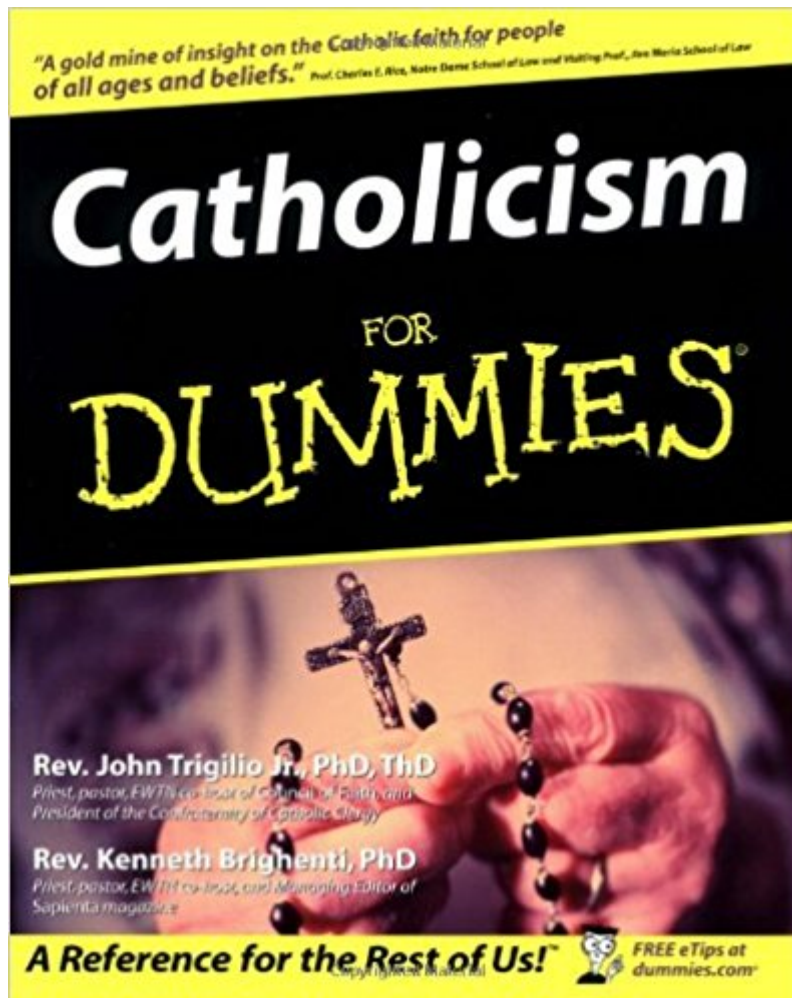




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# Catholicism For Dummies



## Synopsis

There are more than one billion Catholics in the world, and each one has a similar set of basic beliefs and practices that he or she follows. Some of the teachings of Catholicism are thousands of years old, while others are more recent. So what is the Catholic culture like and what do they believe? *Catholicism For Dummies* answers these and many other questions. Whether you're a Catholic or not, you may be totally clueless or just unaware of some aspects of Catholic traditions, history, doctrine, worship, devotion, or culture. No sweat. Regardless of whether you're engaged, married, related to a Catholic, or just curious about what Catholics really do believe, this book is for you. *Catholicism For Dummies* is not a catechism or religious textbook, but a casual, down-to-earth introduction for non-Catholics and reintroduction for Catholics. It gives commonsense explanations so that the next time you're invited to a Catholic wedding, Baptism, funeral, Confirmation, or First Communion, you won't be totally confused. You'll also discover other important topics that can help you better understand the Catholic culture—from morality and devotions to worship and liturgy. This book will familiarize you with Catholicism by showing you:

- What it means to be a Catholic: traditions, prayers, beliefs, and holidays
- Who is who in the Catholic hierarchy
- How Catholics worship
- What the Seven Sacraments and Ten Commandments are
- The book regarded as the holiest to Catholics: The Bible
- The Church's stand on some sticky issues

*Catholicism For Dummies* presents a rich tapestry and history of the Catholic faith—from devotions to doctrines. This intelligent and faithful look at Catholicism will open your eyes to this religion and answer many of the questions you may have about it.

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"A gold mine of insight on the Catholic faith for people of all ages and beliefs." &#151;Prof. Charles E. Rice, Notre Dame School of Law and Visiting Prof., Ave Maria School of Law Explains the deadly sins and cardinal virtues Get the scoop on the Catholic Church&#146;s stand on important social issues Want to know more about Catholicism? Catholicism For Dummies presents the rich tapestry and history of the Catholic Church &#150; from devotions to doctrines. You&#146;ll find a description of the Catholic Mass, the seven sacraments, the liturgical calendar, the duties of the clergy, and much more. Praise for Catholicism For Dummies "Catholicism For Dummies is an intelligent and faithful look at one of the more misunderstood topics in contemporary religion." &#150; Michael S. Rose, author of Goodbye, Good Men, Priest, and Ugly as Sin

Item as described. Purchased secondhand. So far it's been extremely informative. I've just started an RCIA class or journey as I'd prefer to call it. This book lays out the most asked questions and corrects so many peoples misconception of Catholicism. Whether you are Catholic or interested or just need to educate yourself before you try and have a conversation with someone of the Catholic faith...this is a great find and an easy read. I told my ex that he should really educate himself before slamming my beliefs. He strongly believes that I'm not a Christian because he grew up being told that Catholics aren't Christians. I told him he needed to shut his mouth until he educated himself. Christianity has been around for a very long time and it didn't start with Southern Baptists. I told him to never bring up religious conversation with me again unless he did his research. Anyway, this book is a great guide and wonderful intro to anyone whether they are new to the information or grew up in the Catholic Church.

This definitely is a good summary, but does offend my Catholic friends when they see it in my library. It is a great reference point for non-cradle Catholics! Truly loved it in conjunction with my RCIA classes/sponsors assistance.

Great book. A lot of detail. Received fast

The book I bought was identified as the 2003 edition. Subsequent to purchasing the book I found

out that the latest edition is 2012. When I ordered the book, I thought it was the latest edition--which is the one I wanted. Although it was my mistake, when the bookseller learned that I was disappointed with my purchase they unilaterally refunded to me both the purchase price of the book I received AND the shipping cost. I was truly amazed at their graciousness. You don't find this kind of customer service often. I will not hesitate to purchase from these folks in the future. They really care about their customers' satisfaction.GREAT JOB!!!!

This is a good book for introduction to the beautiful Catholic faith. This book is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith or for lukewarm Catholic who wants to deepen their faith. It will also explain and dispel some misconceptions about the Catholic faith. It will explain from the basic of the faith, to the traditions and of course who doesn't feel warmth reading about all these wonderful people who have defended their faith through kindness and give you hope for humanity.

After purchasing this book for obscure information, I quickly discovered this book is a hidden gem of understanding. For the Catholic, it provides what the person never received from their catechism. For the non-Catholic, they learn the truth about Catholicism and the fact there are more than one Catholic type.The style of writing provides and easy read for the user. The downside to this is the lack of depth that I was looking for. This is not a negative for the vast majority that would read this. It will definitely make one think more positively about this religion.If you had a question this book should have the answer.

I bought this before I entered the Church. It was a wonderful introduction into Catholicism. It definitely debunked many 'myths' that have been espoused for years about the Catholic church.I would recommend this not only for RCIA hopefuls but also for those that want to "revive" their faith in the Catholic Church and Christianity as whole

I was always curious about Catholicism but was embarrassed to ask....this book was very helpful, funny, but respectful.Everything I thought I knew about the Catholic church was wrong. Very good book.

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