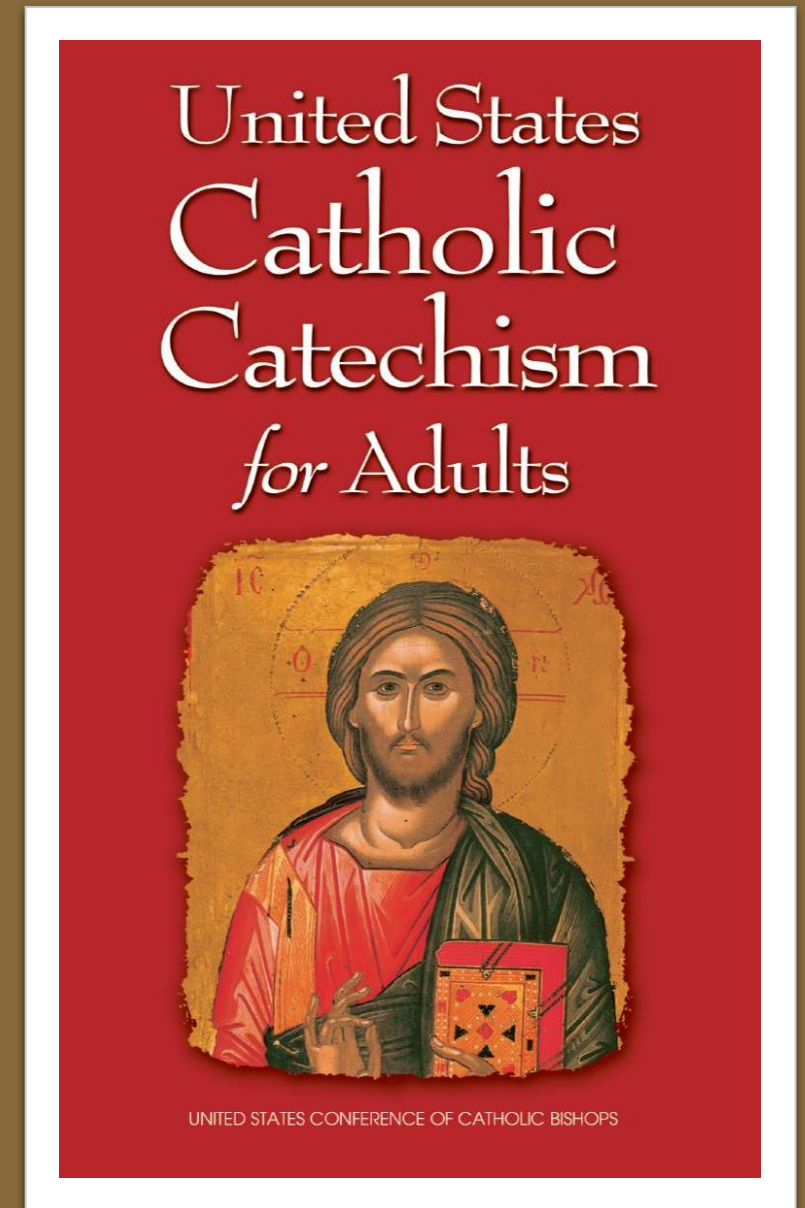
Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

- Q & A format
- A concise summary of the CCC
- References the CCC
- Shorter and easier to read than the CCC
- Full Text online at
 - http://www.vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents/archive_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html



United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

- Created by the USCCB and intended for use in the US
- Minor catechism
- Easier to read than the CCC
- Full text online at
 - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/us-catholic-catechism-for-adults/index.cfm>





The Four Parts of the CCC

- The Profession of Faith
- The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
- Life in Christ
- Christian Prayer



Part 1: The Profession of Faith

- I believe...
- An in-depth analysis of the Nicene Creed
 - The Revelation of God and man's response
 - The Holy Trinity
 - The Incarnation, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - The four marks of the Church



Part 2: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

- The Liturgy
 - What is Liturgy?
- The Seven Sacraments of the Church
 - Why did Christ give us the Sacraments?
 - What are the Sacraments?
 - What do they “do”?



Part 3: Life in Christ

- Christian morality and free will
- The virtues
- Sin - venial and mortal
- Living in society and social justice
- Moral law
- Grace and justification
- The Ten Commandments



Part 4: Christian Prayer

- The universal call to prayer
- The different types and ways to pray
- The Our Father

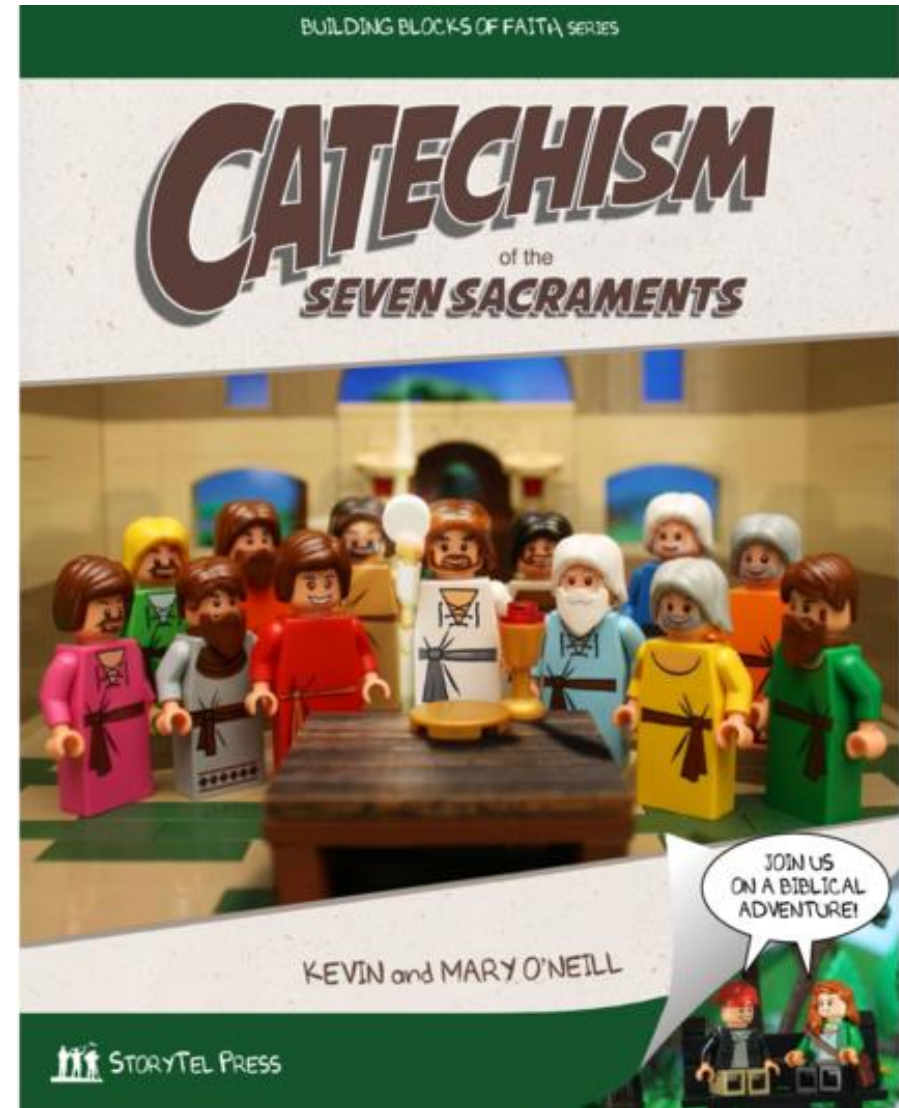


How To Use a Catechism

- Index
- Small Faith Sharing Groups
- Catechism in a year
 - <https://flocknote.com/catechism>
 - <https://chnetwork.org/free-resource-updated-version-of-our-read-the-bible-and-the-catechism-in-a-year-guide/>

Wait! One more Catechism...

- <https://www.storytel.org/catechism>





Conclusion

- Every Catholic Household should have at least two books...
- Verify
- Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition
- When Referenced: (CCC 1996)
- CCC Tabs: <https://www.amazon.com/Catechism-Tabs-Coming-Home-Network/dp/0980006619>