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### **Catholicism: A Complete**

**Introduction: Teach Yourself** Sophia  
Institute Press

“All of us are called to keep striving  
towards something greater than  
ourselves and our families, and every  
family must feel this constant impulse.  
Let us make this journey as families, let  
us keep walking together.” Pope Francis,  
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Church, calling us to be a sign of mercy  
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edition includes exclusive reflection and  
discussion questions, to help Catholics  
grow in our understanding of this call,  
and act upon it. In Amoris Laetitia: On  
Love in the Family the Holy Father  
expands on the topics and  
considerations of the two Synods on the  
family, and adds his own considerations

to help us provide pastoral guidance to support and strengthen today's families. On Love in the Family guides us through: Scripture - what we can learn from Biblical families and relationships with God and each other Reality - the experiences and challenges we face in today's world Tradition - essential aspects of Church teaching on marriage and families Love - what it means for all our relationships Ministry - Pope Francis offers pastoral perspectives for helping build strong families Spirituality - the expression of the Gospel message in our relationships

Oxford University Press

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ, and following him as his disciples. These are

times of immense challenge and immense opportunity for the Catholic Church. Consider these statistics for the United States. Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing. Fully 10 percent of all adults in America are ex-Catholics. The number of marriages celebrated in the Church decreased dramatically, by nearly 60 percent, between 1972 and 2010. Only 60 percent of Catholics believe in a personal God. If the Church is to reverse these trends, the evangelizers must first be evangelized-in other words, Catholics-in-the-pew must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him. This work of discipleship lies at the heart of Forming Intentional Disciples, a book designed to help

Church leaders, parish staff and all Catholics transform parish life from within. Drawing upon her fifteen years of experience with the Catherine of Siena Institute, Sherry Weddell leads readers through steps that will help Catholics enter more deeply into a relationship with God and the river of apostolic creativity, charisms, and vocation that flow from that relationship for the sake of the Church and the world. Learn about the five thresholds of postmodern conversion, how to open a conversation about faith and belief, how to ask thought-provoking questions and establish an atmosphere of trust, when to tell the Great Story of Jesus, how to help someone respond to God's call to intentional discipleship, and much more. And be prepared for conversion because

when life at the parish level changes, the life of the whole Church will change.

[A comprehensive guide to the history, beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith](#)  
Arcadia Publishing

The death of Pope John Paul II and consequent election of Pope Benedict XVI has shed light on a political process that the world has not been privy to for almost twenty-six years. People from around the world gathered in St. Peter's Square, wondering who the next Vatican leader would be and how the election process really worked, while everyone from international news correspondents to local priests added their own opinions to the debate. In Heirs of the Fisherman, former Vatican insider John-Peter Pham presents a candid portrait of the modern Vatican, the only account to reveal the

striking changes to papal succession procedures made by John Paul II. Blending political and ecclesiastical history, Pham goes beyond a mere description of the complex rituals to offer rare insight into the dramatic shifts inside the College of Cardinals, whose 100 members now hail from 50 nations around the globe. He takes us into the secret conclave, where the electors were kept under lock and key, until they had selected a new pope. He also includes a chapter devoted to the intrigues of the 20th century where the first conclave had an emperor's veto and the last was won by the first non-Italian in four centuries because the Italians were bitterly divided. With a new Preface, Afterword, and appendices that include an English translation of the last will and

testament of Pope John Paul II, *Heirs of the Fisherman* is an illuminating history and must-have guide to this vitally important world event. It will continue to be an indispensable reference to observers of future Catholic Church politics.

### **On Love in the Family** Franciscan Media

Dear friend: If you are seeking answers about the Catholic annulment process after having gone through the pain of divorce, my heart is with you. While you certainly want technical answers to questions about the “process,” you’re probably searching even more for answers to the aching questions that weigh heavy on your heart: How in the world did I end up here? How could God allow my marriage to end in divorce? Am

I still accepted in my Church? And perhaps most importantly, Where do I go from here? These are critical questions, and you deserve honest answers. Rest assured, you are not alone. I speak from experience. I've been where you are and know what you are going through. In *Mending the Heart: The Catholic Annulment Companion*, I walk with you through the annulment process, taking a close look at the changes Pope Francis has made, and helping you discover ways to find hope and healing in the midst of heartbreak. Know that God wants to heal you through this process. He wants to bring triumph out of the pain you are experiencing now, and set you on the path to a new, deeply fulfilling life. In Christ, Lisa Duffy

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author, speaker, and divorce recovery expert who experienced the tragedy of an unwanted divorce in the early 1990s. She has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after divorce. Author of many books on divorce recovery and personal divorce recovery coach, she has also instituted the Journey of Hope program for Catholic divorce support groups in parishes across the United States and in Canada. Aside from her dedication to her family, Lisa speaks at conferences, appears on television and radio, coaches one-on-one and in groups, and holds online events. She resides in South Carolina with her husband and three children.

[Behind the Scenes of Papal Death and Succession](#) iUniverse

In this beautifully illustrated and photographed book, best-selling author Msgr. Joseph Champlin explores the major teachings and observances of the Catholic tradition: history, worship, prayer, sacraments, faith, moral issues, community and more. Each of the 12 chapters opens with a true story that highlights a common challenge of everyday life. Using these incidents as a springboard, Msgr. Champlin shows how the Scriptures, the Mass and the sacraments, and the resources and guidance of the Church help us to live a fulfilling, grace-filled life.

**Straight Answers to Tough Questions** Psychology Press

Drawing on more than a hundred interviews with Vatican officials, this book affords a firsthand look at the

people, the politics, and the organization behind the institution. Throughout, revealing and colorful anecdotes from church history and the present day bring the unique culture of the Vatican to life.

Keeping Human Relationships Together: Teach Yourself

Annulments and the Catholic Church  
Straight Answers to Tough Questions  
Ascension Press

*Rekindle the Gift of God* Usccb Pub.

"If you have been away from the Church for a long time, please have the courage to take the next step.... If for some reason you cannot obtain an annulment through no fault of your own, then learn more about the internal forum solution. It may be a viable option in your situation." Book jacket.

The Three Things Divorced Catholics



Needs to Know Harvard University Press  
With the promulgation of the motu proprio *Mitis iudex Dominus Iesus* for the Latin Church and the motu proprio *Mitis et misericors Iesus* for the Eastern Catholic Churches, both dated August 15, 2015, Pope Francis addressed the calls during the Third Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 5-19, 2014) for a simplified procedure for the declaration of the nullity of marriages. Pope Francis introduced a briefer process to be conducted by the diocesan bishop and he simplified the current ordinary nullity process. The new procedural norms went into effect on December 8, 2015. New legislation always challenges first and foremost the practitioner: how is the new legislation to be understood and

applied? Immediately after the new law was made public, a number of articles on this new legislation were published in *The Jurist*. The School of Canon Law of The Catholic University of America organized a March 2016 Workshop on the very topic of this important procedural reform. These articles are now brought together in one volume to assist those who work with these norms in the various tribunals dealing with marriage cases. It is hoped that this volume will be of great service to all those who serve the people of God in the ministry of justice, and that these contributions will truly be a help in understanding and applying the new norms.

**Heirs of the Fisherman** CUA Press  
Annulment. A perplexing word. To some,

both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, it is synonymous with "Catholic divorce." Many questions abound regarding this issue, one which unfortunately touches the lives of many in the Church today. In this helpful book, canon and civil lawyer Edward N. Peters clears up some of the confusion by answering the most commonly-asked annulment questions in a thorough yet-easy-to-understand style. *Catholics, Marriage and Divorce*  
iUniverse

Roman Catholicism stands at a crossroads, a classic "best of times, worst of times" moment. On the one hand, the Catholic Church remains by far the largest branch of the worldwide Christian family, and is growing at a remarkable clip. Yet the Church has also been rocked by a series of scandals

related to the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, and, even more devastating, the cover-up by the Church hierarchy. The decade-long crisis has taken a massive financial toll, but the blow to both the internal morale and the external moral standing of the Church has been even steeper. Today, the Church has enormous residual strength and exciting future prospects, but also faces steep internal and external challenges. The question of "whither Catholicism" is of vital public relevance, for believers and non-believers alike. In *The Catholic Church: What Everyone Needs to Know*, John L. Allen, Jr., one of the world's leading authorities on the Vatican, offers an authoritative and accessible guide to the past, present, and future of the Church. This updated edition includes a

new chapter on the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, the election of Pope Francis, and his extraordinary tenure thus far.

The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus, Spanish Ascension Press

Of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church, matrimony is the most discussed, debated, disputed, and adjudicated in all of canon law. In this book, Brendan Killeen employs the fundamental question “What brings a marriage into existence?” as the legal and scholarly means to explore the very nature of marriage within the framework of the canon law of the Catholic Church. Killeen conducts his exploration in two phases. First he scrutinizes the canon law’s primary sources—texts dating as far back as the Roman Empire—and

gives readers a fresh perspective of the law’s historical progression. He then examines the papers from the Second Vatican Council and offers both an objective evaluation of the law at present and some possible amendments for its future. Noteworthy for its diligent research and in-depth analysis, *What Brings a Marriage into Existence?* will be useful to both newcomers to the canon law of marriage as well as seasoned scholars.

Catholicism: An Introduction

Resurrection Press

*Divorce, Annulments, and the Catholic Church: Healing or Hurtful?* is the first published study on annulments with wide-scale usage of questionnaires and interviews. In addition to delivering a quantitative analysis of the responses to

various questions (religious, social, or psychological), it explains in lay terms what annulments are and what the acceptable grounds are for annulment and takes you step-by-step through the process of obtaining one. This insightful book also contains case studies of individuals who have been hurt by annulments and offers suggestions on how people who want to contest an annulment should proceed.

*Annulment Our Sunday Visitor*  
Available January 2006  
Genuine spirituality is rooted in our ability to be fully human, and nowhere is this more fully seen in our relationships with others. Focusing on marriage relationships, here priest/psychologist Padovani offers couples solid and practical advice gleaned from his thirty

plus years as a counselor.

*What Brings a Marriage Into Existence?*  
Pantheon

"The Best Articles of Fr. John T. Catoir, JCD" is a collection of 96 of Fr. John's favorite articles written for The Beacon, the Catholic newspaper of the diocese of Paterson, New Jersey, that published his syndicated columns for well over half a century. This collection features articles like, "Abortion and Divine Mercy", "Atheism", "Bear Your Cross with Courage", "Inner Peace Depends on You", "Controlling Your Thoughts", and "Joy Prevails Over Sorrow". Each article is written with the tender wisdom and keen insight of one whose ministry has "...touched the lives of thousands of people from all walks of life." - John Cardinal O'Connor

*Annulments and the Catholic Church*

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"Rekindle the gift of God that is within you", Saint Paul urges Timothy years after his ordination (2 Tim 1:6). Drawing on sixty years of experience as a Catholic priest, Cistercian Fr. Roch Kereszty provides realistic spiritual, psychological, and pastoral guidance to priests and seminarians—from preaching and sacramental ministry, to parish life and spiritual direction, to chastity and poverty. Countless priests struggle to understand their role and identity in the post-conciliar Church, where laypeople have taken on many responsibilities once considered priestly. With the sexual abuse crisis kicking up a cloud of

confusion and discouragement, many young men are wondering, "Why join a system in which everyone is suspect?" Meanwhile, without the right guidance, those already ordained can find themselves slipping into boredom—or even cynicism. But Fr. Kereszty knows the fire of a true vocation. With insights and examples from St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and many others, *Rekindle the Gift of God* helps priests and seminarians discover or rediscover their mission as shepherds, prophets, and teachers. A happy priest is one who lays down his life not only for his flock, but for his Lord. Father Kereszty gives patient, down-to-earth counsel on putting this ideal into practice, and he offers a glimpse of his own immense joy

and gratitude for the gift of serving Jesus Christ.

### **A Catholic Annulment Companion**

Paulist Press

For Catholics who face the reality of marriage breakdown, for separated or divorced Catholics who wish to remarry—and for those who counsel them—the circumstances leading to annulment are of paramount importance. Here, in clear and uncomplicated language, Bishop Robinson explains God's plan for marriage and the criteria the Church follows in granting a decree of nullity. The Code of Canon Law Paulist Press  
 “The Reverend Father Anthony Odinakachi Nwachukwu, Ph.D., Psy.D., has ventured into uncharted territory in this provocative and stimulating study

of the creative integration of spiritual psychology and the West African mind. His insightful probing into the inner workings of the human mind and spiritual development as epitomized in human relationships is a major contribution to the related fields of West African studies, spiritual psychology, and religious consciousness”. John H. Morgan, President Ph.D. (Hartford), D.Sc. (London), Psy.D. (FH/Oxford) Senior Fellow of Foundation House, Oxford. “If discipline [i.e. - doing the right thing when no one is watching] and sound moral living are the measurements for solid education, self-fulfillments, religious practices and healthy relationships, then, the book has said it all. It has, not only, provided the various management strategies that resuscitate

broken relationships, but also, created conscious inner strengths that keep the healthy ones alive, both in the private and public sectors. I recommend that everybody joins Nwachukwu in this timely opportunity and the 21st century campaign for sound radical changes in the individual lives and society”.

Anthony J. Grieco, MD, MACP, Professor of Medicine, NYU School of Medicine  
“The African erudite author once more avails every reader of his psychological insight into the secrets of maintaining a healthy relationship. While promoting a positive and optimistic attitude, he gets to the root of the illusions, presumptions and projections that impact negatively on its attainment. The author's reflections in a way seem to have translated the Tillichian idea of the

paradoxical co-existence of the good and the bad into its psychological, ethical and practical relevance. I highly recommend this book to everyone who is out to make his life a success story”. Dr.-theol. Sylvester I. Ihuoma, Delegate for Africans, University of Muenster, Germany. \* “Wow! This book is more of the GPS system that guides each individual life”. It is actually a book for every rational person”. Joan Bareth, (NM, NYU) \* “Many authors have written on a variety of related subjects on human relationships. But this book practically touches on every aspect of human life, political, socio-religious, spiritual etc and this makes it unique for everybody to read”. Mr. Andrew Clerico (Fixed Income Portfolio Manager, NY) “Sex has no religion – I agree. Your book is as

exciting as the Action Alert Tonic – AAT you have provided for the young generation and society.

Congratulations!” Dr. Innocent E. Gubor (Upstate University, SYR, NY)

Where Do You Stand with the Church?

What Is the Internal Forum? Cambridge Scholars Publishing

In 1993, Sheila Rauch Kennedy received a letter from the Boston Catholic Archdiocese announcing that her former husband, Congressman Joseph Kennedy, was seeking an annulment of their marriage. If the Church granted the annulment, the marriage, which had lasted twelve years, would be rendered nonexistent -- not simply ended, as was stated in the divorce decree, but invalid from the start. And their two sons would be regarded as children of an

unsanctified union. Joseph Kennedy needed the annulment to remarry within the Church, and he encouraged his ex-wife to ignore the details. Stunned by the hypocrisy of the process and the betrayal of trust it involved, Sheila Rauch Kennedy was determined to defend the legitimacy of her former marriage. Shattered Faith is the fascinating chronicle of that struggle, and of what Kennedy uncovered about the uses and frequency of annulments in the United States. Interweaving her own experiences with those of other women whose trust in the Church was shattered by annulment, she tells a story that will surprise, anger, and move readers of every faith.

Roman Catholicism in America Liturgical Press



Annulment simplifies and demystifies the Catholic Church's annulment process for anyone with an "irregular marriage" situation who seeks to join the Church.

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