

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

A CULTURE OF LIFE AND THE PENALTY OF DEATH

DVD 262 16 Minutes S;A

Watch *A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death*. Learn about Catholic social teaching on this important issue. Hear from those who have been touched by violence, like Bud Welch, whose daughter died in the Oklahoma City bombing. Join the Catholic Church's campaign as we work to eliminate the use of the death penalty in the United States.

A LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS

DVD 265 60 Minutes S;A

Since his elevation to the papacy in 1978, John Paul II has reshaped its image and the Church through his worldwide travels, statesmanship, and personal charisma. Produced on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his priesthood, *John Paul II: A Light for the Nations* is an intimate portrait of the life and ministry of John Paul II as seen through the eyes of childhood friends and church leaders. Study guide.

ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM

DVD 010 20 Weeks A

Continue on your journey through the Bible with the third foundational study of *the Great Adventure series, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom*. This 20-week study of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of the earliest days of the Church and shows you how Christ's work continues through us in the Church today. Learn how the other parts of the New Testament fit into the narrative told in Acts and will reference portions of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

ADULT BAPTISM: EXPLORING ITS MEANING

VC 649 31 Minutes S;A

Baptism holds many rich levels of meaning for those becoming Catholics. Explore those meanings as you prepare for baptismal conversion and commitment. Story Segment: Looks at several slices of life, set against the rich imagery of water and the celebration of the Easter Vigil, to help viewers answer the question "What does it mean to be baptized"? Witness Segment: Presents real-life Catholic testifying to what the celebration of their own Baptism means to them. Teaching Segment: Examines the various images used in connection with Baptism, and goes on to offer insights into the question of what it means to be baptized. Concludes with a music video reflection. Guide included.

ADVENT: CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR FOR CHILDREN

VC 140 15 Minutes P;I

Advent is a time of waiting and of hope. This program helps one get in touch with his/her own hopes and the love of a Christ in one's life.

ADVENT WITH ST. NICHOLAS

VC 299 12 Minutes P;I

Ten-year-old Holly arrives home from religion class eager to enter a contest about the meaning of Advent. While she tries to tell her family about it, they are too caught up in worry and banter about the details of Christmas preparation to listen. Later that day Holly sits at the computer, feeling discouraged. Suddenly a surprise visitor appears--St. Nicholas! With the saint's help, Holly learns more about the meaning and background of customs her family and other families practice during Advent. Story offers ideas as to how some of the customs can be practiced in a way that celebrates the Advent spirit of expectation and mystery. Study guide.

ADVENTURES OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

DVD 380 3 - 9 Minute P;I;J

This DVD introduces children ages eight and above to the incredible life and work of the Apostle Paul. Take a look back about 1,960 years and accompany the Apostle Paul on his travels. For him and his friends, events are often life-threatening in Damascus, Philippi, on the Mediterranean Sea and on the island of Malta. Yet even in these dangerous situations, Paul knows that God will never leave him.

AFTER THE COUNCIL

VC 444 30 Minutes A

Every Ecumenical Council has been followed by a period of change, if not conflict, for the Church. Even today the Church is encountering difficulties in achieving the renewal called for by Vatican II. The Church of the future, however, is already emerging with a more truly world-wide dimension than ever before, yet existing in every local church as the full embodiment of Christ's saving presence. Topics covered: View of Church since Vatican II, American Catholic today, The local Church, Challenge of Education. Excellent for adult education. Leaders guide.

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ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

VC 104 14 Minutes PS;P;I;A

Alexander knew the minute he woke up with gum in his hair that it was going to be a very bad day. And it was. He was scrunched in the car pool; his first best friend decided Alexander was only his third best friend; and his mother forgot to pack a dessert in his lunch. The dentist found a cavity in his tooth, and he was called a crybaby by his brother who didn't have any cavities. There were Lima beans for dinner, and there was kissing on TV. The bath was too hot, and he got soap in his eyes. Some days are just like that. Children learn that everybody has a bad day once in a while and that the best way of coping with a really rotten day is to find the humor in it -- and to complain a little. Guide included.

AMANDA GOES TO MASS

VC 492 9 Minutes P

Eight-year-old Amanda and her family go to Mass weekly. Amanda shares with other children her enthusiasm for the eucharistic celebration, as well as her understanding of what is happening when she and her family worship with their parish family. Video will help children to better appreciate Mass. The purpose of this video is twofold: 1) It is to help the primary grade child come to a better appreciation of Mass and, 2) through Amanda's interpretation and the strong visuals, to engender a lively enthusiasm and delight in the child for an act of worship that is rightfully called a celebration. Study guide.

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY: ETERNAL GIFT OF GIVING

VC 165 22 Minutes S;A

*In this five-part series, Michael Himes goes in-depth into the spirituality and theology of Advent and Christmas. **Eternal Gift of Giving:** Himes offers a Christmas banquet of provocative insights into the feast day. He looks at the early Church controversies concerning the divinity and humanity of Christ. Christmas is a season of generosity. Himes asks us not to reject the secularization of Christmas but to reinterpret it. Study guide*

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY: HOPE IN THE DARKNESS

VC 149 22 Minutes S;A

*In this five-part series, Michael Himes goes in-depth into the spirituality and theology of Advent and Christmas. **Hope in the Darkness:** We are creatures of time and God is timeless. We look for the timeless one, God, to speak to us. Father Himes uses quotes from the great poet W.H. Auden and St. Augustine of Hippo to delve into the deep issues of what it means to be a human being and what it means to live in time, time that is constantly "slipping away." Study guide*

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY: PROPHETS - JOHN, MARY, JOSEPH

VC 157 22 Minutes S;A

*In this five-part series, Michael Himes goes in-depth into the spirituality and theology of Advent and Christmas. **Prophets - John, Mary, Joseph:** With humor and wisdom, Father Michael Himes looks at Old Testament prophets like Isaiah and three of the key New Testament figures of Advent - John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph - and shows how they inspire and challenge us today. Study guide*

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY: THE SECOND COMING IS NOW

VC 151 22 Minutes S;A

*In this five-part series, Michael Himes goes in-depth into the spirituality and theology of Advent and Christmas. **The Second Coming is Now:** Himes talks about the second coming of Christ - a major theme in Advent and a topic of much discussion in American culture. Himes tells us that the coming of the Kingdom of God is not predictable but takes us by surprise. The Kingdom is constantly, relentlessly coming upon us in ordinary ways. Study guide*

AN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS JOURNEY: THREATENED BY GRACE

VC 152 22 Minutes S;A

*In this five-part series, Michael Himes goes in-depth into the spirituality and theology of Advent and Christmas. **Threatened by Grace:** Himes explores what the Last Judgment might mean. He does this by looking at what the "world" means in the Scriptures. Sometimes the world is seen as good but in other passages it is seen as the enemy of God. Himes invites us to live in this tension and see the world as in transition. Study guide*

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AN EMPIRE CONQUERED

VC 784 50 Minutes S;A

Video was filmed on location in Rome and is a moving docu-drama that takes a close look at the roots of the early Christian Church in Rome between A.D. 40 and 384. This was a time when one of the most powerful governments ever to exist was changed from the inside out through passive resistance. It is the story of five Christian martyrs who lived during those turbulent years and reenacts their suffering, hardship, and persecution. Study guide.

AND THEN I HEARD MY SAVIOR SAY

VC 502 58 Minutes S;A

Deeply moving, thought provoking video for lent. The seven last words of Jesus are presented through the hearts and lives of some of the residents of Martin Luther Home, a home for the retarded. Each saying is a meditation in itself. Study guide included. 1. 'Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do.' 9:13 min. 2. 'Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.' 9:06 min. 3. 'Dear woman, here is your son..John, here is your mother.' 9:05 min. 4. 'My God, why have You forsaken me?' 7:22 min. 5. 'I thirst.' 8:45 min. 6. 'It is finished.' 7:00 min. 7. 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' 7:20 min.

ANGEL'S ADVENT LESSON

VC 788 11 Minutes I

Danny is happily making out his Christmas list - adding more and more toys and games - when his Guardian Angel, Theophane, suddenly appears. It is very obvious to Theo that Danny has forgotten the real meaning of Christmas. Together they review practices like the Advent wreath, reciting daily prayers at home and doing daily acts of kindness. They also recall many of the great Scripture characters from the Advent readings: Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zachary, Isaiah and John the Baptist. Does Danny have a change of heart? Does he remember that Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season? Is he happy or sad with Theo's message? Study guide.

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ANGEL'S CHURCH YEAR LESSON

DVD 463 11 Minutes I

Angel Vita wants children everywhere to know that Jesus is with them always. With the help of Angels Caritas and Benedicata, she decides to invite children on a journey through the church year. The angels open a special "blessing" book that takes them into their journey. Children learn about what happened to Jesus in each church season, including Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time. Study guide.

ANGEL'S FIRST COMMUNION LESSON

DVD 465 13 Minutes P

The angels are at it again! Here's a wonderful teaching tool for your First Communion program. Angel Michaela and friends offer their heavenly aid to catechists and children in this delightful video. In simple, clear language the angels speak of Jesus' presence at Mass, of the very special gift of the Eucharist. They remind children of their baptism and of the forgiveness they celebrate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Michaela and friends talk to your students about ways in which they can prepare for their First Communion: praying every day; paying close attention in religion class; going to Mass every week with their family; and reading stories from the Bible. Study guide.

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ANGEL'S FIRST RECONCILIATION LESSON

VC 704 12 Minutes I

Video offers children information about friendship with Jesus, forgiveness, and the Rite of Penance, and it walks with children through the various steps of the rite. Angels Michaela and Andre first talk to the children about friendship and how it can be damaged or destroyed. They then talk about Jesus as the best friend of all, who loves us and forgives us when we fail. They explain that Jesus forgives our sins at Mass during the penitential rite, but also in the sacrament of reconciliation. The angels show children how to make an examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of reconciliation and then describe in detail the stops of the Rite. Video is primarily for children preparing for first reconciliation.

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ANGEL'S LENTEN LESSON, THE

VC 707 14 Minutes P;I

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ANGEL'S MASS LESSON

VC 789 13 Minutes I

Danny wants to go on a weekend class trip, but his parents won't let him miss Mass. Danny is very angry about this, so the angel Veritas comes for a visit. He takes Danny "back in time" to the second century. They visit a "house church" where early Christians have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. There Danny witnesses the vibrant faith of these Christians and he feels their joy and enthusiasm. "They act like Jesus is really here," he tells Veritas. "Jesus IS really here!" Veritas exclaims. Before this experience Danny took Mass for granted. After he understands that celebrating Eucharist is a privilege and that his faith is a precious gift. Study guide.

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ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: BREAD FROM HEAVEN

VC 310 30 Minutes P;I

Jonas, a young street urchin, is desperate for bread. Yet when he finds some, knife-wielding thugs steal it. Then one day Jonas hears that Jesus, the miracle worker, is nearby. While skeptical about the reports, Jonas decides to see this man for himself - and what he discovers convinces him that the bread Jesus offers will satisfy one's hunger forever. This delightful retelling of the feeding of the 5000 will captivate viewers with its brisk storytelling, original songs, and entertaining action, even as it challenges them to consider afresh the One who is the Bread of Life.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS

VC 358 30 Minutes P;I

"Forgive Us Our Debts" combines a classic parable about forgiveness with the teachings of Jesus to his disciples. Jesus shows his love by teaching that forgiveness is from God, as He instructs Peter to catch a fish where he'll find a coin in its mouth to pay the temple tax. Jesus teaches about a man who owes his King ten thousand talents, which is an enormous amount of money, that he can't pay. The King takes pity and forgives him of the debt. Yet, the forgiven man leaves and immediately casts another, who owes him almost nothing, into prison.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN

VC 634 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'He Is Risen' is the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus. Sorrow and despair become complete joy and love as the disciples behold their resurrected Master. The stunning glory of Christ's resurrection bursts from the screen in such power that you will be left agreeing with the centurion: 'Surely, this man was the Son of God.'

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: JOHN THE BAPTIST

VC 629 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'John The Baptist' is the moving story of courage and conviction seen through the life of one of God's greatest prophets whom God sent to prepare the way for the coming of His Son, Jesus. You'll witness the strength and integrity of John as he stands against political and spiritual adversity, and then, thrill as he finally beholds the Lamb of God. John's strong, yet gentle manner inspires others to acts of kindness.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: SAUL OF TARSUS

VC 633 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated new Testament bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'Saul of Taurus' is the most dramatic story of repentance found in scripture. You'll watch as Saul, the arch-enemy and persecutor of Christians, is changed forever when the resurrected Christ miraculously appears to him on the Road to Damascus. He buries the name and person of Saul and becomes reborn as Paul, one of the greatest missionaries and apostles ever for the gospel and message of Jesus Christ.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE GOOD SAMARITAN

VC 631 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'Good Samaritan' is perhaps the most touching parable that Jesus ever taught. The story begins with the lawyer's trick question, 'What is the greatest commandment?' Children and adults will love His answer as they are transported to the Master's feet to actually see this story unfold. The robbers, the Rabbi, the Levite, and the wounded traveler become real. Imagine the emotion as his own people pass by; yet, finally, his natural enemy, a Samaritan, stops to help him. Viewer will be taught to love our fellow men.

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ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE GREATEST IS THE LEAST

VC 357 30 Minutes P;I

In the years following His resurrection, Jesus' disciples learn to practice His lessons on serving others. While working at the salt mine, James witnesses the battles of two coworkers fighting with their power and might to be number one. He remembers being with Jesus as he welcomed and embraced the children and humbly kneeled to wash the disciples' feet. His compassionate acts demonstrate that the way to greatness in His Kingdom is not found in how many serve you, but in how many you serve. James takes this lesson to heart and gladly serves a less fortunate friend.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE KING IS BORN

VC 628 25 Minutes PS;P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated new Testament bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'The King is Born' is a video classic about the birth of Jesus based on the Bible. Young and old alike love this scripturally accurate story that is brought to life by the miracle of feature-quality animation! Beautifully animated stories from the Bible teach character-building principles to children as they view this story.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE MINISTRY OF PAUL

VC 635 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'The Ministry of Paul' is a dramatic story of adventure, faith and endurance. From King Agrippa to his terrifying shipwreck, Paul's powerful preaching and example bring amazement and conversion as persecution is answered with the gospel of love. Crisscross the ancient world with Paul and his companions as they turn the globe upside down through their passionate love for God and His unchanging gospel.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

VC 632 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'The Miracles of Jesus' is an exciting panorama of Jesus' most touching miracles. Healing of the sick, raising of the dead, casting out devils, and calming the elements are attributed to the principle of faith. 'All things are possible to him that believeth,' we are told. Marvel as Christ's miracles help us learn character building virtues such as dedication, charity, and temperance...in addition to faith.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE MIRACLES OF LOVE

VC 636 30 Minutes P;I

Music Video of beautiful songs especially composed and orchestrated for, 'The Animated Stories From The New Testament Series' offer inspiration and praise to the Lord. The values and precepts of the Bible are presented in young people's hottest language - fully animated. SING-A-LONG as the words are highlighted on the screen.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM NEW TESTAMENT: THE PRODIGAL SON

VC 630 25 Minutes P;I

Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully animated New Testament Bible stories to teach character-building principles. 'The Prodigal Son' is the parable of a once wayward son reunited with his father and family after having squandered all his means. The confused boy finds unexpected forgiveness and acceptance in the heart of his devoted father -- and we in turn learn that God is a loving Father who never stops caring for us.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM OLD TESTAMENT: DAVID AND GOLIATH

VC 671 30 Minutes I

David, a ruddy-faced shepherd boy who likes poetry and musical instruments, seems an unlikely candidate to save his nation from ruin. But when nine-foot Goliath defies Israel and blasphemes God, young David leaps into action and into the record books, earning his place as one of the greatest heroes in the Bible. You'll find your own faith revitalized as you watch God at work through a boy in love with his Creator. Walt Disney artistry creates beautifully *animated Old Testament Bible* stories with traditional moral values that build families and nations in the lives of men and women of faith.

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ANOINTING AT BETHANY, THE

VC 580 15 Minutes I;J

Simon, the leper, has invited Jesus for dinner along with a couple of his disciples. As the meal is about to be served, a woman enters, looking for Jesus. Although Simon objects to the intrusion, the woman remains and anoints Jesus with precious oil. What is the significance of this gesture? Why do the disciples protest so strongly? Shows young people that we are called to love God, and each other, completely, spontaneously, and without counting the cost, just as God loves us. With its emphasis on the use of oil, setting priorities, and Christian love in action, it would make an excellent resource to use with a Confirmation class. This video could also be used to discuss the nature of worship and is for the 6th Sunday of Lent.

APOSTLE PAUL AND THE EARLIEST CHURCHES

DVD 376 48 Minutes J;S;A

This dvd contains an archaeological treasure: mosaics, frescoes, statues, amphitheaters, agoras, temples, and more. The historical, religious, and archaeological background of each Anatolian region in which Paul preached the gospel is explained. Yet *Apostle Paul* is more than an archaeological or historical survey; this production's reenactment of the miracles Paul performed, the difficulties Paul encountered, and the persecution Paul faced beckons the viewer to experience with the Apostle himself the birth of Christian church.

ARMED WITH HOPE

VC 714 14 Minutes J;S;A

John Foppe was born without arms. His disability has given him a different perspective on life. *Armed With Hope* takes you behind the scenes into the everyday life of this remarkable young man as he shares his hopes, fears and dreams. Discover how an armless man handles tasks that most of us take for granted, like driving a car or cracking an egg. You'll meet John's parents who share how "tough love" played an important role in shaping John's values and attitude toward life. John's story is an inspirational example of how to turn stumbling blocks into stepping stones for a brighter future. Guide.

AT DEATH'S DOOR

VC 513 35 Minutes A

Facing the Terminal Illness of a Loved One... Dean

teaches us that we don't know what the future is going to be. This video gives excellent insight on living life to the fullest with your dying loved one. We must invest each day with as much meaning as possible. Through these examples and others, **At Death's Door** will help you acknowledge your emotions about the terminal illness of someone you love, and will guide you in living fully with your loved one through the last months, weeks, or days of your time together. Study guide.

BAPTISM

VC 247 16 Minutes I;J;S;A

The true story of a scarred and orphaned Mexican boy who finds a home and a family. His story leads to an exploration of Baptism as the sacrament of welcome into God's family and a sign of our being called from the alienation of sin to oneness in God and each other.

BAPTISM: CELEBRATING LIFE

VC 457 17 Minutes A

Young Ben wonders about the significance of the white garment as he prepares for his cousin's baptism. His parents explain this and much more in *Baptism: Celebrating Life*. The emphasis here is on the family's commitment to having their child join them as one of a "Pilgrim People," becoming a member of the "Body of Christ." This lively presentation gives parents an opportunity to update their understanding of the Catholic faith, and it also challenges them to walk the journey of faith with their child - every day. Video covers the theology of baptism and importance of its rites and rituals, but it also assures parents that they and their children are called through baptism to be followers of Christ and witnesses to a gospel way of life. Parents preparing for the baptism of their child will be inspired, informed, and encouraged by this thoughtful presentation. Excellent guide.

BEATITUDES: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

VC 139 12 Minutes I

Young Jimmy is puzzled as to what the Beatitudes mean to someone his age. When he dozes off, he receives a visit from an angel who shows him how some of his school mates are already helping to build God's Kingdom. By the time Jimmy's journey with the angel is finished, he comes to an understanding and makes a commitment to live the Beatitudes in his own life! Entertaining new program gives students clear examples of how young people can help build God's Kingdom everyday. Study guide.

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BEATITUDES, THE

VC 539 20 Minutes I

The message of Jesus is clear. When we live the Beatitudes we live in happiness, in freedom and without fear. We free ourselves from anger, from unfriendly words, from obsessions. We live in harmony with God, others and self. Gaynell Cronin examines each of the Beatitudes. As the meaning of the Beatitudes are lived out in scenes from the typical experiences of middle school kids, they will realize that the Beatitudes offer a different vision of the world than they receive from their culture and from television, but a vision which can really lead to happiness.

BEAUTY IN THE LEAST

VC 583 30 Minutes I;J

'New Adventures of McGee and Me Series.' Valuable video offers laughs and tears in a powerful story about 'loving your neighbor as yourself.' Ilie, our diminutive hero, travels 6,000 miles, jumps two cultures, and opens Nick's eyes to the needs of the people right in his own backyard. The Martins' plans for Thanksgiving are interrupted by unexpected visitors. Nick has been corresponding with Ilie Tinescu, from Romania, for the past four years and was looking forward to meeting him and his father in the spring. Because of miscommunication, however, the visit has come much earlier, putting the whole family under pressure. The Tinescus turn out to be very compassionate and loving, and they begin to reach out to needy people in Eastfield. Their generosity forces the Martins to re-examine their own commitment to loving others in Christ's name. Eventually the Martins, Tinescus, and a host of new friends enjoy a bountiful and joyous Thanksgiving celebration. Study guide.

BECOMING CATHOLIC: AN ADULT'S FAITH JOURNEY

VC 648 33 Minutes A

Learn how the stages of the Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) relate to your personal journey of faith. *Story Segment:* a modern-day parable about Cliff, a harried businessman about to set out on a weekend fishing trip. Lacking a map to his destination, Cliff has to rely on his less-than-adequate ability to follow directions. When his car breaks down, and he becomes lost, Cliff learns that even detours on a journey can lead to new discoveries. *Witness Segment:* presents real-life Catholics who share how their personal journeys led them to discoveries of faith, and to membership in the Catholic Church. *Teaching Segment:* explains how one "becomes a Catholic," and outlines the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The program concludes with a music video reflection. Great for sponsors. Guide included.

BEHOLD THIS CHILD

VC 461 4 Segments A

Behold This Child offers a look behind the Christmas

Story that is so familiar to us all. Presenting contemporary Scripture scholarship concerning the birth of Christ, this program explores the biblical background in a way easily understood and accepted by the average audience. Charming original paintings in the style of medieval illuminated manuscripts illustrate the four segments of the program. Traditional Christmas symbols are portrayed, reassuring viewers that the central truth of the beloved stories of Christ's birth remains. Contemporary scholarship seeks to move beyond literal history or biography to the rich theology behind the stories. From this overview, viewers will appreciate the deeper truths which the Christmas stories have to teach us about Christ, the church, and each other. Four segments are: *The Christmas Story, The Promise Fulfilled, And It Came to Pass, and What Child Is This.* Use for Bible study, small groups, or a parish Advent series.

BELLA

DVD 016 91 Minutes J;S;A

An international soccer star is on his way to sign a multimillion dollar contract when a series of events unfold that brings his career to an abrupt end. A beautiful waitress, struggling to make it in New York city, discovers something about herself that she's unprepared for. In one irreversible moment, their lives are turned upside down...until a simple gesture of kindness brings them both together, turning an ordinary day into an unforgettable experience.

BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER, THE

VC 193 60 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

A delightful Christmas story, starring Loretta Swit, in a touching and humorous video that brings us the true meaning of Christmas. **BEWARE THE HERDMANS!** They're the nastiest, dirtiest kids you could ever meet . . . and they've just decided they belong in this year's pageant. But the town thinks they belong in the care of the local police. When the curtain finally goes up, a miracle begins -- and it all turns into . . . **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER!**

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BETRAYAL, THE

VC 556 13 Minutes I;J

Story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus, the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, the fleeing of the disciples, Jesus' trail and crucifixion, are seen here through the anguished memories of Peter and Andrew. Set on Holy Saturday, the two disciples bring us through the painful last hours of Jesus' life, not yet knowing that Jesus is soon to be resurrected from the dead. It asks viewers to examine themselves and to allow Jesus to illuminate their darkness. Study guide.

BEYOND DEATH'S DOOR

VC 450 35 Minutes A

Beyond Death's Door gives us the hope that we can learn to live again after the death of a loved one, and not just survive. Our task is to embrace all of their life - the good parts, the ugly parts, the hard parts - and then to make sure that love is what we remember most. This video provides firsthand understanding of the grief process, and will give you help for your grief journey.

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DVD 326 4 Sessions S;A

In a *Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Study guide.

BIRTH OF JESUS - A SCRIPTURE PILGRIMAGE, THE

VC 023 28 Min. J;S;A

Fr. Stephen Doyle, OFM, gives you a sense of this ancient land of prophecies and introduces you to the places that recall the wonder of Jesus' birth. You will journey from the ruins of the city of David to the Basilica of the Annunciation. In shepherds' fields and in the Basilica of the Nativity you will recall the stories of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Ideal for Advent.

BREAKING THE SILENCE

DVD 350 Six Parts J;S;A

Breaking the Silence was produced in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal in the Catholic church, yet its relevance is universal. Young people - those most affected - discuss and demystify this taboo subject. Although an unspeakable crime, it is only by Breaking the Silence of the past that we can prevent the sexual abuse of minors in the future. Study guide.

CALL TO COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY, A

VC 410 60 Minutes A

This video is for pastoral staffs and other parish leaders who seek to begin collaborative ministry or to deepen their collaborative skills. It presents a four-part program and will help pastoral leaders to examine their understanding of collaborative ministry, identify and share their gifts, reflect on the obstacles and challenges to collaboration, as well as plan steps for further growth. Study guide.

CALLED BY GOD: WHAT IS VOCATION

VC 186 20 Minutes S;A

Vocation is beyond our life work, it is beyond our occupation. It is not just God calling a person, but it involves the person in an active way. It is a form of relationship in which the person is a free and willing partner. Offers practical ideas and suggestions for discussion on all vocations in the Church -- single and married life as well as priesthood and religious life. It is suitable for high school and adult viewing. It asks important questions like: What is a vocation? Does everybody have one? How can you determine whether the call you hear is from God or from self-interest? Why is your state of life not the same as your vocation? Guide is included.

CALLED TO SERVE

VC 777 20 Minutes J;S;A

This video on the "Clarification of the Identity of Priesthood," has been produced for viewing by a world wide audience to expose to people once again the tremendous gift we have in our priests. Video reveals before your very eyes the hidden treasures and beauty of the priesthood for all to see.

CATHERINE OF SIENA

VC 132 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Catherine in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Catherine of Sienna: Messenger for Christ*, Gilbert tells how St. Catherine became the first female Doctor of the Church and advisor to the Pope: to put Christ and prayer first; to avoid people who would draw them away from Christ; to participate in parish ministries; to pray for those in roles of leadership in the church. Study guide.

CATHOLIC AND CAPABLE: HOW TO HANDLE EMOTIONS

VC 747 15 Minutes J;S

Teens discuss how to handle anger, how to live with rejection, how to handle pressure and change. Challenging questions with teens responding honestly. Video moves quickly. Five minutes per segment.

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CATHOLIC AND CAPABLE: HOW TO LIVE A MORAL LIFE -- LOST

VC 745 15 Minutes J;S

Topics discussed by teens: Social issues, such as capital punishment, gun control; Telling the Truth; Dating and Waiting. Challenging questions - good to get a topic started. Video moves quickly with teens responding. Five minutes per segment.

CATHOLIC AND CAPABLE: HOW TO LIVE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

VC 746 15 Minutes J;S

In video teens address three topics: Experiencing and Practicing our Catholic Faith; Religion Imagination; a Walk and Talk Through the Mass. Video moves quickly with teens responding to questions relating to these questions. Good as a lead in to the topic. Five minutes per segment.

CATHOLIC BASICS FOR KIDS

DVD 289 4 Segments 1-16 P;I;J

Catholic Basics for Kids collection includes four programs: *What Is the Bible?* - Grow in understanding and appreciation of the Bible as God's Word for our daily lives and realize that God's friendship with us will never end.; *What Is a Sacrament?* - Deepen your appreciation of sacraments as actions and expressions of God's love within the Christian community. The sacraments help us to live more like Jesus and to be signs of Jesus' love by the way we love one another at home, in our neighborhoods and at work.; *What Is the Church?* - Explore how we understand the different meanings of Church (the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Family of God). Be challenged to become a faith community that continues to do what Jesus taught and did in caring about others, especially those in need.; *A Tour of Our Parish Church* - Tour a Catholic church with older students as they learn the names and discover the meaning of the objects of our Catholic faith that help us remember and celebrate God's presence.

CATHOLIC MORALITY

VC 438 74 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: The goal of this video is to explore the foundations of Catholic morality and the practice of the moral life. Topics: Foundations of the Moral Life, Objective and Subjective Morality, The Morality of Human actions, and Conscience and God's Law. Study guide.

CATHOLIC UPDATE: WAY OF THE CROSS

VC 158 42 Minutes J;S;A

Stations on Our Journey of Faith, offers four different approaches to the Stations of the Cross: history, spirituality; social justice, and a video meditation. **Story:** Richard Roos, SJ, traveled on foot to each of the Franciscan missions in California. He specifically relates his pilgrimage to the *Way of the Cross* (15 minutes). **Witness:** Features a TV-new-style report of the *Way of the Cross, Way of Justice*, held on Good Friday in a metropolitan setting. Christians carry a large wooden cross, seeking to respond as Jesus did in giving his life in love (7 minutes). **Teaching:** Gloria Hutchinson traces the history of the *Way of the Cross* and explains step-by-step how to pray the stations (8 minutes). **Music Video:** *Way of the Cross* narrated by a diverse group of voices, and accompanied by music and a variety of artistic representations. This segment can be used as a Lenten mediation, alone or with groups (12 minutes). Study guide.

CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE

DVD 229 J;S

With the **Searchable Catholic Youth Bible Revised: CD-ROM**, it's easy to search for words or themes to make your Bible reading or lesson planning easy and interesting. The CD contains the complete edition of the *Catholic Youth Bible Revised*, and also includes topical and lectionary reading plans to suit your schedule, as well as daily Bible reflections for teens.

CATHOLICISM 1 & 2

DVD 172 50 Minutes Each S;A

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith -- Episode 1: "Amazed and Afraid - The Revelation of God Become Man," we journey with Father Robert Barron to the mysterious and sacred sites of the Holy Land. From Caesarea Phillipi, to the Sea of Galilee, to Jerusalem and finally to the eternal city of Rome, Fr. Barron illuminates the Catholic Faith's conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and the revelation of God become man in Christ. Episode 2: "Happy Are We - The Teachings of Jesus," Fr. Barron journeys from Galilee to Krakow, Warsaw, New York city, Kampala, and beyond and presents throughout what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Study guide.

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CATHOLICISM 3 & 4

DVD 173 50 Minutes Each S;A

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith -- Episode 3: "The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought" - takes us on a journey from the heights of Mount Sinai to the mysterious sites of Istanbul, from the glittering streets of Paris to the glorious Sistine Chapel. Fr. Barron presents the Catholic Faith's compelling vision of God as the ineffable and majestic Trinity. **Episode 4: "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, the Mother of God,"** we travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Ephesus and to the great Marian shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Fr. Barron explains the Church's great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation. Study guide.

CATHOLICISM 5 & 6

DVD 175 50 Minutes Each S;A

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith -- Episode 5: "The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure" presents the Church's missionary endeavor which begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Rome and to the far reaches of the world, Fr. Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church. Episode 6: **"A Body Both Suffering and Glorious - The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church,"** Fr. Barron explores the Catholic Faith's unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. Witness how the Mystical Body of Christ is a living organism that stretches from Rome to New York, Sao Paolo, Manila, and Namugongo, embracing humanity in all of its joys and sorrows. Study guide.

CATHOLICISM 7 & 8

DVD 176 50 Minutes Each S;A

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith -- The Eucharist is the central practice of the Catholic Faith, "the source and summit" of Christian life. **Episode 7: "Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven - The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist,"** Fr. Barron explains the words, gestures, and meanings of the Church's Eucharist. The story of the Church is told in the examples of those who dedicated their lives to knowing and serving Jesus Christ. **In Episode 8: "A Vast Company of Witnesses - The Communion of Saints,"** Fr. Barron celebrates some of Church's most extraordinary saints -- Edith Stein, Mother Teresa, Therese of Lisieux, and Katharine Drexel. Study guide.

CATHOLICISM 9 & 10

DVD 179 50 Minutes Each S;A

Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith -- Episode 9: "The Fire of His Love - Prayer and the Life of the Spirit," Fr. Barron explores how the Catholic Faith transforms humanity through prayer, spiritual commitment, and the mystery of vocation. The Catholic Faith offers a vision of life directed by a supernatural destiny. **In Episode 10: "World Without End - The Last Things,"** Fr. Barron journeys to Florence, Ireland and Rome to illustrate how this life is a preparation for an extraordinary world yet to come. Study guide.

CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN SYMBOLS

VC 393 30 Minutes P;I

Christianity is filled with symbols-oil, water, fire, light - to name just a few. But for many of our young people these symbols lack meaning. Celebrating Christian Symbols presents these symbols to children in a way they can understand and appreciate for their great religious worth. After an overall presentation about symbols in which everyday symbols (warning signs on products, traffic lights, police sirens) are investigated for the meaning, each of the following religious symbols are presented: oil, water, fire, light. Each is shown and explored in its natural setting and then placed within its liturgical context. The meaning of the symbol for living everyday life as a Christian is creatively and imaginatively visualized. Students will come away with an understanding of symbols and an appreciation of the truth they represent in living a life of Gospel values.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: EUCHARIST-CHILDREN

VC 406 8 Episodes P;I

At their First Eucharist, children are welcomed to the table with us to share the body and blood of Jesus broken for us...his blood poured out. In this eight-part video, Fr. Joe Kempf helps children prepare-not just for the beauty of First Communion-but for the blessings of staying close to Jesus all their lives. 1) Belonging -4 min, 2) Invited to the Table (Jesus as our Food) - 4 min, 3) Gathering to Celebrate -3 min, 4) Feasting on God's Word (Liturgy of the Word) - 4 min, 5) Offering Our Gifts (Liturgy of Eucharist-5 min, 6) Remembering and Giving Thanks (Bread and Wine become body and Blood of Jesus) - 6 min, 7) Sharing the Bread of Life (Receive Holy Communion) - 3 min, 8) Going Forth to Love and Serve (After Mass we are sent to go out) - 8 min. Excellent study guide as you study about Eucharist.

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CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: EUCHARIST-FAMILIES

VC 407 4 Episodes A

Eucharist. 1) What is Eucharist? How does God feed the hungers of our heart? -- 18 min, 2) What the Eucharist asks of our lives and the importance of the role of parents? -- 12 min, 3) Suggestions on First Communion and helps for parents to prepare their child. -- 9 min, 4) What do I want to remember from this experience? -- 9 min. Excellent study guide. Prayer service, suggestions for activities at home.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: RECONCILIATION-CHILDREN

VC 409 6 Episodes I

This six-episode video helps prepare children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation using puppets, demonstrations, and stories to teach the message. 1) We Belong -- 7 min, 2) We Celebrate God's Word (Experience the forgiving love of God.) -- 4 min, 3) We Hear Good News (The Good Shepherd story.) -- 6 min, 4) We Look at Our Lives -- 5 min, 5) We Ask Forgiveness (Walk through Rite of Reconciliation) -- 8 min, 6) Remembering and Giving Thanks -- 4 min. Study guide.

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: RECONCILIATION-FAMILIES

VC 408 4 Episodes A

As children begin to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they have a great opportunity to come to know a God who loves them more than anyone could ever imagine. For use either at parent meetings or in the home. Fr. Kempf provides a wonderful perspective on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and offers suggestions for helping prepare children for the great gift. 1) Forgiveness of God -- 24 min, 2) Rite of Reconciliation -- 18 min, 3) Role of Guardians -- 7 min, 4) Prayer Meditation -- 9 min. Excellent study guide, prayer service, suggestions for activities at home.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: HONESTY, COOPERATION, RESPECT

DVD 349 Clips P;I;J;S;A

Video has collections of movie scenes selected for their ability to inform, challenge, enlighten and inspire. Film clips are topic-specific study guides to provide powerful, accessible education tools. Appeal to students of all ages, communicates core essential values in a modern-day style. Challenging questions prompted by creative visuals engage the school community in a revolutionary approach toward character education. Study guide.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: KNOWING YOURSELF, FACING PEER PRESSURE, UNDERSTANDING BULLIES

DVD 344 Clips P;I;J;S;A

Video has collections of movie scenes selected for their ability to inform, challenge, enlighten and inspire. Film clips are topic-specific study guides to provide powerful, accessible education tools. Appeal to students of all ages, communicates core essential values in a modern-day style. Challenging questions prompted by creative visuals engage the school community in a revolutionary approach toward character education. Study guide.

CHARACTER EDUCATION: VISION, FORGIVENESS, EMPATHY

DVD 343 Clips P;I;J;S;A

Video has collections of movie scenes selected for their ability to inform, challenge, enlighten and inspire. Film clips are topic-specific study guides to provide powerful, accessible education tools. Appeal to students of all ages, communicates core essential values in a modern-day style. Challenging questions prompted by creative visuals engage the school community in a revolutionary approach toward character education. Study guide.

CHARLES CATERPILLAR

VC 291 10 Minutes P

A hope-filled story which shows that small things can be blessings in disguise. Charles is just a simple caterpillar who enjoys doing his own thing -- eating! Here's a special view of someone who does his best, is tempted, falls, and reforms. Children learn that life has great value, that dreams and goals are necessary and achievable, sometimes beyond one's imagination. A lovely way to celebrate new life at Easter and the promise of eternal springtime. Study guide.

CHARLIE'S CHRISTMAS SECRET

VC 079 24 Minutes P;I

Charlie just can't quite get into the Christmas spirit this year. The glitter of the Christmas season is disenchanting for ten-year-old Charlie, whose newspaper route has brought him into contact with those whose lives are less comfortable than his -- a bitter and lonely old woman, a struggling single parent, a homeless person. But Charlie finds the Christmas spirit by caring and giving of himself, changing the lives of those he encounters, and of his own family as well. Guide.

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CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION, A

VC 561 20 Minutes P

Students can watch and learn as Fr. Joe Kempf talks one-on-one with Adam, a 2nd grade candidate for first Communion, who is confused about what it means for Jesus to be 'The Bread of Life.' Their discussion, filled with simple analogies, explanations, and a visual portrayal of Jesus in Adam's imagination, responds to the many questions young Catholics ask as they prepare for First Communion. Guide included.

CHILD'S FIRST PENANCE, A

VC 052 20 Minutes P

This video sets a positive tone for First Penance classes with this uplifting look at the Sacrament. Join Fr. Joe Kempf and a class of 2nd graders as they learn about God's love for us and how the Rite of Reconciliation is a very good way to show God that we love Him. Offers a sound, well-rounded presentation that will help children understand the basic concepts of sin and forgiveness, realize the importance of the Sacrament to their lives, and view Penance as a positive experience. Includes helpful instruction on how to participate.

CHILDREN, LITURGY AND THE WORD

VC 318 26 Minutes A

Experience the liturgy of the word with children as celebrated with ritual and gesture at one parish. You will also see the entrance rite, the dismissal, and the participation of the children in the liturgy of the Eucharist with the larger assembly. Hear interviews with children, presiders, members of the assembly, religious educators, parents, and the pastor. Learn how this liturgy evolved, how leaders are chosen and formed, and the effects of this liturgy on the entire parish. Leader's guide.

CHOICES, ACTIONS, CONSEQUENCES, HELPS

VC 600 20 Minutes I

One of the most difficult tasks for religious educators is helping young people understand their freedom to choose and be responsible for the consequences of their actions. It is not always easy to make the right choice. Video leads children carefully through real life situations which demonstrate how our lives affect one another. It also illustrates how the commandments as well as the laws and rules of the church help us make good choices. Study guide.

CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

VC 507 27 Minutes J;S;A

This powerful video is the personal testimony of a young 24-year-old man with AIDS. His story is one of teenage choices wrongly made, and the consequences they have brought him. He graphically describes his experiences with drugs and the life of petty theft which he developed to support his drug habit. Most importantly, he looks squarely at the unhappiness which his decisions brought to his family and loved ones, at the injustice he inflicted on the strangers from whom he stole, and at the irreparable damage he did to his own physical health.

CHRISTMAS: CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR FOR CHILDREN

VC 118 15 Minutes I

The theme of this video is Christ as the Light of the World and is explored through the dramatization of an event in a child's life, Scripture, and the Christmas liturgy.

CHRISTMAS GIFT, A

VC 070 8 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

On Christmas Eve a young boy looks into the gleaming windows where tables are laden with turkeys, ducks, geese, and cherry pie. He then peers into a window lit only by candlelight and sees a grey-haired lady sitting at a bar table with tears in her eyes. He offers to share his Christmas dinner of a bit of cheese and bread with her. She invites him in and shares her last drop of wine with him offering a 'toast' to everyone's Christmas. And it came to pass that the happiest Christmas was shared by candlelight. Clamation.

CITY THAT FORGOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS, THE

VC 071 28 Min. P;I;J;S;A

The pressures of the Christmas season make Benji's ordinarily loving parents irritable. Seeing this, Benji's grandfather tells the boy a story about an elderly woodcarver who changed the unloving, uncaring people in a troubled town with his kindness. He also taught the town's people about Christmas, a day the adults had forgotten.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE, THE

VC 581 12 Minutes I;J

Eleven-year-old Amos and his father travel to Jerusalem to give sacrifice in the Temple. As they near the city, the pair hear a great commotion; a woman passing by relates that a man called Jesus is the source of the uproar. Who is this man Jesus? Is he a prophet or a fool? Why has he challenged the money changers in the Temple? Teaches young people that in order to be pleasing to God, our external actions must be motivated by love. God is more pleased by a clean heart than by an outward show. Video was written to be used with the gospel for the third Sunday of Lent. It can be used anytime to stimulate discussion about social justice, morality, and faith.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER: BEATITUDES

DVD 478 12 Minutes I

Young Jimmy is puzzled as to what the Beatitudes mean to someone his age. When he dozes off, he receives a visit from an angel who shows him how some of his school mates are already helping to build God's Kingdom. By the time Jimmy's journey with the angel is finished, he comes to an understanding and makes a commitment to live the Beatitudes in his own life! Entertaining new program gives students clear examples of how young people can help build God's Kingdom everyday. Study guide.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: COMMANDMENTS

DVD 479 18 Minutes I

In this fanciful episode of the popular, *Close Encounters* series, young people will see that the commandments aren't really a "book of rules" at all! Rather, they present us with opportunities to give witness to God's love, share with others, and care for our friends and families as we help build God's kingdom everyday. Study guide.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: MARY AND THE ROSARY

DVD 483 18 Minutes I

During a classroom exercise wherein Father Brendan guides young students in making a rosary out of string and beads, young Alex finds he just doesn't get what the rosary is all about. Luckily for him, our helpful angel appears to clear things up. The rosary is all about major events in the life of Jesus, so the angel compares the Mysteries to a photo album. When it's made visual and Alex sees what the rosary represents, it all becomes real to him. All four mysteries are presented and explained in age-appropriate language so that young audiences will understand that the rosary is a very special way to get in touch with Jesus and Mary. Study guide.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: MASS

DVD 484 13 Minutes I

Sandra is having problems understanding the various symbols and rituals in the Celebration of the Eucharist and what they mean. To make matters worse, Mr. Ferndock volunteers to fill in for the regular religion teacher and confuses the issue even more! Luckily, our "Close Encounters" angel comes to the rescue from the control room of "The Mass Channel." She takes Sandra and Mr. Ferndock on a video journey showing how gathering the faith community for the weekly Celebration of the Eucharist is very much like gathering the family for the celebration of Thanksgiving! In *Close Encounters with the Mass*, real-life situations are combined with fantasy and humor to show young people that the mass truly is relevant and meaningful to them. Along with the rituals, important items like the Altar, Tabernacle, and Ambo are also explained so youngsters will see the celebration in a whole new way! Study guide.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: SACRAMENTS

DVD 489 12 Minutes I

Our helpful little angel returns to help another troubled student. This time, the angel guides young Anna as she struggles with the complex problem of what the sacraments mean in our everyday lives. Study guide

COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

VC 752 S;A

Collaborative Ministry with Loughlan Sofield from the Diocesan Fall Ministry Day. In the church today, collaborative ministry is the subject of much conversation. Collaborative leadership was ranked the number one concern on a questionnaire sent out to all priests and lay leaders. All in ministry know that collaborative ministry can be difficult and often misunderstood. Br. Loughlan asserts: "A major challenge confronting today's church is the translation of an ideal concept of collaboration into the reality of daily life. How can people of diverse cultures, lay and ordained, women and men, work toward a mutual goal of proclaiming the good news and extending the kingdom?" Two tapes.

COME, CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

VC 222 30 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Five stories to help celebrate Christmas. 'The Shepherd's Story,' 'The Gift of the Magi,' 'The Juggler of Notre Dame,' 'Nannette and the Christmas Gifts,' and 'The Elves and the Shoe Box.'

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COMMANDMENTS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

VC 787 18 Minutes I

In this fanciful episode of the popular, *Close Encounters* series, young people will see that the commandments aren't really a "book of rules" at all! Rather, they present us with opportunities to give witness to God's love, share with others, and care for our friends and families as we help build God's kingdom everyday. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE ARE FAITHFUL

VC 773 10 Minutes I

We Are Faithful challenges us to discover ways to live the life of the 6th Commandment, "You shall not commit adultery," by respecting the call of husband and wife to life faithfully in marriage, and through the 9th Commandment, "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife," which challenges us to respect the promises others have made to one another. We are asked to be loyal as a family. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE HONOR PARENTS

VC 771 10 Minutes I

We Honor Parents challenges us to discern ways to live the life of the 4th Commandment, "Honor your father and your mother," by obeying and listening to people who help us grow and by helping other to grow. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE REMEMBER

VC 770 10 Minutes I

We Remember challenges us to discover ways to live the life of the 1st Commandment, "I am the Lord, your God, you shall have no gods except me, and 2nd Commandment, "You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain," and the 3rd Commandment, "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day," by placing God first in our hearts, speaking the name of God with respect and celebrating God in a special way on day of the week. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE RESPECT LIFE

VC 772 10 Minutes I

We Respect Life challenges us to discover ways to live the life of 5th Commandment, "You shall not kill," by respecting and caring for God's gift of life in ourselves and others. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE RESPECT THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS

VC 774 10 Minutes I

We Respect the Property of Others challenges us to discover ways to live the life of the 7th Commandment, "You shall not steal," and the 10th Commandment, "You shall not covet your neighbor's goods," by respecting and protecting the rights and property of others, by not wanting or taking what belongs to others and by working to help people get what they need in order to live. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

COMMANDMENTS: WE SPEAK THE TRUTH

VC 775 10 Minutes I

We Speak the Truth challenges us to discover ways to live the life of the 8th Commandment, "you shall no bear false witness against your neighbors," by telling the truth, respecting the right that all people have to their good names and trusting the word of others. Using story, Scripture, reflection, and prayer the Commandments for Young People video series presents the commandments as gifts that frees us to love God, others, and our selves more deeply. Study guide.

CONFIRMATION: CELEBRATING FAITH

VC 464 14 Minutes A

"Why do I have to be confirmed?" wails fifteen-year-old Jessica. "Why do I have to go to this meeting?" Patiently Jess' parents explain that the decision about being confirmed is hers, but it must be an *informed* decision, one she can make only after she learns what confirmation is all about. In this lively presentation, parents learn that confirmation is a lifetime call to follow Christ in the Catholic tradition, led by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit. They learn about the rite of confirmation and each of its ritual actions. Most importantly, they learn that confirmation empowers them and their children to be followers of Christ and witnesses to a gospel way of life. Parents preparing for the confirmation of their teen will be inspired, informed, and encouraged by this thoughtful presentation. Excellent guide.

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CONFIRMATION: COMMITMENT TO LIFE

VC 018 57 Minutes J;S

Father Joe Kempf and a group of high-school students prepare and learn about confirmation in a series of short 3-11 minute vignettes. These young Catholics face the same problems and doubts as other adolescents - issues of sexuality, peer pressure, relationships and commitments, doubts about themselves and their faith. As they prepare for Confirmation, students learn that the Sacrament of Confirmation is a way to say 'Yes' to the love of God that resides in all of us and that Confirmation is a way to 'choose' to love God and God's people. Students discover how God and Confirmation fit into the real world, how they are welcomed into the community of the Church, and how they must accept responsibilities as members of that community. Each student, in his or her own unique way, discovers that 'they are not in this alone.' The video concludes with a moving and affirmative Confirmation service. Leaders guide included. May be used for sponsors/mentors.

CONFIRMED IN A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

VC 646 90 Minutes A

In this video workshop, author Thomas Zanzig presents the rationale behind the "*Confirmed in a Faithful Community*" senior high confirmation process, with engaging segments on five major themes: **CHANGING PARADIGMS:** How and why the Catholic church's approach to the sacrament has shifted dramatically. **PROCESS OF INITIATIONS:** Why preparation for the sacrament must be grounded in the total life of the parish. **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:** How to create a process that reflects both theological integrity and an awareness of the needs of today's adolescents. **PLANNING STRUCTURE:** How to create an effective process of confirmation preparation. **PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** How *Confirmed in a Faithful Community* integrates and reflects these theological insights and pastoral principles. Guide.

CONFIRMED IN A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY: COORDINATOR

VC 740 75 Minutes A

Confirmation coordinators will be pleased with Thomas Zanzig's updated version of *Confirmed in a Faithful Community* guide. The video offers helpful insights into the following five themes related to his program. **Changing Paradigms:** The church's evolving theology and practice of Confirmation. **Process of Initiation:** Preparation for the sacrament grounded in the life of the total faith community. **Program structure:** The structure and goals of *Confirmed in a Faithful Community*. **Concerns and Challenges:** Common issues and tasks confronting the coordinator. **Program Overview:** The program's components and design. The five segments can be used independently or together. Study guide.

CONFIRMED IN A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY: SPONSOR

VC 741 40 Minutes A

Confirmation sponsors will better understand, fulfill, and enjoy their important role in the preparation of their candidate after engaging in this video. The video consists of the following four segments: **Changing Paradigms:** Understanding the church's evolving theology and practice of Confirmation; **The Role of the Sponsor:** Balancing the ideal with the real; **Adolescent Faith:** Responding to a pivotal moment in lifelong conversion; **The Sponsor and the Candidate:** Building a positive and enjoyable relationship. Sponsors will find the information engaging and enlightening, but also very practical and concrete. It will help any sponsor fulfill their key role in nurturing the faith of a young Catholic. Study guide.

CONVERSION: FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST

DVD 268 6 Sessions S;A

Father Baron presents Biblical stories of true conversion. They were people just like you who were called by Christ to become better: 1) Bartimaeus-The Man Born Blind, 2) The Calling of Matthew, 3) The Woman at the Well, 4) The Rich Young Men, 5) Jonah, 6) Journey of the Magi. Study guide

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

CREATION - CORRUPTION - REBELLION

VC 501 15 Minutes I;J;S;A

Video about God's Creation and Environment. The earth may or may not belong to us but it does belong to God. God rejoices in its beauty and is also saddened by its destruction. Video narrates the drama of creation through the ages: a) "Creation" looks at the spirit of God active from the start in the unfolding of life on this planet (5 min.), b) "Corruption" recounts the violence done by humans to the earth and its inhabitants (5 min.), c) "Rebellion for Life" is a call to treat the earth as sacred and to a commitment to help this wounded creation. Study guide.

CREATION II, THE

VC 643 10 Minutes P;I

The wondrous story of how God created the universe in seven days and gave life to Adam and Eve.

CREATION, THE

VC 065 9 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

From out of the darkness, fluid shapes in shimmering colors swell and surge to form the elements of God's universe: water, earth, sky, plants, and creatures of all kinds. Climaxes with the creation of 'people' in God's own image in a magnificent display of human faces. The innovative clay animation, the evocative text, and the richly expressive narration all work together to convey a sense of majesty and wonder.

CREO/CREEMOS

VC 047 74 Minutes S;A

Creo/Creemos te familiarizará con las declaraciones centrales de la comunidad católica. Una de las metas es ayudarte a reflexionar en tu fe y a expresarla. Otra, es entender mejor las verdades que profesas como miembro de la comunidad creyente para que puedas compartir tu fe con otros. Guía estudiar.

CRITTER SONGS

VC 716 12 Minutes PS;P;I

This upbeat video is a celebration of our connection with the animal world, featuring two catchy songs and a mixture of live action visuals and children's artwork. The theme of the first song, "Critter Song," shows us that by observing animals, admiring them, and working on their behalf, young people will also discover more about themselves. The second song, "All God's Critters Got A Place in the Choir," presents the idea that we are all interdependent and valuable, each with a unique voice.

CROSS OF CHRIST

DVD 273 2 Sessions A

The Cross has become the ultimate symbol of love in the world. It is central to Christianity in that we are to forgive our enemies. As such, it is the single most revolutionary moral event that has happened on this planet. And, like all deep things in life, the Cross is largely mystery. *The Cross* reveals God's unconditional love and vulnerability; as a teaching and an invitation to discipleship; God suffers with us. *The Cross* calls us beyond our selves, our own agenda, our own lie without resentment. Study guide.

DIFFERENT PATH, A

VC 712 60 Minutes S;A

Video offers a rare look at the lives of women religious in two diverse communities: the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, who spend their days in prayer, and the Sisters of St. Joseph, who are involved in education and work with the poor. Watch as these extraordinary women reveal the same initial doubts, ongoing struggles, and the tremendous rewards of a life devoted to God. Study guide.

DISCOVERING AN EMPTY TOMB

VC 708 35 Minutes J;S;A

This episode of the *Great Bible Discovery Series* follows Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to his glorious resurrection on Easter morning. Original artwork wonderfully portrays the drama of Christ's Passion and the earthshaking excitement of his resurrection. In the end, viewers will discover the empty tomb and the answer to God's promise found there. Guide.

DISCOVERING CHRISTIAN CLASSICS

DVD 309 92 Minutes S;A

Discovering Christian Classics: 5 Session in the Ancient Faith of Our Future provides a five-week study that is excellent for any high-school or adult formation process. Join these two dynamic Christian teachers - a founder of the New Monastic movement and a professor of Christian spirituality - and your group will learn about five of the essential classic spiritual works of the Christian tradition: 1) The Meaning of Conversion and Prayer, 2) How to Love, 3) St. Benedict's *Rule of Life*, 4) How to Have an Intimate Relationship with God, and 5) What it Means to Pick up Your Cross. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

DONKEY'S TALE, THE

DVD 503 15 Minutes P

Moshe the donkey leads children through the events surrounding Jesus' life in this charming story. Moshe is the foal that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. His grandfather, Balthasar, was in the stable at Bethlehem, and he warmed the baby with his breath. His Aunt Esther boasted that she had carried Mary and Jesus on the flight to Egypt. Moshe and his little donkey cousins encounter the Messiah at various times: in the temple in Jerusalem, at the wedding feast of Cana, and on the Calvary. And after keeping watch at Jesus' tomb for three days, Moshe comes face to face with the risen Christ. Study guide.

DOORWAY PEOPLE

VC 769 10 Minutes A

Wonderful, motivational video for catechists. Catechists are "doorway people" who welcome others into the sacred. We welcome, we companion, we send. Excellent tool to reflect with catechists. Study guide.

DOROTHY DAY: BLESSED ARE THE POOR

VC 564 30 Minutes S;A

No greater witness of the Christian concern for the poor and dispossessed in the 1930's depression can be found than in the Catholic Worker Movement founded by Dorothy Day. Recounting the spiritual journey of the Catholic convert, the program also assesses Day's legacy of non-violence for the modern world.

EARTH IS THE LORD'S, THE

VC 705 13 Minutes J;S;A

Together all of us are called to accept responsibility in Christ to contribute to the restoration and protection of a healthy society and environment. With vivid images of the natural gifts of the earth, which reveal the Creator's wisdom and beauty, this video calls us to be accountable for what we do - or fail to do - to respect, preserve, and care for God's presence in human life and all creation. The seven themes offered by the U.S. bishops in their pastoral statement *Renewing the Earth* are presented to help us recognize, embrace, and build communities to champion a faith-filled vision of the Lord's earth and ecological responsibility. Building peace, preserving a just and sustainable environment, society, and world are not optional ideals but matters of faith and practical necessities for human life. Guide included.

EASTER: A CELEBRATION OF HOPE

VC 351 60 Minutes S;A

Join the internationally renowned Choir of the University of Notre Dame in the Basilica Sacred Heart as they celebrate Christ's resurrection -- and the hope it symbolizes -- through scripture readings, songs, and hymns. The choir takes viewers on a deeply moving journey that enlivens the spirit and strengthens the soul. Study guide

EASTER CATERPILLAR, THE

VC 298 13 Minutes PS;P

At School David discovers a fuzzy caterpillar and takes it home. A short time later he finds it's missing, with only a silky white ball left. Then one day David finds that his cocoon has become a beautiful butterfly. He follows it as it flits along the street until he notices a man, white and shining, standing in a garden... This video will help young children learn about the events of Jesus's death and resurrection.

EASTER: CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR FOR CHILDREN

VC 283 15 Minutes I

Easter - a time of New Life offered to all through the power of the resurrected Jesus. As a community of believers, we celebrate this event with numerous meaningful liturgical signs and family customs. Contains a story in the life of a child today which illustrates the theme of Easter. It then moves from 'experience' to 'liturgy' as the liturgical and devotional practices of the season are illustrated and explained.

EASTER IS

VC 280 22 Minutes PS;P

Benji has an enormous responsibility. He must design a poster as his class's entry in an Easter decorating contest. Frustrated with his attempts to illustrate Easter's meaning, Benji rejects the companionship of his dog, Waldo. When Waldo runs away, he is 'dog-napped' and held for ransom. After three days, he escapes and returns to Benji. A skillful blending of loss and discovery in a child's life with the loss and rediscovery of Christ in all our lives is symbolically depicted in a delightful and unusual way.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

EASTER VIGIL

VC 621 39 Minutes A

The Three Days are the center and climax of our Christian year. It all begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon. From Thursday night until sundown on Saturday, the church prays and keeps the paschal fast. And then! The church celebrates the great Easter Vigil. "This is the night," the cantor proclaims, the night spent first around a blazing fire, then around a newly-lighted candle, then with the scriptures, from which we proclaim once again the stories of our salvation. Finally, those who have been long preparing renounce evil, profess faith in Christ, and enter the waters. Then they are anointed with chrism and join the rest of the joyful assembly to celebrate the eucharist. Video will fuel discussion about the Easter Vigil, baptism, and what it all means. It will open eyes and hearts to new possibilities. Study guide.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: ADULT FAITH FORMATION

DVD 306 6: 7-20 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Plus is a basic level video-assisted resource for the formation and enrichment of catechists in parishes and Catholic schools. It is a project of the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL) produced by RCL (Resources for Christian Living). Respected theologians, catechetical experts, and practitioners served as writers, advisors, and demonstration catechists for the project. *Echoes of Faith Plus* is made up of a series of modules divided into three categories: Theology, The Catechist, and Methodology. The main components of each module are a DVD and a companion booklet. The DVD includes a four-segment video process related to the module content plus two expert interviews. A catechist who completes the *Echoes of Faith Plus* formation program will experience a process of spiritual formation, gain an overview of the major doctrinal themes contained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and learn practical skills for leading effective catechetical sessions.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: CATHOLIC MORALITY

DVD 385 6 - 18 Minute A

The third pillar of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "life in Christ," addresses the topic of morality. Morality deals with how we are to live as Christians. We seek this understanding in and through Jesus, who describes himself as "the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). The goal of this module is to explore the foundations of Catholic morality and the practice of the moral life. Study guide.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: GETTING STARTED

DVD 327 6: 7-20 Minutes A

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ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: I BELIEVE, WE BELIEVE

DVD 386 6 - 18 Minute A

I Believe, We Believe will acquaint you with the central creedal statements of the Catholic Church. One goal is to help you reflect upon and articulate your personal faith. Another goal is to understand more fully the truths you profess as a member of the believing community so that you can share your faith with others. This presentation of the truths of your faith is not an exhaustive treatment of these beliefs. However, through the process of reflection on the content provided here, you will increase your understanding of the truths of the Catholic faith and feel more confident in expressing them. Study guide.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

DVD 387 6 - 18 Minute A

Catholics are a sacramental people. Our faith is rooted in the belief that God is present among us, that God took on flesh and walked among us in the person of Jesus Christ, that Jesus' death and Resurrection were saving for us all, and that the Spirit of God was sent by Jesus to guide and animate us as Church. When we gather to worship, we ritualize our belief in these mysteries and celebrate the ways in which we find them still deeply present in our lives. In this module you will explore the meaning of liturgy and sacrament and gain insight into why the sacramental life of the faith community is so central to our Catholic identity. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: PERSON OF THE CATECHISTS

DVD 328 6: 7-20 Minutes A

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ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

DVD 391 6 - 20 Minute A

This module explores our relationship with the living God that we call prayer. It places prayer within the context of our spirituality, the name we give to the entire life lived in response to God's call. Prayer and spirituality are our whole hearted "yes" to the mystery of God seeking us. We express this mystery in our creeds, celebrate it in our liturgy, and live it out as we attempt to follow the way of Jesus. Study guide.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: ROLES OF THE CATECHISTS

DVD 330 6: 7-20 Minutes A

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ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: SCRIPTURES

DVD 388 6 - 20 Minute A

The Scriptures explores the central themes and message of the Bible. It explains what the Bible is and why it is considered the holy book of the Christian community. It introduces some of the foundational stories of the Bible. The module concludes with a reflection on Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the fullness of God's saving action. It also describes the activity of the disciples as they began to spread Jesus' message beyond Palestine after his Resurrection. Study guide.

ECHOES OF FAITH PLUS: THE LEARNER

DVD 264 4 Segments A

The *National Directory for Catechesis* reminds us that "God reveals himself to us gradually and in stages, drawing us ever closer in order to prepare us to welcome the culmination of God's self-revelation in...Jesus Christ." Just as our God is patient with us, so we must catechize in light of our learners' needs. This module will introduce you to the continuous cycle of growth and development that occurs throughout life. You will explore this process of growth from four perspectives: cognitive, psycho social, moral, and faith growth. The topics in *The Learner* are: building knowledge, relating to others, learning to love, and growing in faith. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

ECOS DE FE: EL CATEQUISTA

VC 209 51 Minutes A

Este módulo te presenta algunos de los elementos imprescindibles y necesarios para comenzar con tu ministerio catequético. El vídeo y los artículos de este panfleto presentan y muestran cuatro elementos esenciales para desarrollar el proceso catequético con éxito: crear el ambiente físico, fomentar el ambiente social, usar actividades creativas para el aprendizaje, and planificar para el éxito. Además, en cada segmento se presentan y se perfilan otras dos técnicas importantes: técnicas adecuadas e organización y disciplina, and la oración y cómo rezar juntos. Después de ver los cuatro segmentos del vídeo y una vez completadas las actividades del panfleto adjunto: te sentirás más cómodo y seguro en tu ministerio catequético, tendrás las nociones básicas de estas seis técnicas esenciales para la catequesis, tendrás un ejemplo visual de cómo se usan estas técnicas, and tendrás la capacidad para empezar a usar estas técnicas. Study guide.

EDDIE'S FIRST CHRISTMAS

VC 466 34 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Ben and Eddie - the continuing story of an ordinary man of faith and an orphaned pup that comes to live with him. It's Christmas in the city! Eddie is caught up in the festivities and excitement of the holiday season. But when the elaborate plans of friends overshadow his own, Eddie's enthusiasm fades. Old feelings of rejection return, and Christmas becomes a painful reminder of his homeless beginnings. With fatherly love, Ben leads Eddie to the lowly manger where together they find the true meaning of Christmas in the homeless beginnings of the King of Kings. Study guide.

ELIZABETH SETON

VC 119 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Elizabeth Seton in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Elizabeth Seton: Mother of the American Church*, Gwendolyn tells of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's conversion to the Catholic faith and her numerous good works; to give their time, talents, or money to the missions; to do their best at whatever work they do; and to face hardships and sorrows with courage and faith. Study guide.

EUCHARIST

DVD 323 3 Sessions A

"The Eucharist is not a luxury, but a necessity, for without it, we would, in a spiritual sense, starve to death." Experience for yourself the profound mystery of the Eucharist as: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence. Study guide.

EUCHARIST: A TASTE OF GOD

VC 001 10-15 Minute Segs J;S;A

Why do we celebrate the Eucharist? What gifts are we promised and what demands does it make on us before we can fully appreciate its richness? Father Kempf offers a fresh look at the great treasure and challenge of the sacrament of Eucharist. **Eucharist: A Taste of God** is intended for small groups, and encourages discussion, prayer, and group activities. Each section is 10-15 minutes long and covers these topics: **Hunger, The Quiet Presence of God, Called to the Gathering: The Challenge, Called to the Gathering: The Gift, A Meal for Sinners, The Voice of God, Broken, Poured for Love, I Am Here for You, Mission, and To Say 'Amen.'** Study guide.

EUCHARIST: CELEBRATING CHRIST PRESENT

VC 650 30 Minutes A

This video offers a key to understanding the Eucharist which Catholics celebrate each Sunday. Story Segment: Features Assunta, a devoted grandmother and parish sacristan, who is busy getting her church ready for the celebrations of Holy Week, and helping her daughters plan a traditional Italian Easter dinner. When she is suddenly hospitalized after an accident, Assunta and her family must face the question of who can carry on the traditions of faith and family. Their story mirrors how Christians remember Christ in the celebration of Eucharist. Witness Segment: Allows real-life Catholics to testify to what the celebration of Eucharist in their parish communities means. Teaching Segment: Explores how the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter can focus our understanding of Eucharist in a balanced manner. Concludes with a music video reflection. Guide included.

EUCHARIST: CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

VC 468 13 Minutes A

This engaging video starts with seven-year-old Ben wondering about the significance of bread and wine as he prepares for his first communion celebration. His father explains that bread was a diet staple in the time of Jesus, and so it was a symbol of life and nourishment - just as the Eucharist gives us new life and spiritual nourishment today. In *Eucharist: Celebrating Community*, parents learn how important the sacrament of Eucharist is for their faith journey as a family and how essential their role is in nurturing the faith of their child. They learn too that the trappings that often surround First Eucharist: what to wear, what gifts to give, what kind of party, are insignificant compared to the gift of Jesus their child will receive in the Eucharist. Parents preparing for their child's first communion will be inspired, informed, and encouraged by this thoughtful, prayerful presentation. Excellent guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

EUCHARIST: GOD'S WAY OF EMBRACING US

DVD 245 100 Minutes S;A

We are a Eucharist people, a Eucharistic church, a community formed and nurtured by the Eucharist. How does the Eucharist work? What are its various meanings? In the year of the Eucharist, we pause to reflect upon the Eucharist. Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, is a renowned author and specialist in the fields of spirituality and systemic theology. His weekly column appears in Catholic newspapers around the world.

EVANGELIZATION AND OUR CALL TODAY (VATICAN II)

VC 303 30 Minutes A

What is the relationship between the Church and living in our culture today? What are we called to, knowing the influence that culture has made on our lives today. The emphasis by the Church on its counter-culture dimensions on issues of peace and justice remains a challenge for many American Catholics. This video helps us look at our call today. What are ways in which we can spiritually express our needs and the way we are called to evangelize in the world today? Excellent video for parish councils, RCIA, liturgy groups and Catechist Formation. Guide included.

EVANGELIZING GOD'S PEOPLE IN A CULTURE OF DIVERSITY

DVD 270 3 Dvds A

In July 2006, 300 Catholic leaders came together at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the second North American Institute for Catholic Evangelization. They celebrated the diversity reflected in the Church in North America, and explored how to evangelize God's people, from whatever culture. NAICE 2006 represented a three-way partnership: the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, through its Secretariat for Evangelization; Xavier University, Cincinnati; and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The theme of the 2006 Institute was "Evangelizing God's People in a Culture of Diversity." A wide array of speakers and panels represented diverse cultural experiences. This video program is designed to bring the Institute to those who could not attend in person. Whether you work in evangelization or adult faith formation, for a diocese or a parish, this resource will help you in the work of evangelization, even across cultures.

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE

VC 390 11 Minutes J;S;A

Do we really know the poor in our own house? in our family? our community? With this question, Mother Teresa challenges us to recognize the poor in all those who are abandoned, unwanted, alone. In this film, the words and the voice of Mother Teresa bring depth and compassion to the camera's impressions: first of India's poor and the Sisters of Charity who share their lives and second, of our own destitute and elderly in the West. Mother Teresa reminds us that we are all called to be missionaries of charity right where we live and work. Study Guide.

EXPLORING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

DVD 218 40 Minutes J;S

In today's fast-paced and stress-oriented world, it is hard for young people to stop and search for God's will for their lives. A young person's life is full of decisions: what to do after high school, what career to pursue, whom to marry, and where to live. These are only a few of the questions they face. Without God's guidance, the future is overwhelming, worrisome, and frightening. This video explores the path to finding God's will, helping young people to hear His purpose for their lives. Segments: God Has a Purpose for Your Life, Seeking God, Obstacles to Hearing God, Trusting God, Making Decisions, and Steps of Faith. Study guide.

FACE-TO-FACE WITH TEENS: MOLLY KELLY

VC 512 30 Minutes J;S

Molly provides an open forum for teens to get 'down to basics.' In a question and answer forum, teens have a chance to discuss sexuality, chastity, and the problems of greatest concern to teens today. Molly shares the facts in a non-judgmental and non-threatening way.

FAITH FORMATION: THE NURTURING OF FAITH IN A CHALLENGING TIME

VC 524 25 Minutes A

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

FALL OF FREDDIE THE LEAF, THE

VC 536 16 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Leo Buscaglia shares the tale of a journey for people of all ages. It recounts a life lived in dignity, from its birth in the Spring, through the seasons, to its death in the Fall, then on into another Spring. Life is too often taken for granted. We act as if we had forever. Few of us have faced our mortality. Yet, it is only through an honest awareness of the transient nature of all things that life can finally be seen as a wondrous adventure to be celebrated with vigor, joy and love. We are born, we experience the world, we discover our purpose, make our contribution, then we die. It becomes clear that life is not a goal, it's a journey. Freddie reminds us all to travel well! Study guide.

FATHER AND TWO SONS, A

VC 295 10 Minutes J;S;A

A father's relationship with his children is a timely topic for today's youth. In this video, set on a contemporary horse ranch, the biblical story of a loving father is presented in stunning black and white images with an exciting blues vocal track. Here, a man's younger son demands his share of the property from his father, and leaves to go into the world beyond the family farm. When he is crushed by the world, he decides to go home, although he does not know how he will be received. He is welcomed by his overjoyed father who immediately commands that a banquet be prepared to honor him. While in many versions 'The Prodigal Son' parable ends here, this video completes the biblical story by showing the father's loving encounter with his older son who is reluctant to join in the celebration. Study guide.

FINAL BLESSING

VC 029 52 Minutes S;A

Final Blessing examines the spiritual dimensions in the lives of the terminally ill. Rather than turning away from the unavoidable sadness in these stories, viewers will be left inspired, uplifted, and even consoled by the patients' end-of-life discoveries for the potential for peace and healing. *Final Blessing* is a program about uncovering a place within the soul to begin to understand suffering on a different level and to look forward to what lies beyond. Study guide.

FIRST CHRISTMAS CRIB, THE

VC 494 12 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

On the eve of Christmas in the year 1223, Francis of Assisi, with the help of some friends, recreated the nativity scene in a cave near Greccio, Italy. A simple hay-filled manger, and an ox and ass, were all the saint used to evoke the poverty and humility of Christ's birth. After the death of Francis, the custom of the Christmas crib spread around the world. Today every culture touched by Christianity expresses the mystery of Christmas in settings and figures unique to that place and its people. Video tells the story of Francis and the first Christmas crib by means of a simple narration. Study guide.

FIRST COMMUNION: TAKING A PLACE AT THE TABLE

VC 793 30 Minutes S;A

First Communion: Taking a Place at the Table, offers parents a basic foundation as they help their child approach the Eucharistic table for the first time. *Story segment*: tells of a young First Communicant who learns that receiving the Eucharist means taking on more of a "grown-up" responsibility. *Witness segment*: real-life parents reflect on how they prepared for their children's First Communion. *Teaching segment*: explains how the Eucharist calls us to live our lives as a sign that we will "do in memory" what Jesus did for us. The video ends with a *music reflection* that captures the warmth, joy and sense of family with which celebrates the Eucharist. Study guide.

FIRST RECONCILIATION KIT

VC 545 31 Minutes P

'Moral Stories' and 'Scripture Stories' relating to Reconciliation. Moral Stories: 'The Sports Car' (6 Min.) and 'Burnt Cookies' (6 Min.) Children see illustrations of selfish actions and learn ways of saying 'I'm sorry' and accepting responsibility for what they do. Scripture Stories: 'The Good Shepherd' (4 Min.), 'Forgiving Father' (4 Min.), 'Peter & Jesus' (3 Min.). Stories illustrate God's loving care and forgiveness for each individual. Study Guide for each story.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

FIRST VALENTINE, THE

VC 002 25 Minutes I;J

A modern teenager meets a legendary saint...and learns a lesson of love. In this adventure of imagination, young Tess, a shy girl of 13, discovers a new meaning for love on Valentine's Day. Through a very special book, she meets the 3rd century martyr Valentine and his Christian friends. They show her what it means to love others as Jesus loves us, and to receive that love in return. A fresh and inspiring story of the origin of Valentine's Day. Could be used for self-worth, faith, sharing about saints and in being willing to sacrifice for others. Guide included.

FORMING ADULT DISCIPLES

VC 799 40 Minutes A

Forming Adult Disciples stimulates enthusiasm and commitment to adult faith formation. Story segment retells Luke's account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus in a contemporary drama. When a Catholic couple's identity and faith are challenged by a crisis, several encounters help them meet Christ "along the way."

FRANCES CABRINI: MOTHER OF IMMIGRANTS

VC 092 30 Minutes J;S;A

From 1889 to 1917 Mother Cabrini worked among Italian Immigrants and, together with her Missionary Sisters, promoted an historical movement for the socio-religious needs of the immigrants. Frances Cabrini exercised an important influence on the shaping of American Catholic history, of women's history in the United States and of the great European migration of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

VC 008 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Francis in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Francis of Assisi: Knight for Peace*, Gilbert tells of St. Francis' total commitment to God's will and of his love for all God's creation. Enhanced by heavenly surroundings, special effects, music, art, and cutaways to children doing good works. Study guide.

FUZZY TALE, A

VC 075 12 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

This video is about 'warm fuzzies' - acts of positive attention and recognition such as kind words, touching, smiles and expressions of love. Warm fuzzies are given and received freely until fear enters the picture with rumors that warm fuzzies are in short supply. Suddenly, people are afraid to give them out and look for artificial substitutes with the results being a world not unlike the one in which we presently live.

GATHER FAITHFULLY TOGETHER

VC 767 30 Minutes J;S;A

In his pastoral letter "Gather Faithfully Together," Cardinal Mahony of California sets out an example of what parish liturgy might look like. The Mass he describes is celebrated on this video. Visit a place of worship with effective ministering in ushers, lectors, communion ministers, and presider. Meet the people of the parish who gather, listen to the word, sing psalms, give thanks and praise to God in the Eucharistic prayer and come to the table in process. Share the music, see them partake in real bread and real wine become the body and blood of Christ, experience the love and energy parishioners have for the rest of life. Excellent for liturgy planners, Pastoral council members, Eucharistic ministers, and study on Eucharist. Study guide.

GATHERED IN MY NAME

VC 700 10 Minutes A

Using real life clips of many different families, this video explores the profound love that should be at the center of every Christian family. Ordinary family events - meals, conversations, moments of intimacy and reconciliation - are shown to be occasions of God's presence. By observing families of all ages and all sizes, husbands and wives and parents and children can learn to reflect God's love more fully. Guide.

GENERATION X: BELIEVING AND BELONGING

VC 528 25 Minutes A

GENERATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

DVD 282 2 Sessions A

One size doesn't fit everyone! When we think we've reached the deepest level of discipleship, Jesus invites us to more. What are these invitations from Jesus to give our lives more deeply; and how can we recognize them? Why does he invite us to give our death as a blessing to others. Discover what Generative Discipleship means in a Biblical perspective and how it will bring a deeper meaning to your life. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

GIFT, THE: A CHRISTMAS STORY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

VC 702 11 Minutes PS;P

Young children will get a view of the first Christmas from a unique perspective. This is the story of an ordinary little bug who lived in a crack of the Jerusalem wall. This little creature follows three travelers on camels as they follow a star leading to a newborn king. This delightful story is told in rhyming verses and is beautifully illustrated. Study guide.

GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

VC 375 41 Minutes PS;P

Celebrate Christmas through songs, suspense and surprises as Francesco initiates a Christmas tradition destined to be emulated the world over for centuries to come. Meanwhile, the raccoon, the bluebird and the bear cub donate their winter treats toward a cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday. The bee volunteers his bees wax for a beautiful Christmas candle. The ewe and her lamb offer their wool to be woven into a warm new robe for Francesco. Though the animals give up much to surprise Francesco for the holidays... they sacrifice even more to learn that love outweighs all Gifts of Christmas!

GIVING TREE, THE

VC 510 10 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

This poignant story about the relationship between a boy and a tree illustrates some truths about the meaning of giving, receiving and love. The tree happily and unselfishly offers itself to the boy for climbing, shade and rest. But as the boy grows up, he wants different things from the tree -- money from its apples and lumber from its limbs. The boy's life takes him farther from the tree, but old age reunites them and brings their relationship full circle. Study guide.

GOD'S GAME PLAN: A CONTEMPORARY LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

VC 250 42 Minutes I;J

The Ten Commandments - What are they? Can they be meaningful guidelines in the lives of today's teenagers? Mauri asks these questions of her soccer coach, Fr. Joe. Fr. Joe helps her to realize that these rules have a lot to say about her life today, as they have in the lives of God's people in all ages. Each commandment (commandments 6 & 9 and 7 & 10 combined) segment dramatizes the real concerns of teenagers and show them how the commandments can help them make good choices. Eight episodes. Best viewed in two or three sessions. Study guide.

GOD'S TROMBONES

VC 641 30 Minutes J;S;A

THE CREATION - From out of the darkness, fluid shapes in shimmering colors swell and surge to form the elements of God's universe: The innovative/evocative text, and the richly expressive narration all work together to convey a sense of majesty. **THE PRODIGAL SON** - As the son leaves home and heads for the big city of Babylon, the narrator and choral singers tell his story: he joins the crowd, buys fancy clothes, takes to gambling, drinking, sweet sinnin' women. Soon he's broke and joins the beggars, lepers, pigs in the stys of Babylon. 'Young man, your arm's too short to box with God,' claims the chorus as the young man finally comes to his senses and returns to his father. **GO DOWN DEATH** - is a powerful meditation on death. As Sr Caroline, a poor black woman, lies dying, God is moved by her pain and orders His angel to summon Death on an errand of mercy..to bring her to rest in the his bosom. Sr Caroline does not fear Death , 'welcomes him like a friend.' He carries her into union with Jesus on His throne, where He wipes the tears of separation from our eyes. A reminder that Death is not the end, but the beginning.

GOOD FRIDAY

VC 620 39 Minutes A

The Three Days are the center and climax of our Christian year. It all begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon. This video explores what happens in the afternoon or evening of Good Friday. The church assembles in a way that is unlike any other day of the year. Kneeling or prostrate, all are silent. Then the scriptures are proclaimed, and many prayers of intercession are chanted. Finally, the holy cross is set down in the midst of the church, and, for as long as it takes, each person comes forward to venerate and honor the wood of the cross, all the while singing of its glory. Video will fuel discussion about what a Good Friday celebration should be. Study guide.

GOSPEL AND THE ENVIRONMENT, THE

VC 603 20 Minutes I

Our environment problems are something that all our children should be learning more about - it plays a big part in their future. Video demonstrates ways that they can do something about it each day of their life - and how their actions are rooted in Gospel values and the message of Jesus. Excellent to accompany session on God and Creation.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

GOSPEL OF LUKE

VC 154 28 Minutes S;A

Luke is the gospel of mercy and compassion. Through Jesus, God's spirit is let loose, and all social structures are shattered. In Luke God is at work in unexpected places and calls for a revolution in which the poor are raised up and the rich are sent away empty. Excellent for liturgy planners and Bible Study groups to use as we begin Cycle C with Gospel of Luke. Study guide.

GRANDMA'S BREAD

VC 225 17 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

A story of a friendship between Grandmother and Grandson - about tradition, family, church, Easter, and Eucharist. 'Grandma's Bread' illustrates our understanding of the Eucharist so beautifully by using the simple image of toasty-brown, freshly baked bread to symbolize how we ourselves die and rise, as Jesus did, every day of our lives. Our deepest understanding of Eucharist is felt and comprehended not by our mind but in our heart. It is a story to be experienced and felt - one which gently and powerfully touches of the essence of Eucharist. Also in movie format. Study guide.

GRANDMA'S BREAD & EL PAN DE LA ABUELITA

DVD 274 17 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

A story of a friendship between Grandmother and Grandson - about tradition, family, church, Easter, and Eucharist. 'Grandma's Bread' illustrates our understanding of the Eucharist so beautifully by using the simple image of toasty-brown, freshly baked bread to symbolize how we ourselves die and rise, as Jesus did, every day of our lives. Our deepest understanding of Eucharist is felt and comprehended not by our mind but in our heart. It is a story to be experienced and felt - one which gently and powerfully touches of the essence of Eucharist. Also in movie format. Study guide.

GRANDMA'S ORNAMENT

VC 243 14 Minutes P;I

What to do about Amy? She's a clumsy child who spills and trips and bumps into things. And this year, it's her turn to hang the special decoration on the tree. Grandma brings a new ornament every year; and this year's decoration is a prized heirloom, a fragile handmade Christ child resting in a delicate manger. Amy, understandably, is not looking forward to the event. How she overcomes and wins out over her clumsiness makes for a very winning and delightful story. Study guide.

GREAT STORYTELLER, THE

VC 361 25 Minutes P;I

In this video, children are transported back to Jesus' time to witness for themselves the miracles of feeding the 5,000, healing a leper, walking on water and more.

GREENHOUSE

VC 576 11 Minutes I;J

A young boy works to repair an old man's greenhouse that he has vandalized and slowly learns to appreciate the beauty he finds there. When the greenhouse is vandalized again, the old man and boy work together to save 'their' plants, discovering a new friendship and mutual respect for the property and feelings of others. Themes: Commandments, Respect, Values.

HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

VC 276 17 Minutes I;J;S;A

What can we do in the midst of a consumer society that distorts our most cherished values? This timely video teaches children and reminds parents why we celebrate Christmas. It explains why people began to give gifts at Christmastide, and offers practical solutions for simpler, non-materialistic yuletide celebrations. Most importantly, it emphasizes Christ's message of peace, justice and care for our world and its people.

HE IS RISEN

DVD 221 45 Minutes P;I

Share the story of the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ with your family. Relive the real story of Easter as you watch He Is Risen. The story of the greatest miracle of all. Sorrow and despair become complete joy and love as the disciples behold and walk with their resurrected Master.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

HEROES OF FAITH

VC 570 60 Minutes J;S

This video profiles 11 prominent Christians and their journey to “make real” their faith. Wonderful examples of people who have overcome obstacles to come to a place of deeper and more profound faith in God. **Part I - Heroes Held Captive:** Fr. Lawrence Martin Jenco (6:40) - Held hostage in Lebanon, moved from hatred to forgiveness toward his captors; Fr. Tom Takahaski (4:00) - Held in a US internment camp during WWII, Maryknoll missionary to teach peace and forgiveness. **Part II - Heroes in the Arts and Entertainment:** Orel Hersheiser (4:05) - A major league pitcher, crisis of faith led him to reconciliation with God, family, and self; Fred Rogers (8:30) - a personal look at this gentle man of faith who created *Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*; Flannery O'Connor (9:00) - written of faith in dramatic and thought-provoking ways; Dave Brubeck (7:00) - talks of the joy and surprising success he has had with his sacred music; Natzih Rizk (3:50) - photographs of this remarkable and faith-filled blind photographer. **Part III - Heroes of Social Activism:** St. Francis of Assisi (3:00) - reflections on God's presence in nature, poverty; Jean Donovan (3:35) - One of the four church women murdered in El

HISTORY OF THE EUCHARIST, THE

VC 719 14 Minutes J;S;A

Part I of The History and Meaning of the Eucharist. This video explains in dialogue style how the Eucharist has developed from the Last Supper to the present. Mike & Olivia are two teens with some questions about the Mass: Why do we have to go every week? What are we really doing? Why do we repeat the same thing over and over? If I can feel close to God when I am alone, why do I have to go to Mass? Program answers these questions and more. Guide included

HOLY THURSDAY

VC 619 39 Minutes A

The Three Days are the center and climax of our Christian year. It all begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends on Easter Sunday afternoon. This video explores what we do in the first hours of the Three Days, after Lent is quietly left behind. We see and hear how the church assembles on Thursday night and processes into the Paschal Triduum. After people have heard powerful scripture readings, taken time to wash each other's feet, raised a collection for the poor, celebrated eucharist and gone singing in procession with the blessed sacrament -- then the Three Days are well begun. What group in your parish would not be stimulated to love and appreciate our Catholic tradition by watching this video. Even more, it will help the parish year after year observe Lent with great anticipation. Study guide.

HOLY WEEK: CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR FOR CHILDREN

VC 593 20 Minutes I

Holy Week is the Christian 'Faith Walk' from the joyful morning of Palm Sunday - through the wonderful events of Holy Thursday - to the tragic afternoon of Good Friday - and finally to the glory of Easter Morning. It is a time of remembering, celebrating, and being assured that God cannot stop loving us. Through story, ritual, and scenes from around the world, the audience is taken on this 'Faith Walk' to a fuller understanding of this holy time for them. This lively new video for children looks at each of the celebrations of Holy Week in some detail, juxtaposing Jesus' world with our own. Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, then death and resurrection, are contrasted with a modern vignette of young people who experience triumph, disappointment, and finally, a renewal of faith and friendship. Experience some practical ways to help the mysteries of faith come alive in our homes so that faith is not an occasional, but an everyday affair.

HOW AND WHY WE PRAY

DVD 521 22 Minutes S;A

What is prayer? How do we pray? Why do we pray? From the thoughts and comments of church leaders to the insights and experiences of Catholics from all walks of life, the prayer DVDs invite us all to discover how much we pray already. Study guide.

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE ADVENT?

DVD 234 27 Minutes PS;P;I

Beth and her brother, Digger, can hardly wait for the Christmas celebration to come, so they are excited to learn that the church has a special season of waiting and preparation in expectation of the coming Savior; the season of Advent. Beth and Digger happily hear God's plan of salvation as they light the candles of their Advent wreath and mark the days until the coming of Emmanuel, our “God With US.”

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

DVD 311 25 Minutes P;I

Digger is a curious youngster who would like to join in on the Halloween festivities, but some of his friends say that celebrating Halloween is wrong. His sister, Beth, calms Digger's fears by teaching him the Christian history of All Saint's Day celebration. Digger is pleased to learn that young Christians can enjoy the Halloween celebration with the knowledge that God is our refuge and strength, therefore we have nothing to fear. Animated.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE

VC 315 55 Minutes J;S;A

This video is a wonderful way to begin a family or group study. Photographed in the Holy Land, this video is an informative two volume set all on one tape. Volume one looks at the Old Testament and how it came to be written. Volume two covers the New Testament. These two volumes answer many questions concerning the authenticity of Scripture.

HOW TO RAISE YOUR CHILD WITH FAITH

VC 134 25 Minutes A

What does it mean to raise a child with faith? Video explores some practical answers while helping parents to go on a faith journey as a family. Excellent for parents who have gone through the parish Baptism program already.

I BELIEVE WE BELIEVE

VC 286 74 Minutes S;A

Echoes of Faith Series: Video will acquaint you with the central creedal statements of the Catholic community. You will explore the following core understandings of the Catholic faith: a) One God is the Creator of all that exists. b) God reveals Godself to us in human history and calls each of us to a relationship with God. c) God's revelation is given to us through the primary modes of Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. d) Jesus Christ is the fullness of God revelation to us. e) Faith is our response to God's call. God is a Trinity of Persons - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. f) The Incarnation expresses the truth that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human. g) The Holy Spirit gives life to us and binds us together as a community of faith. h) The Church is the Body of Christ, the community of believers. i) Creeds are summary statements of the community about its core beliefs. j) The Nicene Creed expresses the central truths of our faith. Through the process of reflection you should better understand these basic truths and feel more confident in sharing them with others. Excellent study guide.

IF I DIE BEFORE I WAKE

VC 331 30 Minutes J;S;A

IF I DIE BEFORE I WAKE deals with the issues of life and death. A plane carrying a high school track team to the state meet crashes, killing everyone. Track star Charlie Devvers was unable to make the trip due to an injury. He feels guilty that his friend Joey replaced him on the team and died. Charlie's attempts to make sense of death and of life form the focus of the video. Grieving students discuss their beliefs about death, religion, and the existence of God as they struggle to cope with the tragedy. IF I DIE BEFORE I WAKE isn't about simple answers, it's about the quest that all teens must make to decide what they believe. Guide.

IF IT HAPPENS TO YOU: DEALING WITH ABUSE

VC 017 20 Minutes I

This program talks to upper elementary-aged children about a difficult subject - abuse. Sensitive, age-appropriate scenarios explore three types of abuse - physical, verbal, and sexual as seen through the eyes of children. Viewers learn that victims of abuse are NOT responsible for causing it. They MUST tell an adult they trust what is happening -- to continue on telling until someone takes action to stop it. Whether it's a father who gets angry and physically hurts a child, a grownup who uses words to continually make a youngster feel worthless or a person who touches the private parts of a child's body, this program will encourage and empower youngsters who are the victims of abuse to speak up and get help! Study guide.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: EXPLORING THE MYSTERY

VC 304 16 Minutes S;A

December 8, 2004 is the 150th Anniversary of the Papal Bull, *Ineffabilis Deus*. This teaching raised the belief in the Immaculate Conception to the status of a formal doctrine, to be believed by all the faithful. Often confused with the belief in the Virgin Birth, the Immaculate Conception is not about Jesus, but about Mary being conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception explains how Mary, born of human parents like us, did not inherit Original Sin. Here is an exploration of this doctrine and how God broke through history to complete the first work of goodness by a mystery yet more wondrously sublime, the Immaculate Conception.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

VC 086 28 Minutes J;S;A

How does God call you to make a difference in the world? That is the central question of the video In the Footsteps of Jesus: Catholic Social Teaching at Work Today. All Catholics -- teenagers and senior citizens, college students and RCIA candidates, pastors and parish councils, Catholic schoolchildren and families -- will be challenged to respond to it. Part one provides a brief but compelling overview of the seven themes of Catholic social teaching and a summary of the scriptural and historical context for their development. In part two, each theme is highlighted through the living examples of six extraordinary individuals and a couple who offer insight and inspiration as they share their own commitments to promoting justice and peace in the world today. Study guide.

INFANT BAPTISM

VC 786 31 Minutes S;A

A Gift to the Community... offers a four-part video resource package that can be used as part of a parish program for parents who are bringing their child to be baptized. **Story segment:** is a parable that explores the relationship of parents to the church community when they bring their baby for Baptism. **Witness segment:** two couples who present Baptism workshops to parents share key points in celebrating the sacrament. **Teaching segment:** reflects on what the parish community witnesses at the celebration of infant Baptism: the unique interdependence parents and their children share. That relationship mirrors how all of us depend upon God as our loving parent. **Music segment:** "Purest Praise," sung by noted Christian rock musician Sandi Patti. Study guide.

INNKEEPERS: A CHRISTMAS STORY, THE

VC 354 31 Minutes P;I

On a cold, dark night in Bethlehem, two innkeepers are hustling and bustling trying to keep up all the work to be done. Everybody's in town for the census and there's not a room to be found anywhere. Re-creates the first Christmas as seen through the eyes of Arimus and Ramada, busy innkeepers who had no room at the inn! These colorful puppets will bring laughter and warmth to your heart in a very special way. Study guide.

INSPIRED: STORIES AND SONGS INSPIRED BY THE SCRIPTURES

DVD 355 J;S;A

The greatest storyteller ever to live was Jesus Christ. He told parables and stories, not only to entertain and instruct, but to lead us on the path toward truth and light - the path to God. See Vallimar bring to life the stories of The Creation, The Samaritan Woman, The Healing Pool, The Nosy Neighbor, and Celebrating Ethel Waters. Each story is accompanied by a specific piece of music that deepens the tapestry and artistry of the entire story. The songs in the video help to paint a picture of the scene or bring to a conclusion the overall theme. This beautiful, powerful, and expressive collection of stories is sure to inspire faith and hope. Study guide.

INTRODUCCIÓN A LA SAGRADA ESCRITURA

VC 061 83 Minutes A

Introducción a la Sagrada Escritura procura ser una presentación general de los temas y mensajes centrales de la Biblia. Aprenderás qué es la Biblia y por qué es considerada como el libro sagrado de la comunidad cristiana. Tendrás una presentación de los relatos fundamentales de la Biblia. El módulo concluye con una reflexión acerca de Jesucristo, quien nos revela la plenitud de la acción salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Guía estudiar.

INTRODUCCIÓN AL CATEQUIZANDO

VC 546 43 Minutes A

Este módulo presenta a los catequizandos y el continuo ciclo de crecimiento y desarrollo que ocurre a lo largo de sus vidas. Tendrán la oportunidad de explorar este crecimiento y desarrollo en tres áreas: cómo adquirimos conocimiento y creamos significado, cómo crecemos psicológicamente y en nuestra habilidad para relacionarnos con los demás y cómo crecemos en nuestra habilidad para pensar y actuar moralmente. En el segmento final, aprenderás cómo todas estas áreas de desarrollo afectan el cómo percibimos y expresamos nuestra fe. Guía estudiar.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LEARNER

VC 400 43 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: Video introduces you to your learners and to the continuous cycle of growth and development that occurs through their lives. You will have the opportunity to explore this growth and development in four areas: building knowledge, relating to others, learning to love, and growing in faith. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

INTRODUCTIONS TO THE SCRIPTURES

VC 389 83 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: Introductions to the Scriptures is intended as a general overview of the central themes and message of the Bible. You will learn what the Bible is and why it is considered the holy book of the Christian community. Topics: What Is the Bible? Why Is the Bible Holy? What's in the Bible? Jesus: The Alpha and the Omega. Study Guide

ISIDORE

VC 133 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Isidore in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Isidore: Farmer of Faith*, Gwendolyn tells how Isidore became a saint by just doing his ordinary chores faithfully and prayerfully: to appreciate and respect the connectedness of creation; to praise God for the gifts of nature and to share these gifts with others; to do their work well; and to pray for farmers. Study guide.

IT IS HARD TO BE POOR

VC 200 20 Minutes J;S;A

Mary Copeland reaches out to others in need by feeding and sheltering hundreds every day. Mary is the founder of Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis. One commentator states, "Sharing and Caring Hands is a 'One stop shopping for the poor'." The homeless are able to obtain love, food, clothing, and spiritual graces. In addition Mary was fundamental in funding and building Mary's Place, a 200 bed facility for the homeless. Mary says, "I am a total servant to God and a hand made of the Lord."

IT'S IN EVERY ONE OF US

VC 294 5 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

This video is a powerful reminder of our common humanity. This unforgettable 5 minute video blends heart-warming images of our global family with music and lyrics that celebrate the human spirit. It lets us *feel* the wisdom and truth we all carry within us. Enchanting to both adults and children, "It's In Every One of Us" renews the spirit whether seen for the first time or the hundredth. It is guaranteed to fill you with love, respect, and compassion: the qualities so necessary to help heal our troubled planet as we move towards the 21st century. You can use in prayer, reflection, and many creative ways with all ages. Worth seeing twice. Confirmation, self-esteem, creation, etc.

JESUS EXPERIENCE I & II

VC 028 70 Minutes A

Volume I: Jesus in the Roman Empire - In the year 33 AD in the Roman province known as Palestine, a faith was born that would fill the hearts, minds and souls of humankind. Led by the Apostles Peter, who knew the face of Jesus, and Paul, who began as a persecutor, the faith would spread throughout the Mediterranean world. It would struggle to exist and its believers included martyrs, monks, philosophers and finally emperors. **Volume II: Jesus in Early Europe** - As the Roman Empire declined and slid into the darkness of the Middle Ages, the Church continued to grow. Its success was not due to any grand design, but to individual men and women who experienced Jesus in their own ways. Francis of Assisi, a beggar who has been called the perfect Christian because he followed most closely in the footsteps of Jesus, and Hildegard of Bingen were two who influenced Christianity in the Middle Ages.

JESUS EXPERIENCE III & IV

VC 035 70 Minutes A

Volume III: Jesus in Modern Europe - By the 1500s, Western Europe was a frenzy of energy, invention, commerce, and faith. It witnessed an entirely new human experience of Jesus, first in the rise of the Protestants and then in the reform of the Catholics. Martin Luther criticized the church, igniting a fiery battle that split the faith, and a new form of Christianity emerged -- Protestantism. John Calvin took Luther's words and put them into action, creating the Protestant city of Geneva. **Volume IV: Jesus among the Slavs** - As the year 1000 approached, Russia was a vast wilderness with a few settlements. Yet when the Prince of Kiev embraced Eastern Christianity, he tied the beliefs of the Orthodox faith and the Russian country together in a way that continues to this very day. As a result, Easter is the core of the Russian faith. It is a time of rebirth, renewal, hope, and light.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

JESUS EXPERIENCE V & VI

VC 036 70 Minutes A

Volume III: Jesus in Latin America - As the year of 1492 dawned, there were more than a thousand faiths in what is now Latin America. Not one of them was Christian. When the Spanish and Portuguese came, indigenous societies were annihilated and cultures were crushed. The last thing to be expected was the conversion by the native people to the faith of the conquerors who had brought misery. Today, Latin Americans have created one of the most dynamic centers of Christianity in the world. **Volume IV: Jesus in North America** - To the Europeans who settled in North America, this vast wilderness was just waiting for them to put their stamp of God upon it. America is a direct reflection of Protestant culture - a casual experiment that continues to his very day. In the 19th and 20th centuries, this "promised land" absorbed a huge influx of Catholic believers. Today, it faces a new challenge in the first significant migration of non-Christian faith - Islam.

JESUS EXPERIENCE VII & VIII

VC 040 70 Minutes A

Volume VII: Jesus in Asia - Over half the world's population lives in Asia. Nowhere has the Christian message been so persecuted and nowhere has it been so welcomed. Asia has the lowest percentage of Christians in the world among its enormous population, but it is also home to the largest church in the world. John Sung, a brilliant Chinese student, committed his life to preaching in his native land where he was known as the Billy Graham of China. Pandita Ramabai, a Hindu widow, revolutionized the role of women in India as a result of her conversion to Christianity. **Volume VIII: Jesus in Africa** - The message of Jesus did not penetrate sub-Saharan Africa until the 19th century. Christianity came with legions of Western missionaries who met with limited success in converting souls. It was black leaders such as Simon Kimbangu and Desmond Tutu who merged the universal message of Jesus with the traditions of African culture. Today, Africa is the most dynamic and fastest growing region of Christianity in the world.

JESUS HEALS

VC 573 17 Minutes P;I

The wonderful Gospel stories of 'Blind Bartimaeus' and 'Zacchaeus' are told in live-action using humor and emotion. In this video children can come to know about Jesus and healing. Study guide.

JESUS IN MY LIFE TODAY

VC 491 15 Minutes I;J;S

Three teenagers examine what they really believe about Jesus and their personal relationships with Him. They learn the best way to love God is by helping the people they see on a daily basis, then putting it into practice. Study guide.

JESUS PROMISES

VC 004 15 Minutes P

The memory of Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection and the promise of the Holy Spirit coming as gift to all is the heart of our faith as Christians. This video gently invites children into these profound mysteries. Using scriptural stories of these events, they promise children that Jesus will always be with us. Study guide.

JESUS TEACHES

VC 571 17 Minutes P;I

The wonderful Gospel stories of 'The Lost Coin,' 'The Good Samaritan' and 'The Log and the Speck' are told in live-action using humor and emotion. In this video children can come to know about Jesus and teaching. Study guide.

JESUS THE CHRIST

DVD 261 12 Minutes S;A

Jesus the Christ: A visual meditation uses image and sound to capture and celebrate key moments in the hidden life, public ministry, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus. The impact of the video is deeply personal and profoundly prayerful. Magnificent works of art retell the story of Jesus; instrumental music elevates the power of the images; artistic styles reflect cultural and ethnic diversity; leader's guide offers creative strategies for using the program with various ages in many settings; use in catechetical programs, for retreats, RCIA, youth ministry, seasonal program and celebrations. Study guide.

JESUS, THE FINAL DAYS

VC 340 55 Minutes J;S;A

This video focuses on Jerusalem, the Holy City, as it is today and as it was in Jesus' day; the cheering throngs that welcome Jesus to celebrate the Passover; the driving of the merchants and money-changers out of the Temple; the political and religious turmoil of the day; the Last Supper; the betrayal by Judas; the trial before Pilate; the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Three video series, 'Jesus and His Times,' not only gives the facts of Jesus' life and times, it reveals the fascinating background behind the facts. You not only learn, for example, that Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but you also learn about Jewish custom's and laws regarding betrothal, marriage, and divorce in Jesus' time. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

JESUS: THE GOOD NEWS PROCLAIMED TO YOUTH

VC 147 56 Minutes J;S;A

Thomas Zanzig shares the meaning of Jesus in his own life as he retells the gospel story. Pointing out that each of the four Evangelists presented the story of Jesus in different ways to meet the varied needs of their audiences. Zanzig challenges young people to reflect on Jesus in their own lives and also to become evangelizers - to proclaim the Good News. Zanzig's personal style is one that will appeal to youth. This gospel story, that they may feel they have heard too often, is told again here by a man who knows young people and is willing to relate his own experiences to the gospel narrative. The gospel comes to life as Zanzig weaves personal anecdotes and events from the life of Jesus into a compelling and inspiring program. Guide included.

JESUS, THE STORY BEGINS

VC 338 61 Minutes J;S;A

This video deals with the betrothal of Joseph and Mary; the journey to Bethlehem; the birth of Jesus; the visits of the shepherds and wise men from the East; King Herod's plan to kill Jesus, the family's flight to Egypt; daily life in Nazareth; and the visit of Jesus to the Temple at the age of twelve. Three video series, 'Jesus and His Times,' not only gives the facts of Jesus' life and times, it reveals the fascinating background behind the facts. You not only learn, for example, that Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but you also learn about Jewish custom's and laws regarding betrothal, marriage, and divorce in Jesus' time. Study guide.

JIMMY AND THE WHITE LIE

VC 196 15 Minutes P;I

The everyday story of children who lie to avoid being punished by grown-ups. Through this animated story, children learn to see that God's forgiveness is the only way to stop their sins from getting bigger. They come to know that one of God's greatest gifts is forgiveness and that lying to avoid a problem only makes it bigger. Study guide.

JOURNEY THROUGH THE SHADOWS

VC 131 35 Minutes J;S;A

Suicide is an earth-shattering experience...the suddenness, the inability to explain why our loved one chose to end his or her life. What did we do or not do? So much pain and sorrow-how can we survive? *Journey Through the Shadows* offers ways to help survive your grief after someone you love has committed suicide and shows you that you are not alone and that you can make it through this life-changing experience.

JOURNEY TO EASTER

VC 271 90 Minutes I;J;S;A

Enjoy this seven part video program, one segment for each week of Lent and Easter. Enhance gatherings by sharing this resource. The viewer is guided on this journey to Easter through the use of Scripture, drama, and stories that deal with the concerns of life and the joys of our reunions with Christ. Week 1: A Journey Apart; 2: A Changing Heart; 3: Who Are You? 4: Lost and Found; 5: The Servant Comes; 6: The Way of the Cross; 7: The Light of the World.

JOURNEY TO YOUR BIRTHDAY

VC 105 6 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Traces the development of a human child from conception to birth, comparing the process to the unfolding of a rose from bud to blossom. The simple, direct and accurately-scripted narration makes this easy viewing for even very young family members, while imparting information not even the very old may have known.

KATERI TEKAKWITHA, NATIVE AMERICAN SAINT

VC 272 30 Minutes S;A

Child of an Algonquin Woman and a Mohawk chief, Kateri Tekakwitha was born in Gandaouague in 1656. Orphaned, half blind, scarred by illness and of little worth in her own world, she was destined to walk the path of holiness and was declared Blessed in 1980. She is a symbol of Reconciliation emerging from the collision of cultural, economic and political forces that forged a new nation in the wilderness. She stands on holy ground where native American tribes seek unity and make their indispensable contribution to the American church.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

KEEPER OF THE PEACE

VC 498 22 Minutes J;S;A

Video brings powerful direction to a fresh, life-changing look at Christ's birth. The familiar Christmas story is taken a step further as this drama unfolds in another stable in Bethlehem on that holy night. Marcus, a young Roman soldier, and Ruth, an old Jewish woman, stumble upon each other, unaware that this chance encounter will change both their lives. The birth of Christ is the greatest gift of all time, but only through forgiveness and reconciliation can Marcus and Ruth find the true *Keeper of the Peace*. Study guide.

KEVIN'S TEMPTATION

VC 640 9 Minutes I

Assists children in thinking about and learning to overcome the temptations that they encounter in daily life. It urges them to think about the choices they make. This story of Kevin's temptation is a present-day version of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Just as Jesus was strong enough to say no to his three temptations, Kevin, too, relies on inner strength to help him decide to do the right thing when he is tempted three times. Study guide.

KIDS TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT VIOLENCE

VC 696 60 Minutes J;S;A

This video is a must for any kid affected by violence at school or in the neighborhood. This entertaining program will teach kids non-violent ways to handle conflict. Kids will discover how to create positive peer pressure as they influence each other to do the right thing. Through role plays, interviews and dramatizations, kids will gain concrete skills to effectively face conflict in the hallway, on the playing field, in the parking lot, at parties, in the classroom, to and from school and in their own neighborhoods. Guide.

KING IS BORN

DVD 302 45 Minutes PS;P;I

The King is Born is a video classic about the birth of Jesus based on the Bible. Beginning with Gabriel announcing God's blessed plan for Mary. This video brings all the elements of this timeless story to life. Journey with Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and witness the humble birth of our Savior together with the shepherds.

LA MORALIDAD CATÓLICA

VC 050 74 Minutes A

La meta de este módulo es analizar las bases de la moralidad católica y la práctica de la vida moral. Cada uno de los cuatro segmentos del módulo contiene dos temas relacionados. Este cuaderno contiene un resumen y preguntas de reflexión para cada uno de los dos temas del segmento. Guía estudiar.

LAST STONE

VC 374 41 Minutes PS;P

Watch, laugh and sing along with Francesco and his friends -- the wolf, the bird, the raccoon, the bear cub, the bee and other delightful characters. When a storm damages the animals' homes and San Damiano church, Francesco and his animal friends work together to repair the church before the townspeople arrive at sunrise on Easter morning. It comes down to the last minutes... and the last stone.

LAST SUPPER, THE - HOLY WEEK

VC 645 33 Minutes S;A

Video depicts Passover and the events from Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday with a dramatization that was filmed on authentic locations of the Holy Land and Middle East. The viewer feels as if you are really an eye witness to Jesus' meeting with his Twelve Disciples in the "Upper Room" as they share the meal that history knows as the "Last Supper".

LAY MINISTRY: BUILDING OR BLOCKING THE FUTURE OF MINISTRY

VC 529 25 Minutes A

LEADERSHIP

VC 081 40 Minutes A

Five lessons for leaders in the 21st century. The concept of leadership is changing. Leadership explores these shifts and offers five concepts that improve the performance of any leader. Using bridge-building as a metaphor, Joel Barker teaches us that, more than anything else, the 21st century leader will build bridges...bridges built of hope and ideas and opportunities. Bridges that help us move from where we are to where we need to be. Using inspiring locations and vivid stories, Leadership motivates every leader, and aspiring leader, to develop the skills needed to lead his or her organization into the 21st century. Lesson 1) Focus the majority of your efforts on the future, 2) Understand the nature of fundamental change, 3) Appreciate complex systems and how they work, 4) Examine your leadership style to see how it affects productivity, and 5) Create shared vision to build bridges to the future. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

LECTOR AND GOSPEL READER'S WORKSHOP

DVD 266 32 Minutes A

Lector and Gospel Reader's Workshop: A Resource for Bringing God's Word to Life is an interactive video workshop. It combines the liturgical and spiritual aspects of being an effective lector with public speaking techniques.

LEGEND OF THE CANDY CANE

DVD 251 30 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

In this wonderfully animated adaptation of *The Legend of the Candy Cane*, you'll discover a fascinating story of hope and the hidden meaning of a favorite Christmas candy -- the candy cane. Based on the best-selling book, *The Legend of the Candy Cane*, this recreated and expanded version will introduce you to a wonderful cast of characters that you're sure to love.

LEGEND OF THE THREE TREES

DVD 246 30 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

The Legend of the Three Trees is a timeless retelling of the classic folktale of three distinct trees, each with its own hopes, dreams, and aspirations. We follow a beautiful olive tree blossoming in the valley, a knotty oak tree clinging to the shore and a strong pine standing high on the mountainside. They each dreamed of becoming great -- perhaps a majestic treasure chest, or a magnificent sailing ship, or maybe the tallest tree in the forest. But their dreams didn't seem to come true. Disappointed and dejected, the trees despair about their existence until they each finally interact, in their own unique ways, with Jesus Christ in His birth, ministry, and ultimate sacrifice. In these experiences, they learn that God has a special purpose for each of them in His kingdom.

LENNY LEARNS ABOUT LENT

VC 136 11 Minutes P;I

Children are taught the significance of Ash Wednesday, the meaning of the Stations of the Cross, and the highlights of the celebrations of Holy Week. This video creates a sense of awareness, anticipation, and appreciation for the season of Lent. Study guide.

LENT: CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR FOR CHILDREN

VC 284 15 Minutes P;I;J

Catholics perform many special actions in Lent. We put ashes on our heads. We fast. We pray the Stations of the Cross. We dedicate ourselves to repentance and turning to New Life. But what do all these actions mean in the life of a child? Contains a story in the life of a child today which illustrates the theme of Lent. It moves from 'experience' to 'liturgy' as the liturgical and devotional practices of the season are illustrated and explained.

LENTEN JOURNEY: DANGER AND DESIRE

VC 097 27 Minutes A

In this four part video series, Father Michael Himes draws insights from the Lenten Sunday liturgical readings, and in particular the stories of water, light and life from the Gospel of John (year A). These are the readings recommended for use with RCIA, no matter what year it is in the cycle of readings. These videos help us reflect on the implications of our baptismal faith and are perfect for use with people preparing for Baptism, prayer groups and Lenten adult education classes. ***Danger and Desire:*** Father Himes examines in depth the readings of the Third Sunday of Lent. Water is a primal symbol and Father Himes shows its varied dimensions in the Scriptures. Water gives life, but it also takes life. Himes takes us on a reflection into the depth of baptismal imagery - showing how Christian commitment requires dying to self in order to rise with Christ.

LENTEN JOURNEY: ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

VC 100 27 Minutes A

In this four part video series, Father Michael Himes draws insights from the Lenten Sunday liturgical readings, and in particular the stories of water, light and life from the Gospel of John (year A). These are the readings recommended for use with RCIA, no matter what year it is in the cycle of readings. These videos help us reflect on the implications of our baptismal faith and are perfect for use with people preparing for Baptism, prayer groups and Lenten adult education classes. ***Endless Possibilities:*** Father Himes examines in depth the readings of the Fifth Sunday of Lent. When Jesus is told to "come and see" the tomb of his friend, Lazarus, we are reminded of the "come and see" that Jesus extended to his first followers. When Jesus weeps and is troubled in this scene, there is a foreshadowing of the reaction of the disciples to Jesus' death. Himes brings us to the insight that life for Lazarus, and for us, holds endless possibilities. Death will not have the last word. The living God will.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

LENTEN JOURNEY: GOD SEES INTO THE HEART

VC 098 27 Minutes A

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LENTEN JOURNEY: WHAT IS TEMPTATION, REALLY?

VC 062 27 Minutes A

In this four part video series, Father Michael Himes draws insights from the Lenten Sunday liturgical readings, and in particular the stories of water, light and life from the Gospel of John (year A). These are the readings recommended for use with RCIA, no matter what year it is in the cycle of readings. These videos help us reflect on the implications of our baptismal faith and are perfect for use with people preparing for Baptism, prayer groups and Lenten adult education classes. *What is Temptation, Really?*: Father Himes draws upon all the scriptural readings for the first two weeks of Lent. With humor and passionate insight, Father Himes demonstrates how these stories give us an overview of all of salvation history, from creation to new life in Christ. Here you will be challenged by the question “What is Temptation, really?” and will discover the answers of Genesis and Luke. Here you will discover the freedom of God’s action in the call of Abraham and the Transfiguration story. All this invites us to reflect on the power of “call” and Baptism.

LET US PRAY: MYSTERY & COMMUNITY AT SUNDAY WORSHIP

VC 523 25 Minutes A

LIES OF THE HEART

VC 397 30 Minutes J;S;A

Decision making and personal values. The teen years are full of decisions - some easy and some agonizingly difficult. It’s important to take responsibility for your actions and remain true to yourself as a teen learns the hard way in LIES OF THE HEART. Jordan has it all: good friends, great grades, a Harvard acceptance, and a caring father. Selected valedictorian, Jordan is on top of the world. His proud dad rewards him with an expensive sports car. Careening through town, Jordan loses control and crashes into another vehicle. His dad swears his friends to secrecy claiming the truth would ruin Jordan’s life. Jordan wrestles with his conscience and finally makes a decision he can live with. This thought-provoking video will promote much soul-searching for teens and young adults. A wonderful catalyst for discussions of developing personal value systems and decision making. Guide.

LIFE BEFORE BIRTH

VC 316 20 Minutes J;S;A

This beautiful video is a testimony to the miracle of human life. Employing the use of intro-uterine photography this visual journey gives scientifically accurate and inspiring insight into the development of human life from the moment of conception to the time of birth. An ideal resource for use with groups exploring human sexuality, child development and the right to life. Study guide.

LIGHT AMONGST THE SHADOWS

VC 138 23 Minutes J;S;A

Suicide-a word that has always been whispered when it has happened. Suicide-a word that makes us wonder about “that family.” Suicide-an age-old taboo. But suicide has become an epidemic in our world today. In the US every 15 minutes a suicide occurs, and the families of those who commit suicide need our support and compassion. It is easy to cast judgment and to look the other way until it happens in your life. We do care, but many of us either do not know how to show we care or are afraid to show it. *Light Amongst the Shadows* discusses why suicide is difficult to talk about and teaches how to help and what to say and do when a suicide occurs. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

LITTLE SHEPHERD

DVD 367 25 Minutes PS;P;I

In five languages. "Little Shepherd" is the timeless story of Christmas with a twist. Follow Joel and his pet lamb, Bramble, as they frolic into rocky territory. Laugh at sister Sarah's practical jokes. Watch grandfather plant the seeds of faith, and witness the transforming power of hope and love. Study guide.

LITURGIA Y SACRAMENTOS

VC 048 74 Minutes S;A

Los católicos somos un pueblo sacramental. El fundamento de nuestra fe es que Dios está presente entre nosotros, que Dios se hizo carne y vivió entre nosotros en la persona de Jesucristo, que la muerte y resurrección de Jesús fue para salvarnos, que el Espíritu de Dios fue enviado por Jesús para guiarnos y animarnos como Iglesia. Cuando nos reunimos para el culto, expresamos ritualmente nuestra fe en estos misterios, y celebramos la manera tan profunda en que todavía están presentes en nuestra vida. Guía estudiar.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

VC 689 74 Minutes S;A

Echoes of Faith Series: Four parts: 1) What is Liturgy? (20 minutes), 2) Liturgy and Christian Identity (18 minutes), 3) Sacraments of Initiation (18 minutes), and 4) Sacraments of Healing and Service (20 minutes). Excellent video for all new and veteran C/DREs, catechists, liturgist, liturgy committees to see and experience. When we gather to worship, we ritualize our belief in these mysteries and celebrate the ways in which we find them still deeply present in our lives. In video you will explore the meaning of liturgy and sacrament and gain insight into why the sacramental life of the faith community is so central to our Catholic identity. Excellent study guide.

LIVING EUCHARIST

VC 253 10 Minutes I;J;S;A

Brief, direct, visually appealing and aimed at the heart. This new video uses the celebration of Sunday Mass in a typical parish as its framework. Three simple moving stories reveal the Lord's presence 'in the breaking of the bread.' Also in Movie Film Format. Study guide.

LIVING FROM THE CENTER: HOW TO PRAY

VC 598 20 Minutes A

Despite numerous 'time-saving' devices, are you always short on time? Do you feel overwhelmed by all the things you 'need' but can't afford? Video invites viewer to a change of life. Combining the wisdom of Father Richard Rohr with visually intense and heart-moving images, the video leads the viewer in a prayer exercise which could help him\her shatter false images of self, get out of the enslaving demands of our culture and find one's true identity in God. This is not just another interesting program to be enjoyed. It is a radical look at the illusions we have made into idols and an invitation to take an inner journey to the place where God dwells. Includes questions for discussion and reflection.

LIVING PROOF

VC 197 20 Minutes J;S;A

These never before seen photographic sequences reveal the incredible personality of the human embryo and fetus and is the result of ten years of research. This is a powerful educational tool which engages participants through actual full color images of the developing embryo and fetus inside the womb. It is the first ever filmed event of human ovulation. You will observe, first hand, the dynamic growth and development of the fully unique unborn human person protected in its mother's womb. Developed by the Pope Paul VI Institute's Dr. Thomas Hilger, this is an exceptional video with a wide variety of applications.

LOAVES OF THANKSGIVING

VC 717 30 Minutes A

Through real-life mini-dramas we come to see that faith, participation, worship, community and sacrifice are all symbolic loaves of thanksgiving which can transform parish life. The five aspects of Roman Catholic liturgy call us to a greater understanding of what celebrating the Eucharist actually means.

LOVE IS PATIENT

DVD 254 32 Minutes J;S;A

Sexual intimacy is a gift from God to be enjoyed within marriage. But choosing to save sex for marriage is difficult for young people, especially in today's society. Young people need to know the many benefits of saving sex for marriage: it shows respect for oneself, one's sexuality, and one's relationships. It is an expression of love for God. Living with sexual integrity recognizes and respects the importance, value, and power of sex. The young people and counselors on *Love is Patient* share this message from their personal testimonies, letting viewers know that sexual abstinence before marriage is God's expectation for all of us, and that He will give us the grace to do it. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

VC 015 24 Minutes J;S;A

Love One Another takes you on a journey into the darkest shadows of our world... forgotten places from which the poorest and the neediest of our brothers and sisters cry out for our mercy and compassion. Heeding the command of Jesus Christ to “love one another as I love you,” (John 15:12b) international Christian Charity Food for the Poor shows you the miraculous transformation that love can make in the face of such hopelessness. We invite you to join us as we strive to serve Christ in the poor. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - ANOINTING OF THE SICK

VC 616 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of healing in the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Video instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Video uses the actions of daily living, Jesus's life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - BAPTISM

VC 612 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of belonging in the Sacrament of Baptism. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Video instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Uses the actions of daily living, Jesus' life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - CONFIRMATION

VC 613 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of strengthening in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Video instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Uses the actions of daily living, Jesus's life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - EUCHARIST

VC 614 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of eating in the Sacrament of Eucharist. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Video instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Uses the actions of daily living, Jesus's life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - HOLY ORDERS

VC 618 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of service in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Uses the actions of daily living, Jesus' life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - MARRIAGE

VC 617 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of commitment in the Sacrament of Marriage. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Video uses the actions of daily living, Jesus's life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

LOVING ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH - RECONCILIATION

VC 615 20 Minutes I

Explore the everyday actions of forgiving in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sacraments help us to remember Jesus' love and point us outward in the service of others. Video instructs and encourages young people to explore their faith and God's unconditional love for them. Challenging young people to remember Jesus' love and serve others. Video uses the actions of daily living, Jesus's life and the actions of the believing community to call us to grow in Christ. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

VC 123 30 Minutes J;S;A

The new Mysteries of Light are a wonderful way to meditate on Jesus' life, drawing closer to His teachings and His love. You will be praying the rosary amidst the sights and sounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Fr. Louis Studer, omi, Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, will lead you in praying the Mysteries of Light. As you reflect on these mysteries (Jesus' Baptism, The Miracle at Cana, The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God, The Transfiguration of Jesus, and The Institution of the Eucharist), you will be inspired by music and scenes from the Shrine. The shrine choir, made up of professional musicians and vocalists, provides beautiful background music. Peaceful scenes of the Shrine allow you to make a pilgrimage from home, offering close-up images of some of the Shrine's many devotional sites.

MAGIC BOYS EASTER, THE

VC 281 30 Minutes I

Tells the dramatic story of Josh, a disabled boy who is hospitalized for a degenerative bone disease. He believes doctors are frauds and refuses to submit to leg-saving surgery. He is moved to faith in Jesus by a dream experience in which he becomes a magician's helper in ancient Jerusalem, where he meets Jesus on the road to Golgotha. Waking from this magical dream, the 20th century Josh consents to surgery, knowing that the resurrected Jesus never will leave him.

MAKING A MARRIAGE WORK: FROM THE 15TH TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

VC 687 53 Minutes A

Without the desire and ability to communicate, a couple's commitment withers. Video discusses conversation as conversion -- a turning toward the other, an effort to think and feel with one's partner. Communication techniques are explained and role-played: how to listen by paraphrasing our spouse; how to assert oneself without using accusatory language; how to employ conflict management by discussing our needs rather than a specific want. Facing our limits ultimately enables us to communicate and commit. Guide.

MAKING SUNDAY WORSHIP WORK

VC 109 117 Minutes S;A

Designed to help you prepare for Sunday worship.

Provides you with a thorough presentation of the specific ministries involved in Sunday Liturgy. With conviction, knowledge and real love for the liturgy, men and women speak about what they actually do: the tasks of planning, coordinating, decorating, welcoming, presiding, lecturing, leading music, assisting at the altar and distributing communion. Fr. Donald Osuna lays out the steps on how individual talents can create a single and unifying faith experience. Each part is 30 minutes. **PART I:** Ministries of Welcome; **PART II:** Ministries of Music; **PART III:** Ministries of the Word; **PART IV:** Ministries of the Table.

MARTIN DE PORRES

VC 034 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Martin de Porres in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Martin de Porres: Father of Charity*, Gwendolyn tells of St. Martin's kindness to all God's creatures - from the greatest to the least: to use personal gifts for God's glory and the good of others; to comfort the sick; to accept all people as our brothers and sisters, and to serve others humbly. Study guide.

MARTIN THE COBBLER

VC 066 28 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Story of an old cobbler who has lost his family as well as all interest in life. He hopes only to die. In a dream he hears a voice, which he assumes is the Lord's, promising to come and visit him the next day. The following day, people in need arrive at his door and he helps them. By evening Martin is disappointed that his 'special guest' has not arrived. Shortly after, an extraordinary vision reveals to him that in caring for others he has met his 'special visitor.' Through helping others his despair is replaced by hope and he goes out to join his fellow townspeople and dance in their winter festival. Study guide.

MARY HAD A BABY, AMEN.

VC 698 15 Minutes PS;P

As told by Simon the rhyming mouse, this animated video for preschoolers to third-graders presents the delightful story of the birth of Christ. Simon invites youngsters to travel back in time with him to experience the first Christmas. Children can relive all the events of that glorious night - Mary and Joseph finding refuge in the stable, angels and shepherds worshipping the baby Jesus, the three wise men bearing gifts, and the Star of Bethlehem leading the way. Guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

VC 114 60 Minutes J;S;A

Presents Mary as one of us and a powerful model for our time, a person who is fully human, fully woman, fully christian and who brought and continues to bring Christ into our world. Contemporary photographs, combined with the use of art materpeices, illustrate the themes of this four-part program: 1) WOMAN OF FAITH; 2) THE GOD-BEARER; 3) OUR OWN LADY; and 4) MAGNIFICAT. Each fifteen-minute part of the program can be viewed separately.

MASS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

VC 533 13 Minutes I

Sandra is having problems understanding the various symbols and rituals in the Celebration of the Eucharist and what they mean. To make matters worse, Mr. Ferndock volunteers to fill in for the regular religion teacher and confuses the issue even more! luckily, our "Close Encounters" angel comes to the rescue from the control room of "The Mass Channel." She takes Sandra and Mr. Ferndock on a video journey showing how gathering the faith community for the weekly Celebration of the Eucharist is very much like gathering the family for the celebration of Thanksgiving! In *Close Encounters with the Mass*, real-life situations are combined with fantasy and humor to show young people that the mass truly is relevant and meaningful to them. Along with the rituals, important items like the Altar, Tabernacle, and Ambo are also explained so youngsters will see the celebration in a whole new way! Study guide.

MASS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

DVD 279 3 Segments 9-13 P;I;J

The Mass for Children and Young People includes: *The Mass for Older Children* (grds 4-8) - Like the early followers of Jesus, we gather, tell stories, remember and break bread, and go forth to those in need. Video walks students through the Mass and challenges them to live it in their daily lives.; *Mass for Young Children* (grds 1-3) - By linking home church and parish church, these two videos invite children to thank God for the gift of Jesus and the gifts of all creation. Parts of the Mass to which a young child can most easily relate and recognize are spotlight.; *Why Do We Go To Mass On Sunday?* (grds 2-6) - Children discover that just as we need to gather regularly as a family at home to listen to one another and celebrate who we are and why we come together as a parish family to listen to God's word and break bread in memory of Jesus. Video helps viewers appreciate the Sunday Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith lie and to discover ways to live a Eucharistic spirituality in their daily lives.

MASS FOR CHILDREN, THE

VC 563 33 Minutes I

Two middle-graders who were acting up during Mass are brought to Father Maurice. He sets up a meeting with the two trouble-makers and their friends at a local ice cream shop. After buying the kids ice cream, Father Maurice proceeds to talk to them about the meaning of the Mass and how it fits into their lives. As the kids ask questions Father Maurice reviews the sections of the Mass carefully explaining each part. Video was developed as a teaching tool to help instruct middle-graders about each section of the Mass. Breaking between the two major sections of the Mass (Part I: Liturgy Of the Word 18 Min. and Part II: Liturgy of the Eucharist 15 Min.), video presents an opportunity for you to ask the middle-graders about the different parts of the Mass that were presented and the questions that were asked by the kids in the video. It is hoped that the kids can come to understand each section of the Mass and to understand how they can be a part of it. Study guide.

MASS FOR OLDER CHILDREN

VC 022 15 Minutes I;J

From the earliest times, Christian gathered at least once a week to remind themselves of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and to celebrate his presence still with them in the meal of the Eucharist. Like the early followers of Jesus we gather, we tell stories, we remember and break bread, we go forth to those in need. Video walks students gently through the Mass and challenges them to live it in their daily lives. Study guide.

MASS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, PART 1

VC 709 10 Minutes P

Gathering and Greeting; Forgiving and Praising; Listening and Caring are the major themes developed. Young people will recognize these actions around our parish table-of-the-Lord and around their home table-of-the-Lord and in their everyday life. Video connects home and parish church and engages the children in thanking God for the gift of Jesus and the gifts of all creation. Guide.

MASS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, PART 2

VC 710 10 Minutes P

Giving and Sharing; Remembering and Belonging; Receiving and Serving are the major themes that are developed. Young people will recognize these actions around our *parish table-of-the-Lord* and around their *home table-of-the-Lord* and in their everyday life. Video connects home and parish church and engages the children in thanking God for the gift of Jesus and the gifts of all creation. Guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

METHAMPHETAMINE & DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN

DVD 312 3 Segments A

Segment 1 (20 minutes) Drug Endangered Children: Breaking the Cycles. Segment 2 (7 minutes) Angels Among Us. Segment 3 (28 minutes) Methamphetamine: A Vicious Cycle.

METHODS FOR GRADES 1 AND 2

VC 163 34 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: Six- and seven-year olds are at the beginning of their formal religious education. Explore age-appropriate methods and activities that can assist their growth in faith. Develop appropriate and creative activities that help children learn about their faith and grow in their relationship with God. Excellent hands-on booklet.

METHODS FOR GRADES 3 AND 4

VC 164 34 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: The faith of eight-and nine-year-olds is expanding. The goals of this video is to introduce you to their uniqueness and to explore the age-appropriate methods and activities that assist their growth in faith. Who are these kids? What do they need to grow in their relationship with God? How can we teach the story of their Catholic faith: In what ways do activities help them learn about their faith? Excellent hands on booklet?

METHODS FOR GRADES 5 AND 6

VC 278 36 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: In this video you will be introduced to the unique characteristics of 10 and 11 year olds, how people grow in faith at different ages, the importance of community, prayer, symbol and ritual. Demonstration of journaling and other learning activities that develop their thinking skills and invite active participation such as analyzing and choosing response to moral issues through role-playing. Excellent hands-on book.

METHODS FOR GRADES 7 & 8

VC 020 36 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: Twelve- to fourteen-year-olds are entering into an exciting and challenging time of rapid growth. The goals of this video are to introduce you to their uniqueness and to explore age-appropriate methods and activities that can assist their growth in faith. Video will help you answer the following questions: what do they need to grow in their relationship with God?, how can we best affirm and deepen their Catholic faith?, how can we help them see the relevance of Scripture and Sacred Tradition?, what ways do activities and small group discussions help them learn about their faith?, what style and kinds of prayer are appropriate?, how can we include young people with special needs? As a result of viewing the video and reading the articles you will be able to: understand the special gifts and characteristics during this time in their faith development, develop appropriate and interesting activities to help them learn about their faith and grow in their relationship with God, begin gathering ideas that will aid you in planning appropriate activities for your sessions. Study guide

MÉTODOS PARA 1 Y 2 GRADOS

VC 547 36 Minutes A

Los niños de seis y siete años están al comienzo de su formación religiosa formal. El propósito de este módulo es presentarte sus particularidades y explorar métodos y actividades apropiados para su edad, que puedan ayudarlos a crecer en su fe. Desarrollar actividades apropiadas e interesantes que ayuden a los niños a aprender sobre su fe y a crecer en su relación con Dios. Guía estudiar.

MÉTODOS PARA 3 Y 4 GRADOS

VC 549 34 Minutes A

La fe de los niños de ocho y nueve años está desarrollándose. El propósito de este módulo es presentarte sus particularidades y explorar métodos y actividades que les ayuden a crecer en su fe. ¿Quiénes son estos niños de ocho y nueve años? ¿Qué necesitan de nosotros para crecer en su relación con Dios? ¿Cómo podemos continuar presentándoles la historia de la fe católica - su Sagrada Escritura y Tradición? ¿En qué forma les ayudan a aprender sobre su fe las actividades manuales? ¿Qué formas de rezar son apropiadas? Guía estudiar.

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MÉTODOS PARA 5 Y 6 GRADOS

VC 551 36 Minutes A

Las metas de este módulo son introducirte a las características de los jóvenes de esta edad y a explorar métodos y actividades propias para esa edad que los ayuden a crecer en su fe. ¿Qué necesitan de nosotros para crecer en su relación con Dios? ¿Cómo podemos enriquecer y fortalecer su creciente comprensión de las fe católica? ¿Cómo podemos ayudarlos a aumentar su habilidad de reflexionar en la fe y la vida? ¿Qué tipo de actividades entusiasman a los jóvenes de esta edad? ¿Qué formas de rezar son apropiadas? ¿Cómo podemos incluir a los niños con necesidades especiales? Guía estudiar.

MÉTODOS PARA 7 Y 8 GRADOS

VC 552 36 Minutes A

Los jóvenes entre doce y catorce años entran a una etapa excitante y de retos, marcada por un rápido crecimiento. Las metas de este módulo son introducirte a las características únicas de estos jóvenes y a explorar métodos y actividades propias para esa edad que los ayuden a crecer en su fe. ¿Qué necesitan de nosotros para crecer en su relación con Dios? ¿Cuál es la mejor manera de afirmar y profundizar su fe católica? ¿Cómo podemos ayudarlos a ver la relevancia de la Sagrada Escritura y de la Tradición para sus vidas? ¿Cómo les ayudan a aprender sobre su fe las actividades y diálogos en pequeños grupos? ¿Qué consejos y estilos de oración son apropiados? ¿Cómo podemos incluir a jóvenes con necesidades especiales? Guía estudiar. Guía estudiar.

MICHAEL THE VISITOR

DVD 203 27 Minutes P;I;J

On his way home after trying to collect the money he is owed, Simon the shoemaker finds a man who says God is punishing him, naked and freezing behind a shrine along the road. His wife is furious when he brings back another mouth to feed, instead of the money, but Simon insists on showing the stranger pity, and Michael tells them God will reward them. Staying on as Simon's apprentice, he learns to be a fine shoemaker, but speaks rarely and smiles only three times, becoming brighter each time, as if a light shines from within him.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

VC 496 26 Minutes S;A

A Eucharistic minister of communion should be one who knows what it means to say, "The body of Christ," "The blood of Christ." Video explores the spiritual dimensions and meaning of this ministry as well as the practical aspects of holy communion at Mass. Viewers see ministers of the Eucharist come forward to the table, stand around the altar, pour and break, carry cup or plate and be attentive to each person in the communion procession. Ministers tell us what it means to assist the assembly in receiving holy communion. All ministers of the Eucharist, new or experienced, will find this video an enriching, practical resource. Study guide.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION - SPANISH

VC 288 26 Minutes S;A

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MINNIE REMEMBERS

VC 249 5 Minutes J;S;A

A Poignant dramatization of Donna Swanson's poem reveals the needs of elderly persons for affection, touch and affirmation (reinforces the awareness of how important touch is to people). Highly recommended as a meditation or discussion starter, or as a training program for nursing home visitors or staff. Study guide.

MOLLY'S PILGRIM

VC 455 22 Minutes P;I

Molly, a nine-year-old Russian Jewish girl, is teased by her American classmates, but by being a modern day pilgrim, Molly eventually shows them the real meaning of their American holiday, Thanksgiving. Hopes to teach children that acceptance of people from different backgrounds is important and to show that friendship is based on appreciation of personal differences as well as similarities. Excellent to discuss prejudice, racism, cultural difference. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

MOTHER TERESA

DVD 290 115 Minutes J;S;A

A powerful portrayal which illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. A Shrewd diplomat and an indomitable force, Mother Teresa is unwilling to accept what others deem impossible, fearlessly fighting for the unloved and the forgotten. Her good works transcend hardships and ultimately earn her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace Prize. The small miracles and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

MOUSE'S TALE, THE

VC 322 9 Minutes J;S

'It's not fair!' is a common reaction youth have when they lose a game or have to complete a difficult test. However, when it is spoken by an animated cat with an Australian accent it is a simple yet accurate statement about hunger. Australian Catholic Relief has produced a creative ten minute video cartoon in which a cat is challenged by his conscience to examine common myths about hunger. His breakfast of cooked mouse comes to life to describe the real causes of hunger and poverty in Africa. The illusion that there are just too many people and not enough food in the world is soon corrected as a complex list of justice issues are presented. Study guide.

MR. KRUEGER'S CHRISTMAS

VC 471 25 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

A delightful story of a lonely man (played by Jimmy Stewart) whose Christmas fantasies finally come true. As he decorates his Christmas tree in his tiny, basement apartment, Mr. Krueger fantasizes about directing the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. When he is drawn from his revelry by the sound of a real choir in the street outside, he invites them inside for warmth and refreshment. All too soon they leave him behind, taking with them a little golden haired girl who so admired his lovely creche. As he returns to his tree trimming, his fantasies take hold once again. This time, amid singing and dancing, the little girl lifts a star high atop a tree. When the song ends, Mr. Krueger finds a pair of tiny mittens which he places on his tree. Suddenly, he finds himself among the now living Biblical figures of his creche, and as he approaches the stable, he thanks Christ for being with him as a friend. 'I love you,' he says. 'I can hold my head high wherever I go.' His dream is interrupted by a knock on the door. The little girl and her mother have returned for her mittens. Sensing his loneliness, they invite him to join the carolers and share their Christmas dinner.

MULTICULTURAL CHRISTMAS

VC 005 22 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

This program profiles five families of different ethnicity, and shows how they celebrate the holiday. Included: Scandinavian, Oneida Indian, South Korean, Mexican and Ethiopian. Good representation of ethnic groups, family traditions. Guide included.

MUSIC IN LITURGY FOR PARISHES

VC 470 40 Minutes S;A

Since the Vatican II Council the church has been struggling to achieve full, conscious; and active participation by all the people. One way to involve the entire assembly is through music. Video stresses that music belongs to the assembly - not just to the musicians, liturgist, or priest. Video provides basic guidelines and suggestions for ritual music in the Church's liturgy. It offers practical ideas for supporting the sung prayer of the community, particularly for parishes with limited resources. Using several parishes as examples, the video focuses on the three musical challenges that faith communities face; how to get an assembly to sing, how to sustain its singing, and how to improve its singing. **Part One** focuses on musical liturgy and role of the assembly. **Part Two** explains how to identify appropriate music for us in the Liturgy; how to focus on the text, melody, and rhythm of the music chose; and how to suggest options for those parishes without a choir or cantor. Video calls for all faith communities to prepare liturgical music with care, both for the given season and for years to come. You will experience these parish communities at the Sunday Eucharist as well as Sunday Celebrations in the absence of

MY BODY BELONGS TO ME

VC 003 25 Minutes PS;P

Designed to help young children protect themselves from the trauma of sexual abuse by making it clear that their body belongs to them. Using age-appropriate dialogue between a guidance counselor and two appealing puppets, and between the puppets and members of the live student audience, this program sensitively reinforces the idea that every child's body is private and that no one is allowed to touch it. The program asserts that each child owns his or her body. Defines as private parts that area of the body covered by your bathing suit. Explains good touches, describes bad touches as making you feel "yucky" or weird. Stresses the three important things viewers should do if someone ever tries to give them bad touches. Children are warned against anyone who might call bad touches "our little secret." Declaring that no child ever needs to keep such a secret, advises viewers to tell a grownup at once. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

MY SON, MY SON

VC 009 13 Minutes S;A

The story of two fathers and their sons. A story of regret and loneliness, of forgiveness and renewed life. It looks with compassion at two different realities which are very much at issue in society today: homosexuality and AIDS. The video graphically illustrates the human need for understanding, for tolerance, for caring, for compassion and for love. The story is a take-off point for discussing many values which are a part of our Christian heritage. Excellent for Valuing Values parent sessions. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - BAPTISM

VC 082 20 Minutes A

Baptism is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. This program is unique in its exploration of the awesome and mystical depth of the sacrament of Baptism. Viewers will have a renewed appreciation of what a baptismal commitment really involves. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - CHURCH

VC 083 20 Minutes A

Church is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. In this program, Father Himes answers the questions what does it mean to be church? How does the Church continue Christ’ presence in our world? What does “there is no salvation outside the church” really mean. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - EUCHARIST

VC 125 20 Minutes A

Eucharist is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. “The Eucharist tells us what our destiny is.” Understand why in this inspiring program. Father Himes will show why Eucharist expresses God’s commitment to us in love. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - GRACE

VC 130 20 Minutes A

Grace is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. Grace is woven throughout our lives. In this warm and challenging presentation, Father Himes helps us appreciate the presence of grace in all we do. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - INCARNATION

VC 174 20 Minutes A

Incarnation is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. In this insightful video, Father Himes explains why Incarnation tells us as much about humanity as it tells us about God, and why unity with God demands reverence for humanity. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - RECONCILIATION

VC 198 20 Minutes A

Reconciliation is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. Reconciliation is more about the compassionate love of God than it is about our sin. See why in this wonderful presentation by Father Himes. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

VC 199 20 Minutes A

Sacrament of Vocation is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. This program shows how Matrimony symbolizes the deepest dimension of the God-human relationship. Here, too, is a new appreciation for the meaning of Holy Orders. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - SALVATION

VC 207 20 Minutes A

Salvation is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. In this video, Father Himes renews the meaning of this traditional term and shows why social justice is essential to our salvation. Study guide.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - TRADITION

VC 208 20 Minutes A

Tradition is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. Father Himes explains what Tradition is and how it is a dynamic reality within contemporary Catholicism. He sheds light on this controversial topic with rich images of a growing, life-giving Tradition. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF FAITH: AN INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLICISM - TRINITY

VC 211 20 Minutes A

Trinity is a part of the ten video series **Mystery of Faith: An Introduction to Catholicism**, which introduces viewers to the “depth dimension” of many of the key Catholic insights. No element of the Christian tradition has caused more confusion than the doctrine of the Trinity. And yet, belief in the Trinity is the core of our faith. Father Himes will show why in this clear and inspiring presentation. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF GOD: FATHER

VC 500 28 Minutes J;S;A

Father introduces us to the in-born human conditions that lead us to search for God and to recognize the presence of God in our world and in our lives. Segments on The Nicene Creed, Baptism, and Marriage are included, along with an African folktale about the Creation and the story of Abraham and Sarah. ***Father*** will leave you more aware than ever before about how God touches us and satisfies our human longing. Beautiful location photography from around the world is combined with story-telling, dramatizations, and expert narrative to provide a fascinating, coherent explanation of how the Catholic faith views the Trinity. There are two pause points in the video to lead into discussion. Specific suggestions for **millennium preparation**. Resource for teens, adult formation, RCIA. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF GOD: JESUS

VC 508 28 Minutes J;S;A

Using stories and images, ***Jesus*** leads us to a deeper understanding of how the teaching of Jesus can be applied to modern life. Its rich imagery and wonderful storytelling, leaves us with deep insights into the person of Jesus who is present with us now. Beautiful location photography from around the world is combined with story-telling, dramatizations, and expert narrative to provide a fascinating, coherent explanation of how the Catholic faith views the Trinity. There are two pause points in the video to lead into discussion. Specific suggestions for **millennium preparation**. Resource for teens, adult formation, RCIA. Study guide.

MYSTERY OF GOD: SPIRIT

VC 548 28 Minutes J;S;A

Spirit provides us with metaphors, images, and stories that give a rich description of the powerful presence of the Spirit in everyday life. And once we recognize the Spirit’s presence, as shown in ***Spirit***, we begin to mold our lives around the Spirit’s prompting deep within our hearts. Beautiful location photography from around the world is combined with story-telling, dramatizations, and expert narrative to provide a fascinating, coherent explanation of how the Catholic faith views the Trinity. There are two pause points in the video to lead into discussion. Specific suggestions for **millennium preparation**. Resource for teens, adult formation, RCIA. Study guide.

MYSTICAL BODY/MYSTICAL VOICE

DVD 321 6 Sessions A

Mystical Body, Mystical Voice, an initiative of the Liturgical Institute and Liturgy Training Publications, is a comprehensive program for liturgical formation designed to help church leaders and the faithful to receive and implement *The Roman Missal*. This program will also open the faithful to the riches of the liturgy and a participation in a liturgy that is fuller, deeper, and more conscious. Fundamental to the program is the understanding that the words we say at Mass make a difference because language itself is sacramental. The language we use communicates and makes present that which we believe. ***Mystical Body, Mystical Voice*** is rooted in this principle and sees the implementation of the third edition of *The Roman Missal* as an opportunity to grow deep in our understanding and experience of the liturgy.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

NESTOR THE LONG-EARED CHRISTMAS DONKEY

VC 591 23 Minutes P;I

A long time ago a delightful little donkey named Nestor lived in a stable near Bethlehem. Mocked by everyone for his long ears, Nestor and his mother are cast out of the stable. Out in the snowy night cold, Nestor is covered by his mother, who tragically dies protecting her baby. In the spring a cherub arrives to help guide Nestor on a path so he may save another as his mother saved him. Two travelers choose Nestor for a trip to a special manger near Bethlehem and Nestor fulfills his destiny. This video is a Rankin/Bass claymation.

NEW BIRTH DAY CLUB

VC 148 15 Minutes P;I

In Baptism we experience God's promise of being with us always. In celebration, the faith community, the sign of God's presence, initiates and welcomes us into membership in the Church. This spirited video tells the story of Charlie and his desire to become a member of a community, the New Birth Day Club. Through the building of a clubhouse and the initiation of Charlie into this neighborhood club, the meaning of the symbols and gestures used in the rites of Baptism are explored. Study guide.

NEW LIFE - A PARISH CELEBRATES INFANT BAPTISM

VC 711 30 Minutes A

The parish is a *begetting community*. Each baptism is the celebration of a new life born into Christ, into Christ's body, the Church. Infants are baptized at Sunday Eucharist where parishioners are full, conscious, and active participants: from greeting the family at the door, through the Liturgy of the Word, renewal of baptismal promises, full immersion, sealing with oil, giving the garment and candle. Good music is integrated with fullness of symbol. After years of celebrating baptism with enthusiasm and joy, members express their support for the families, promising to nourish these newly baptized in a church that takes seriously its liturgy and its work for social justice. We come away knowing why the children and the adults of this parish look forward to the baptisms at Sunday Mass. Study guide.

NICHOLAS, THE BOY WHO BECAME SANTA -DVD

DVD 258 30 Minutes P;I

Nicholas was still a child when he discovered a very special secret that changed his life forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people; but in sharing this great gift, Nicholas had to face many dangers. Here is the fascinating story of the boy whose love and care for others make him one of the most popular figures of all time. Today, more than sixteen centuries later, the entire world celebrates the kindness and generosity of the man we call Santa Claus. Based on historical facts and traditions, this is a beautifully animated video.

NO ALIBIS

VC 013 36 Minutes S;A

A dramatic fast-paced video on abortion designed especially for teenage audiences. Music and messages are powerfully mixed as the video focuses on how abortion touches three lives: a high school teacher who dares to give his students all the facts about abortion, a TV reporter for whom the abortion issue has become a personal as well as professional story and a student who must choose between having an abortion or losing her boyfriend. This video touches on the sensitive issues of teen pregnancy, human development in the womb and abortion. Study guide.

NO ONE CRIES THE WRONG WAY: HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH GRIEF, SUFFERING, AND

DEATH
VC 776 8 Episodes P;I;J

Father Joe Kempf helps children understand the goodness of God and the mystery of suffering and death. Part 1: 1) "I Am With You Always" Because Jesus suffered everything we suffer, we know that God understands what life is like for us. 11 min 2) "Life From the Broken Bones" God can take those bad things and help make good things come from them. God puts new life in places we would least expect. 11 min 3) "What No One Can Take From Us" Our goodness does not depend on things on the outside. Instead, our goodness is that we are loved. 10 min 4) "Give Her a Hug For Me" A visit to a funeral home and cemetery provide an opportunity to look at some common questions children have about dying. 9 min. 5) "God Understands a Broken Heart" When something sad happens, we feel a range of emotions. It is okay to laugh, to cry, and to feel all the feelings we have--just like Jesus did. 9 min, 6) "Light in Darkness" The world can seem so dark and lonely, at Baptism, we were each given the light of Jesus to bring to others.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

NO ONE CRIES THE WRONG WAY PART 1

VC 481 4 Episodes J;S;A

Where is God to be found in the midst of a world filled for so many with loss and suffering? Video features Fr. Joe Kempf and others who witness to their experiences of faith during times of great challenge. Part 1: 1) "The Face of God" In response to the question as to why there is so much suffering in the world, Fr. Kempf describes a God who does not "inflict" suffering on us for any reason, but rather, in love beyond telling, suffers with us. -- 20 min 2) "Life From the Shattered Pieces" As we open ourselves to God, we find that the God who suffers with us can transform our pain and losses, giving them purpose and meaning, bringing new life. -- 17 min, 3) "Dignity-In Life and In Death" Human dignity is intrinsic and is not diminished by pain, illness, or even death. This section describes the beauty of being human, a beauty which continues to shine in diminishment, even in death. -- 17 min, 4) "Mystery of Death, Life After Life" The death of a loved one leaves an empty place in our hearts, but does not end a relationship. For there is a life beyond this life, and death itself is a birth. -- 11 min. Rest on Part 2. Excellent study guide.

NO ONE CRIES THE WRONG WAY PART 2

VC 482 4 Episodes J;S;A

Part 2: Fr. Joe Kempf: 5) "To Grieve" People grieve differently. What can we expect to experience at times of loss? Describes some of the common experiences of grief, and some of those things that help us, and our children, to live well through our grief. -- 21 min, 6) "Putting Skin on God" It is so important that we reach out to those who are grieving or experiencing any type of suffering, yet we often feel so helpless. What do we say to someone who has just lost a loved one or experienced some other tragedy? How do we best care for those suffering a loss? -- 18 min, 7) "What Difference Does Prayer Make?" -- 14 min, 8) "We Pray" We are led on a guided Meditation, where we are invited to be with Jesus face to face. -- 12 min. Excellent study guide.

OLD TURTLE

VC 189 7 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

Old Turtle tell a story of global understanding and environmental concern. It is an eloquent fable illustrated with sumptuous watercolors. The message about peace and environmental awareness is delivered with a light, graceful torch.

ON GOOD SOIL!

VC 509 10 Minutes A

On Good Soil, is a tool to assist you in renewing your own parish catechetical ministry. *We wish to foster in pastors and catechists a great consciousness of the necessity to keep in mind the field in which the seed of faith is sown, and to do so with the perspective of faith and mercy.* *On Good Soil* will help you be more conscious of that field -- the people you serve. *Some seed falls on good soil, that is among men and women who are open to a personal relationship with God and who are in solidarity with their neighbors.* This seed brings forth fruit in abundance. This tool provides you with an easy process to help renew your catechetical ministry in your hearts and in your parish. Study Guide.

ON THE AIR: EXTREME FAITH

VC 779 24 Minutes J;S

Can you be a Christian 24/7? Twenty-four hours, seven days, living for Jesus all the time? It takes some guts, but instead of chasing money for the rest of your life, you could start making plans on how you could change the world! It will require focus... determination... wisdom... and courage. It will require making good decisions that may determine your course for the rest of your life. Does that sound exciting? Challenging? Extreme? You will see how young people are beginning a life journey by reaching out to make a difference to Haitian refugees... to kids in Southeast Asia... and around the world. Study guide.

ON THE AIR: GUYS VS. GIRLS

VC 780 24 Minutes J;S

Over the years there have been tremendous efforts to convince us that there are no real differences between guys and girls. And though they are of equal intelligence, value and worth... guys and girls are still different! However, being equal doesn't mean that we are the same! There are differences in the way our brains are wired... with hormones... and even how we communicate. So to build good relationships, young people need to know how the "other half" thinks. Video will take an entertaining look at "guys vs. girls"... give you an understanding of those difference... and even help you improve your dating relationships. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

ON THE AIR: IF EVERYONE'S RIGHT, THEN WHO'S LEFT?

VC 782 24 Minutes J;S

People today are treating the Christian faith more like it's just a matter of opinion. "I like Jesus, my friend likes Buddha - what's the difference? Let me have my opinion, you have yours, and we'll all get to Nirvana someday." That's why some teens feel that sharing their faith makes them look judgmental or intolerant. Can you light a candle of hope without offending everyone? Video will require you to reflect on your faith... realize that not everyone is 'right.' Then discover how your love, compassion, and personal faith can shine brightly in a world that is constantly searching for truth. Study guide.

ON THE AIR: MESSY MORALITY -- LOST

VC 781 24 Minutes J;S

There seems to be a word missing from people's vocabularies these days. That word is W-R-O-N-G. The world says, "What's right for you may be different from what's right for everyone else." This makes for a messy morality. So teens make a lot of 'every day' decisions in which they cross the line. And as a result, there is confusion, frustration, and even unpredictable behavior! Video will focus on how to make good decisions based on a strong sense of right and wrong. In a world of messy morality, young people will discover how to anchor their lives in God's word. Study guide

ON THE AIR: WHERE DO I FIT IN?

VC 778 24 Minutes J;S

At times, many young people can feel lonely, empty, or even worthless. Why? Because they feel like they don't fit in. Most teenagers will look for praise, approval, or encouragement from their friends to bolster their self-worth. Friends are great, but you can't let them determine how you feel about yourself! How should you determine your value? You won't find the answers on MTV or by wearing NIKE tennis shoes! You will discover how to get a realistic view of who you really are. You will learn that God has placed the ultimate price tag on you... He gave the Son of God! Study guide.

ON THIS ROCK

VC 090 30 Minutes J;S;A

The Vatican is the world's smallest country and maybe the most unique. Inside the Vatican is the world's largest church, St. Peter's Basilica. The Vatican is the home of the world's best-known Pastor, Pope John Paul II. This video takes you inside the Vatican. You will see people and come to understand their roles in the running of the Vatican. You'll visit places, view masterpieces of art, hear about its learning institutions, and observe Vatican Radio and the Vatican newspaper. This video is a glimpse at the combination of the old and the new, the contrasts of the past and the present that make the Vatican the world's greatest concentration of living history.

ONE WHO WAS THERE

VC 210 37 Minutes J;S;A

Portrays a woman traveling from Jerusalem to her birthplace in Galilee in 64 A.D. This lonely survivor is one of the few left who followed Jesus and saw Him arrested and crucified. Time has left her haunted by memories of death and her spiritual strength and faith have overshadowed by despair. The mysterious woman is touched and transformed by the discoveries of the journey. The people she meets and the realities of the present recall memories of her past. Her despair is challenged by the spirited faith of a new generation of believers who celebrate the Lord's living presence. She is strengthened and reassured as she shares herself with others. Her past, present and future come together as she relives the powerful moment of Jesus' resurrection. She who was the first to see the risen Lord, feels a surge of new life and a renewal of faith. What began as a journey of despair ends with her return to serve the living. Study guide.

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS

VC 713 20 Minutes S;A

Video highlights the importance of including people with physical, mental, and emotional differences into liturgy and church life. It provides practical ways to open hearts, open minds, and open doors for people with visible and invisible disabilities, so that all may bring their gifts to God's altar. Video comes with a large-type idea guide, hints for building modification, guidelines for ushers and lay leaders, and reproducible pages to use as bulletin inserts.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

ORACIÓN Y ESPIRITUALIDAD

VC 055 48 Minutes A

Este módulo explora la relación con el Dios vido la cual llamamos oración; y las ubicamos dentro del contexto de la espiritualidad personal, nombre que le damos a una vida vivida en respuesta al llamado de Dios. La oración y la espiritualidad son nuestro sincero "sí" al misterio de Dios que nos busca. Expresamos este misterio en nuestros credos, lo celebramos en nuestra liturgia, y lo vivimos a medida que intentamos seguir la senda de Cristo Jesús hacia el Padre, en el Espíritu.

OUR FAITH: OUR CASE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY

VC 042 30 Minutes S;A

The Church's teaching on Capital Punishment points the way for us. It states that non-lethal means are sufficient to protect people's safety without recourse to the Death Penalty. A life without parole option is one way to assure protection for society while defending the sacredness and dignity of human life. Study guide.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

VC 477 29 Minutes J;S;A

Guadalupe is an ancient story of the apparition of the Virgin to the Indian, Juan Diego. Throughout history, God has used the poor, and powerless to act as social critics. Fr. Virgil Elizondo is the facilitator in the Storyscape segments of the video. He connects the Guadalupe narrative to the dynamics at work between the powerless and the powerful in any society. Study guide.

PARDON AND PEACE

VC 113 11 Minutes J;S;A

'Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace...' - From the Rite of Reconciliation. The story of David, a young teenage runaway whose experience of pain and brokenness make him long for the lights of home. The anguish David experiences - Will my father take me back? - is heightened by his encounter with Abe, an old man who reflects on the difficulty involved in saying 'I'm sorry.' This simple, moving, eloquent video echoes human stories of separation and reconciliation as old as the Prodigal Son, and as contemporary as today's headlines. Study guide.

PARDON AND PEACE... REMEMBERED

VC 454 15 Minutes J;S;A

Updated and expanded version of Pardon and Peace. Video is a poignant retelling of the ageless Parable of the Prodigal Son. When John gives a ride to David, a runaway youth hitchhiking home, he has no way to anticipate how deeply his life will be affected by their brief encounter. David's desire to be reconciled with his family and willingness to ask for forgiveness - along with his family's welcome at his homecoming - so impress the older man that he also decides to reconcile with his parents after 62 years. As John shares these stories of reconciliation with his teenage granddaughter, Jennifer, some 15 years later, he helps her to gain better perspective on her own problems. These stories of John, David, and Jennifer, characters from three generations, echo Jesus' message of God's love and forgiveness as found in the Parable of the Prodigal Son and throughout the Gospels. Study guide

PARENTING BY HEART: A LASTING LEGACY

VC 143 24 Minutes A

Good or bad, parents leave an imprint on each of their children. The question is this, "Did you just leave a bunch of rules and standards or did you share the new life you have in Christ?" On this video, parents will discover that children must feel loved unconditionally or they may not accept their parents' moral and spiritual values. Parents will also learn three essential steps to leaving a lasting legacy. Study guide.

PARENTING BY HEART: HOW TO REALLY LOVE YOUR CHILD

VC 102 24 Minutes A

In this hectic performance-oriented world, many children feel that love has become a reward. "My parents will love me more if I do well in school, clean my room, or win in sports." This perception has been devastating to millions of children who feel they can never measure up. This video clearly demonstrates that unconditional love is the very cornerstone for successful parenting. Parents will learn how to convey unconditional love all the time. Study guide.

PARENTING BY HEART: POWER STRUGGLES

VC 141 24 Minutes A

Defiance and power struggles can leave a parent feeling helpless and frustrated. Instead of asking, "How can I correct this behavior?" parents should ask, "Why is my child acting like this?" Your child may be sick, overwhelmed, or in many cases, they are angry. This video will show how kids must learn to express anger without hurting other people or themselves. Parents will learn to recognize the reasons for anger and discover practical ways to deal with a disobedient child. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PARENTING BY HEART: THE KEY TO DISCIPLINE

VC 106 24 Minutes A

Most parents struggle with “when and how” to use discipline or punishment. Parents feel out of control, yet children think parents are too controlling. On this video, parents will discover that having a relationship with their kids is more important than rules. They will also learn the five most effective ways to break the defiant behavior of their children. Study guide.

PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER 1: IDENTITY

DVD 334 24 Minutes A

The number one question every teenager asks is, “Who am I?” As they struggle to answer that question, tensions can build up at home. This will give parents tools to help their teens find their identity in Christ. Parents will learn ways to convey the attitudes of unconditional love that will draw their teens closer. They will also explore the most important skills of communication. Study guide.

PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER 2: TURMOIL

DVD 335 24 Minutes A

Every day teenagers are faced with complicated relationships, images of impossible beauty and difficult challenges. All these forces can cause a young person to feel insecure, depressed or even angry. This will help parents empathize with the humbled emotions of their teens. Parents will learn biblical and practical tips for helping teens in this turbulent time in their lives. Study guide.

PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER 3: REBELLION

DVD 336 24 Minutes A

Parenting can be tough. Teens will make mistakes, cross boundaries and sometimes lose the trust of their parents. This will give advice on how to deal with the scary issues like rebellion, drugs, drinking and sex. Parents will learn ways to set boundaries and establish clear and realistic consequences. Study guide.

PARENTING YOUR TEENAGER 4: LEGACY

DVD 337 24 Minutes A

As children grow, they start seeing the world and faith through their own eyes. They can go through periods of questions and doubts about their faith. This will offer parents help and encouragement to deal with the spiritual questions of their teens. Parents will learn ways to maintain the relationship even in the midst of differences in beliefs. Study guide.

PASSION IN JERUSALEM

VC 191 30 Minutes J;S;A

A visit to the very places where the climactic events in Jesus’ life took place! The Easter story and the great events which led to the crucifixion and the resurrection are dramatically presented with passion and joy. This production is filmed on all the traditional locations associated with the Holy Week.

PASSION OF THE CHRIST

VC 112 126 Minutes S;A

From academy award-winning director Mel Gibson comes a profound story of courage and sacrifice depicting the final twelve hours in the life of Jesus Christ.

PASSOVER, THE

VC 314 30 Minutes J;S;A

This delightful presentation welcomes you into a Jewish home for the festival meal celebrated on the first night of the Passover. With Zola Levitt as the grandfather, this unique film promotes understanding between Jew and Gentile. A surprise ending reveals the significance of the Meal’s symbols and the true Messiah to whom these symbols point.

PAUL, APOSTLE TO THE CHURCH TODAY

DVD 244 6 - 30 Minute Segs. S;A

Paul, Apostle to the Church Today is a six-part series of talks examining the New Testament letters of St. Paul. In these presentations, filled with spiritual insight and contemporary scholarship, Franciscan Stephen Doyle relates the thought of St. Paul to questions facing Christians today. He analysis is easy to follow.

PAUL: APOSTLE TO THE CHURCH TODAY

DVD 267 6 Sessions S;A

Paul, Apostle To The Church Today talks about examining the New Testament letters of Saint Paul. In these presentations, filled with spiritual insight and contemporary scholarship, Father relates the thought of Saint Paul to questions facing Christians today. Father’s analysis is easy to follow as he captivates his studio audience with a lively and oftentimes humorous approach. This program is ideal for Bible study, high school religion electives, and catechist formation.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PAUL: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

DVD 379 90 Minutes J;S;A

Zealous for the God of Israel, Saul of Tarsus pursued murderous threats against the disciples of Jesus. But Saul's zeal was turned upside down when he was knocked from his "high horse" and humbled by the hand of God. Join the adventure as Stephen Ray, best-selling author and popular Bible teacher, takes you on the road with St. Paul through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Italy. Fall from a horse in the desert and dangle over the Damascus Wall in a basket. Cling to driftwood in the sea and stride along ancient Roman roads. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle. You'll appreciate the gift of salvation and the Jewish roots of the Catholic church. All this and more in a fast-paced, energetic biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics and Church history study all rolled into one remarkable adventure! Study guide.

PAULIST PRESS BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM: JOHN, THE BELOVED DISCIPLE

VC 626 120 Minutes S;A

This 2 hour video consists of eight 15 minute sessions designed to introduce the viewer to the Community, message and witness of John, the beloved disciple. Hosts Lawrence Boadt, CSP, and Maria Harris bring together the best of contemporary scholarship with the challenge of personal growth in faith. Session 1: The Community of the Beloved Disciple. Session 2: The Writing of the Gospel. Session 3: John's Prologue and Understanding Jesus' Identity. Session 4: The Book of Signs. Session 5: The Climax of the Book of signs. Session 6: The Last Supper. Session 7: The Passion Narrative. Session 8: The Resurrection Appearances of Jesus.

PAULIST PRESS BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM: PAUL, MISSIONARY TO THE GENTILES

VC 627 120 Minutes S;A

This 2 hour video consists of eight 15 minute sessions designed to introduce the viewer to the person, world, writing and mission of St. Paul. Hosts Lawrence Boadt, CSP, and Maria Harris bring together the best of contemporary scholarship with the challenge of personal growth in faith. Session 1: An Introduction to Paul. Session 2: The World of Paul. Session 3: The Churches of Thessalonica and Philippi. Session 4: The Church of Corinth. Session 5: Second Corinthians: Division and Reconciliation. Session 6: The Church in Galatia. Session 7: Romans: Jewish and Gentile Christians. Session 8: Colossians and Ephesians.

PEER PRESSURE

VC 300 28 Minutes J;S;A

The negative influences of peer pressure, drugs, alcohol abuse and vandalism invade the lives of today's young people. This program stresses the importance of personal beliefs and the necessity of courage in the face of challenges. Parental responsibility is accented.

PEOPLE OF COURAGE

VC 731 15 Minutes I

Listen to the courageous stories of St. Joan, Oscar Romero, St. Paul, and Dorothy Day, and a man. Hopefully we can recognize the same patterns in our own daily living. **Heroes and Heroines** invites people to share in the life of ordinary people, some recognized as saints, who worked to build community. In the example of their lives we begin to gain insight of how our faith grows and deepens by living as **People of Courage**. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - ABRAHAM

VC 604 20 Minutes I;J

The Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It also serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament, an invaluable aid. Abraham, the father of all believers, journeys to an unknown land to accept Yahweh as his God. We remember we are called to live in friendship with God and with one another. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - DAVID

VC 607 20 Minutes I;J

Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It also serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. David, the shepherd, musician, warrior. We remember to express joy and gladness before God, to have friendships, and to call upon God to heal our broken hearts. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - DEBORAH

VC 610 20 Minutes I;J

Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It also serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. Deborah, the prophetess and judge, 'Mother of Israel.' We remember we are called to stand against injustice and to stand for the rights of others. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PEOPLE OF FAITH - JONAH

VC 609 20 Minutes I;J

The Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. Jonah, the reluctant prophet. We remember that God shows love and mercy to all people. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - JOSEPH

VC 605 20 Minutes I;J

Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. Joseph forgives his brothers for selling him into slavery. We remember that in providing for us God chooses different people to help and guide us. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - MOSES

VC 606 20 Minutes I;J

Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It also serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. Moses, the prophet leads the people of Israel from slavery to freedom. We remember the promise that God has made and faithfully keeps with us. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF FAITH - RUTH

VC 608 20 Minutes I;J

Old Testament offers Christians foundations for our most important religious beliefs. It also serves to help us understand the roots of Jesus' religious faith and traditions as well as a lens with which to understand the New Testament scriptures. The generous and devoted Ruth leaves her homeland and journeys with her mother-in-law, Naomi. We remember to be faithful as parents and children to one another and to God. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF HOPE

VC 732 15 Minutes I

Introduces the viewer to St. Elizabeth Seton, Steven Biko, Ghandi, Ignatius of Loyola, **People of Hope**, who believed that something or someone is worth a commitment. **Heroes and Heroines** invites people to share in the life of ordinary people, some recognized as saints, who worked to build community. In the example of their lives we begin to gain insight of how our faith grows and deepens by living as **People of Hope**. Study guide.

PEOPLE OF PRAYER

VC 733 15 Minutes I

Introduces the viewers to Kateri Tekawitha, Thomas Merton, Theresa of Avila, and Francis of Assisi, **People of Prayer**, who saw prayer as an important part of their lives. Video brings the student to a sense of prayer that can become realistic in their lives. **Heroes and Heroines** invites people to share in the life of ordinary people, some recognized as saints, who worked to build community. In the example of their lives we begin to gain insight of how our faith grows and deepens by living as **People of Prayer**. Study guide.

PERSON OF THE CATECHIST, A

VC 394 25 MINUTES A

Echoes of Faith Series: Program guides you in discerning who you are as a catechist. The video, along with the articles and activities in this booklet, develops four insights into the person of the catechist: 1) the vocation of the catechist, 2) the qualities of the catechist, 3) growing as a catechist, and 4) trusting the Spirit. Format for this video is a seminar. You are introduced to catechists who reflect on their involvement in the catechetical ministry. Their reflection provide you the opportunity to consider your commitment to this ministry. As catechists it is important to appreciate the richness of your ministry. A catechist is one who "must also receive and respond to a ministerial call which comes from the Lord and is articulated in the local Church." Study guide.

PETER

VC 121 15 Minutes I

Video shows how children can imitate Saint Peter in the ordinary events of their lives. In *Peter: Prince of Apostles*, Gilbert tells of how St. Peter was chosen to be the leader of God's people - not for his headstrong ways, but for his strong faith: to practice self-control, especially when they don't feel like it; to be obedient to parents; to help others; and to make time for prayer in order to strengthen their faith. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PICTURING MARY

DVD 360 57 Minutes J;S;A

Mary was with Jesus from birth to death. Though there are few mentions of her in the New Testament, she is one of the most portrayed faces in history. She has inspired some of the finest and most enduring achievements in painting, sculpture, architecture, poetry, and music. DVD takes viewers on an artistic journey spanning almost two thousand years and crossing four continents. *Picture Mary* visits museums, chapels and cathedrals in eight countries to view Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Caravaggio, and Duccio in their original locations. From tiny personal images to giant mosaics and frescoes, these treasured artworks show how artists have expressed their personal devotion, and are an enduring testament to Mary as the sublime embodiment of the virtues, joys, and sorrows of the human race.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

DVD 364 180 Minutes J;S;A

In this feature-length film John Voight delivers an incredibly inspirational portrayal of the spiritual life journey of Pope John Paul II. This epic film follows the remarkable life of Pope John Paul II from his youth in Poland, to his international crusade to advocate the poor and oppressed to his final days in the Vatican. Shot on location in Rome and Poland with the cooperation of the Vatican, this moving film takes an intimate look at the man who touched millions and changed the face of the Church and the world.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

DVD 260 50 Minutes S;A

Pope John Paul II stood as the most popular pontiff in history, a spiritual compass to almost a billion Catholics worldwide, and a powerful symbol of peace to countless others. Considered an outsider choice for the papacy in 1978, Karol Jozef Wojtyla led over 16.7 million people in worship, met nearly 700 heads of state, survived an assassination attempt, and helped facilitate the end of Communism in the Soviet Union. With interviews of childhood friends, colleagues, and Vatican officials, this is the complete story of Pope John Paul II's remarkable life. From his carefree youth in Poland to his human rights activism, to his late struggles with Parkinson's Disease, the compassion and inspiration of the most traveled Pope in history is portrayed in its entirety.

POVERTY & RESPONSIBILITY: THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

VC 527 25 Minutes A

POWER SURGE - ABORTION

VC 661 16 Minutes S

Abortion is the law, but what about the teen after an abortion? Limor tells why, after several abortions, she decided to keep her baby. Steve and his girlfriend wanted to keep their baby and get married, but their parents said "no." Hear from teens who have been pregnant, but went against family and friends to have their baby. Guide

POWER SURGE - ATTITUDE

VC 721 16 Minutes J;S

What can a good ATTITUDE do for you? Ask Fanny who was shot at work for no reason but now is doing just fine. Or Keith, who says it determines who your friends are. Erica says it will make you successful in life. Donna's bad attitude nearly destroyed her family. Now she tells how you can overcome even your worst problems by having a good attitude. Guide.

POWER SURGE - DATING

VC 660 16 Minutes S

All teenagers date, right? Wrong! And you're O.K. if you don't. And if you do, Miguel tells why not to put your whole life into your girlfriend. After they broke up, he tried to kill himself. Joey and Elena say the key is balance. Spend time with friends and family, have a life outside of your relationship, and don't be so serious! Guide.

POWER SURGE - FRIENDS

VC 663 16 Minutes J;S

Do you really become like your friends? Michelle says she did, even though she was "stronger" than them. Kyle and Harry are National Body Boarding champions, and for them, friendship means support and encouragement. Frank narrowly avoided gang life, but he had to get new friends. Choose friends you want to be like and who encourage you! Guide.

POWER SURGE - GOALS

VC 722 16 Minutes J;S

Ordinary people can do great things in life, but not without GOALS. Dave Johnson never ran track until his senior year, but he set goals and became one of the best athletes in the world. Jerry says they are the blueprint for who you will become in life. Tiffany says you can accomplish any goal if you just stop listening to those who say you can't do it. Guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

POWER SURGE - HOMELESS

VC 723 16 Minutes J;S

You see them on the corner, sleeping on benches, and begging for money. Are the Homeless just lazy, or do they have serious problems that need our help? Tina volunteered at a Homeless shelter and she says it could be you or me. Union Rescue Mission Director George Caywood says it's a great feeling when you're helping the poor. Guide

POWER SURGE - INTEGRITY

VC 664 16 Minutes J;S

Lying, cheating on tests, stealing....what's the big deal? Everyone else does! Ernesto is a professional boxer. He says you are just cheating yourself. Cheri refuses to cheat. And Olympic Champion Madeline Mimms says your integrity is the key to how you feel about yourself and who you will become. Guide.

POWER SURGE - LONELINESS

VC 725 16 Minutes J;S

Many teens go through periods of feeling lonely, even though they may be popular! Elisa feels lonely in a crowded room, as though nobody cares about her. Can you use loneliness to your advantage? We all go through it, and experts say it's a good time to find a hobby, help others, and find out what you really enjoy in life. Guide.

POWER SURGE - PARENTS

VC 666 16 Minutes J;S

Why can't teens and parents get along? They can, but it takes a lot of understanding and communication. Ann's parents are old-fashioned and want to control her like a little kid. Theresa's dad does drugs, and she has to live with it. Parents and teens aren't perfect. Teens gain insight and learn how to communicate and get along with their parents. Guide.

POWER SURGE - RESPONSIBILITY

VC 726 16 Minutes J;S

Who do you blame for your life and your actions? Jenifer had a tough home life, committed crimes, but now she is owning up to her actions and taking RESPONSIBILITY for her life. Bert blew off school and finally woke up in his senior year. Now he's playing catch-up. Debrah says to learn responsibility now or you'll never reach your dreams or be successful in life. Guide.

POWER SURGE - SEX

VC 668 16 Minutes S

Sex is on the mind of many teenagers. Hormones and peer pressure are intense. Shelly the cheerleader went too far; now she's pregnant and her boyfriend split. A former Miss America says, "Wait for marriage!" Young newlyweds talk about how hard that was to do, but how rewarding it is. Omar is 22, a track star, and is determined to wait for marriage. Guide.

POWER SURGE - STRESS

VC 659 16 Minutes J;S

Teens are overwhelmed with a million things in their lives, from puberty and school activities, to good grades and good looks. Gina is so stressed out over her looks that she's bulimic. Steve is swamped with school activities but he shares his secret: prioritize and say "no." Teens learn "stress skills" and perspective to deal with life's pressures. Guide.

POWER SURGE - THE MEDIA

VC 665 16 Minutes J;S

How does the Media - advertising, television, movies, and magazines - impact a teenager? LeMaire is a hair stylist to the stars of Hollywood, and she says "don't fill your head with trash!" Regina used the Media to fight back. And Larry says what's on TV is not what life is really like. Teens learn to screen what they see. Guide.

POWER SURGE - VIOLENCE

VC 669 16 Minutes J;S

Violence is a big part of the world around our students. Maria knows first hand - she was shot at work. David spent his life in gangs and prison, but says, "For what?" Ryan came from an abusive home and became violent himself. Rich says violence can be avoided through Peer Mediation, and Alnita offers hope for escape from a violent world. Guide.

PRAY TODAY

VC 230 63 Minutes J;S

Pray Today calls teenagers to a prayerful life. Variety of young people share and reflect on the specific topic. Each segment is approximately seven minutes long. Segments: **Meet John Foppe** - John was born without arms; **Do You Pray** - 17 year old shares; **What Should I Say?** - single mother turns her life over to Jesus with the challenges of family; **Does God Hear Our Prayer** - Adam a teen shares; **Different Ways to Pray** - a youth worker shares his ways; **Finding Time to Pray** - Judy a busy teen shares; **Listening to God** - a teen shares about his journey to Medugorje; **Prayerful Celebrating the Mass**; **Traditional Prayer** - TV sports reporter shares his hope. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PRAYER

VC 054 30 Minutes S;A

Would you stick with a friend who talks all the time (mostly to ask for something) and never listens. God sticks with friends like that. This program with Fr. Don Kimball lets young people share their ideas on talking to God and on listening to God! The teenagers explore the importance of prayer for them - and come to some surprising conclusions. Discussion guide included.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

VC 398 48 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith Series: This module explores the relationship with the living God, which we call prayer. Prayer and Spirituality are our wholehearted “yes” to the mystery of God seeking us. This module is divided into four segments. The first two explore nature of prayer, various forms of prayer, and obstacles to prayer. The third examines the spiritual life as it is lived day-in and day-out. The final segment offers a reflection and catechesis on the central prayer of the Christian tradition. Study Guide

PRAYING IN COLOR

DVD 263 J;S

Workshop DVD. Maybe you love color. Maybe you hunger to know God better. Maybe you are a visual or kinesthetic learner, a distractible or impatient soul, or a word-weary pray-er. Perhaps you struggle with a short attention span, a restless body, or a tendency to live in your head. This new prayer form can take as little or as much time as you have or want to commit. A minimum amount might be fifteen minutes. A half-hour works well. Any time of the day. Drawing is half the prayer, the other half is transporting the visual memories or actual images with you to pray throughout the day. Study guide.

PRAYING WITH OUR OWN WORDS

DVD 519 22 Minutes S;A

What is prayer? How do we pray? Why do we pray? From the thoughts and comments of church leaders to the insights and experiences of Catholics from all walks of life, the prayer DVDs invite us all to discover how much we pray already. Study guide.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

DVD 520 22 Minutes S;A

What is prayer? How do we pray? Why do we pray? From the thoughts and comments of church leaders to the insights and experiences of Catholics from all walks of life, the prayer DVDs invite us all to discover how much we pray already. Study guide.

PRAYING WITH THE CHURCH'S WORDS

DVD 518 22 Minutes S;A

What is prayer? How do we pray? Why do we pray? From the thoughts and comments of church leaders to the insights and experiences of Catholics from all walks of life, the prayer DVDs invite us all to discover how much we pray already. Study guide.

PREACHING THE JUST WORD

VC 224 40 Minutes S;A

Here is excitement and enthusiasm about preaching. This montage of presentations, conversations, and interviews will expand the viewer's vision of justice and provide practical pointers for honing and improving preaching skills. It inspires homilists to give the assembly what it is entitled to, desires and needs. How can our homilies both encourage and challenge our communities to live justly in a challenging time? How can we preach about justice without using jargon and cliché? How can we recognize and name the power of sin and injustice in the world? Where do we find the even greater power of grace, love, and reconciliation? We are presented with a biblical view of justice - the right ordering of all relationships; with God, with our brothers and sisters, and with the earth. Beginning with the scriptures and building on the Catholic tradition of social teaching, we see how justice takes shape in daily life. Study guide.

PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

VC 228 22 Minutes S;A

The water, the chrism, the white gown - all are visible signs of the Rite of Baptism, the first sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. The Holy Spirit is at work, breathing new life into the child and washing away original sin. Baptism blesses the child with membership in the Body of Christ. Look anew at this great gift from God through “the eyes of faith” in *Preparing for Baptism*. In this engaging and positive presentation, Bishop Donald Wuerl of the Diocese of Pittsburgh delivers an explanation of the theology of Baptism. He follows with a step-by-step walk through the ritual, pointing out the riches behind the promises and symbols. *Preparing for Baptism* is an invaluable resource for parent instruction, providing an understanding that will strengthen parents' commitment to raise their children as members of the one true faith. This will be a valuable tool, as well, for anyone interested in learning more about the meaning of Baptism. Baptism brings the light of God into the world and we all have to work at keeping that light bright. The greater light on the sacrament that makes us “a people set apart.”

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

VC 188 56 Minutes I;J;S;A

A charming series of four programs, each one developing a special aspect of God's promise to send us a Savior and of the wonder of Jesus' coming. **PART ONE:** A series of brief vignettes that show us how everyday life is a constant reminder of what Jesus' becoming human means to us. 13 min. **PART TWO:** We meet a very special person who spends his life 'Santa Clausing,' as he brings to seniors and children his own loving presence and gift for helping them realize their own specialness. 14 min. **PART THREE:** We witness a touching story of the power of a child's faith as she prays for and gets a 'Christmas daddy' for just one day. 18 min. **PART FOUR:** The adventures of Aaron, the donkey belonging to Mary and Joseph. Through this gentle beast's eyes we witness the events leading up to and following Jesus' birth. 11 min. Study guide.

PREPARING THE HOMILY

VC 233 85 Minutes S;A

An unprepared homilist is a pastoral peril" says Walter Burghardt. What is adequate, appropriate preparation? How can the radical dimension of the gospel as it touches society be heard in the church? Burghardt leads us step-by-step through both remote and proximate preparation for effective preaching. He explores the role of scripture, theology, and tradition and demonstrates how to translate these into popular language. Biblical justice based on fidelity to God, our sisters and brothers, and the earth is contrasted with ethical justice. From the example of this master preacher we learn the role of imagination and rhetoric in preaching. Burghardt shares with the viewer a practical, realistic approach to preparation and gives suggestions for homilies on special occasion. Anyone who preaches, either regularly or occasionally, including those who preach to children, will be enlightened and encouraged by these wise words. Study guide

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR FIRST COMMUNION

VC 161 25 Minutes A

Video to help get parents involved in the process of sacramental preparation. This engaging tape presents examples of what parents can do to reinforce the meaning of the Eucharist and how first communion is an opportunity to strengthen the faith of the entire family. Very practical. Study guide.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR RECONCILIATION

VC 162 25 Minutes A

In this program we see that the sacrament of reconciliation is really more about God than about us. Video offers practical ways for parents and educators to introduce children to the God who is loving, helping and forgiving at all times. Very practical. Study guide.

PRINCE OF PEACE

DVD 365 29 Minutes PS;P;I

Relive the Christmas story in this fascinating animation spectacular. See the story unfold as Mary and Joseph are visited by angels while Herod plots to erase any competition to his throne. The birth of baby Jesus in that Bethlehem stable changed the world, and to this very day, men, women, and children kneel to worship the One who is called the *Prince of Peace*.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

VC 474 43 Minutes A

Formation for Readers in the Liturgy - Part I: The Faith of the Reader (22 Minutes) - Part II: The Work of the Reader (21 Minutes). Two-part foundational and formational video for new, as well as experienced readers/lectors and gospel readers. Viewers will discover the richness of the word in their ministry and learn new skills through expert demonstrations by readers. Leader's guide/Participant's guide included.

PROCLAMADORES DE LA PALABRA - PROCLAIMING THE WORD

VC 078 43 Minutes A

Este video es un recurso indispensable para cada persona responsable de entrenar y desarrollar los lectores en la liturgia. El video proporciona una fundacion espiritual y una formacion basica para lectores nuevos y para los que ya tienen experiencia, incluyendo sacerdotes y diaconos. Por el uso de instruccion, ejemplo y testigo, cada segmento explora un aspecto diferente del ministro de lector y concluye con preguntas para discusion. Los temas incluyen el rol del lector; el significado del ministerio, como preparar y ejemplos de proclamacion. Los televidentes veran y oiran la palabra proclamada con vigor y respeto. Obtendran entusiasmo por el ministerio y entenderan como la iglesia describe el rol del lector: "es Cristo quien habla cuando se lee la Biblia en la liturgia." un Guia para los Lideres y preguntas para discusion estan incluidos con el video. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

PROUD TREE, THE

VC 443 25 Minutes P

Children learn the story of the crucifixion through the eyes of the wise-cracking tree, Rex -- self-proclaimed 'King of all the Forest.' When the proud Rex becomes the cross of Christ, he learns a valuable lesson in humility from the gentle Jesus. Through this video, children will come to understand the power of Jesus' love and the importance of His sacrifice. With freshly updated illustrations and an enhanced story line, this timeless tale will touch little ones in a whole new way. Study guide.

PUMPKIN WHO WAS NOT A SQUASH, THE

VC 701 10 Minutes PS:P

A pumpkin seed was accidentally sown in a field that was intended only for squash. The early days of growth for the pumpkin were happy ones. But as the plants grew, difficulties arose when the squashes noticed that the pumpkin was different. At the end of the summer, the squashes were harvested, but the pumpkin was left alone. He wondered what would become of him. But then in the fall the farmer returned, accompanied by his whole family. Together they thought of all the ways that this big, beautiful pumpkin could be used. The pumpkin was filled with joy at the unique value he brought to the farmer and his family and friends.

QUARRELING BOOK, THE

VC 437 16 Minutes P

Action, reaction and a steady build-up of anger marks this humorously told tale of a day with the James family. A gray and rainy day starts an unsettling chain of events that propels each normally good-natured member of the family pell-mell into confrontation with each other and then with their friends. Zolotow's all-too-familiar story provides youngsters with insight and understanding of their own feelings of hurt and anger, and they will recognize an easy solution for ending the quarreling cycle. Study guide.

RABBI'S GIFT, THE

VC 644 7 Minutes I;J;S;A

An extraordinary fable about one community's yearning for new life and vitality. Set in the time-forgotten world of an isolated monastery, a visiting Rabbi's parting words, "The Messiah is one of you," penetrates the walls and towers, unleashing a surprising discovery. This intriguing video tells a deceptively simple and powerful story, evoking thought and discussion about the power of imagination and the nature of community. A compelling mediation on respect and diversity; a provocative discussion starter for revitalizing community; a valuable resource for resolving group conflicts. Study guide.

RAISING A FAITH-FILLED CHILD IN A CONSUMER SOCIETY

VC 743 25 Minutes A

What does it mean to raise a child with faith? How can a parent convince a child of his/her self worth independent of "stuff?" How can our children develop true and deep values in a materialistic society? This video provides practical and realistic answers which will help your child live with Gospel values amid the maze of messages from Madison Avenue. Study guide.

RE-EXAMINING BAPTISMAL FONTS

VC 530 36 Minutes A

In the same way that a renewed theology of the Eucharist caused the church to redesign the space used to celebrate the Eucharist, so does the renewed theology of baptism call us now to re-examine the space used to celebrate the sacrament of baptism. No such re-examination can be complete without serious reflection on the design and placement of the baptismal font. The design of most present-day fonts minimalizes the role of water, and thus the rich biblical meaning of baptism is lost to the initiate and the rest of the parish community. This video will help parishes see and consider the need for fonts that enable adult and infant baptisms by immersion. It will help clarify the meaning of baptism and the symbolism and use of water in baptism. Through a historical survey and an analysis of contemporary baptismal fonts, this video will guide pastors and pastoral councils, architects, and liturgical designers in the design and placement of fonts in new churches or in older churches where the baptismal space is to be redesigned.

REALITY IN RELATIONSHIPS

VC 257 45 Minutes J;S

Teens will find this program realistic, captivating, and educational. This powerful chastity program filmed in a Catholic high school helps teens to understand what creates quality relationships, the practical reasons for chastity, and why the guidelines regarding the gift of sexuality in the Bible are for teenagers' benefit. Ellen Marie, a graduate from Winona, is a dynamic speaker helping teenagers make healthy life-long choices. She combines humor and real-life stories with hard facts. Study guide.

RECOGNIZE-RESPOND TO LEARNING DISABILITIES IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VC 171 41 Minutes A

Outstanding video featuring Sister Kathleen Marie Ramirez, OP, discussing learning disability issues from A to Z! Includes: causes and classroom characteristics of learning disabilities and practical accommodations.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

RECONCILIATION: CELEBRATING FORGIVENESS

VC 488 15 Minutes A

Today Ben will celebrate his first reconciliation, a communal celebration to which his parents have been invited, but his dad wants to stay home; he'd rather clean the garage. A disappointed Ben convinces his dad that reconciliation can be joyful and happy-even for reluctant dads! In this engaging presentation, parents learn that the sacrament of reconciliation has a long and interesting history, but that it has always been an opportunity to reconcile with God and others when we have sinned. They learn that God freely forgives our sins, and that all sin touches others in some way and involves a change of heart as well as a change in behavior. Parents preparing for their child's first reconciliation will be inspired, informed, and encouraged by this thoughtful presentation. It convincingly conveys the message that parents are of crucial importance in the religious education of their child. Great video to use with parents. Most information and well produced. Excellent guide.

RECONCILIATION - CLOSING THE GAP

VC 505 13 Minutes I;J

Excellent video to help adolescents make the connection between conflicts in their lives and the need to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. A brief history of how the sacrament has changed through the ages is also presented. Excellent for studying the Sacraments and for parents of First Reconciliation. Study guide.

RED BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS

DVD 368 28 Minutes PS;P;I

In Spanish and English. An entertaining story of laughter, love, and a very special gift for Christmas. Hans the shoemaker has never learned the meaning of Christmas and shuts himself off from the festivities. As the story unfolds, Hans finally embraces Christmas when he receives a gift from God. A wonderful program to teach children the true meaning of Christmas.

RENEWAL OF THE SACRAMENTS

VC 110 63 Minutes A

Bill Huebsch produces this series of six presentations for the Diocese of New Ulm to awaken a renewal of the sacraments in our personal life, in our communal life as parish, and in our Church. Series includes: 1) Baptism - 'Sacrament of Initiation,' 2) Confirmation - 'Sacrament of Choice,' 3) Eucharist - 'Sacrament of Community,' 4) 'Sacrament of Healing,' 5) 'Reconciliation,' 6) 'Sacraments of of Life Commitments - Marriage, Priesthood, Single Life, Religious Life.' Excellent for Pre-Baptism, Parent Sacramental Preparation for Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation, Adult Education. Each presentation is ten minutes followed by discussion. Study guide.

RENEWING THE MIND OF THE MEDIA

VC 144 12 Minutes S;A

Have you ever felt disturbed by words and images in the media? Do you feel powerless before those in control of news and entertainment media? *Renewing the Mind of the Media* addresses such questions especially as they relate to the gratuitous violence and misuse of sexuality in the media. Study guide.

REVOLUTIONARY, THE

VC 729 4-7 Minute Segs. J;S;A

This riveting new presentation looks at the major events of Jesus' life in a new way: as a true 'revolutionary.' Fast-paced, with attention to the original historical and cultural context, this exciting program is especially appealing. Segments: Creation, Jesus' public life, Holy Week, Betrayal, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension. Excellent for Bible study and Religious Education. Study guide.

RICKY'S FIRST RECONCILIATION

VC 557 10 Minutes P;I

Ricky prepares to celebrate his first reconciliation. A variety of settings and situations are used to illustrate an inclusive approach to sacrament preparation - Ricky's home, his religious education classroom, and a practice penance ritual with Fr. Garcia. Seeing Ricky follow through this process helps children understand both the rite of Penance and the sacramental theology that surrounds it. Study guide.

ROLES OF THE CATECHIST

VC 676 60 Minutes A

Echoes of Faith: The video is to acquaint catechists with the foundations of Catholic doctrine and tradition, and introduce them to the principles and practice of sound catechesis.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

ROMAN MISSAL

DVD 319 60 Minutes A

The *Missale Romanum editio typica tertia*, the third edition of the Roman Missal, was promulgated by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000. After nearly ten years of work by bishops, scholars, poets, and musicians, an English-language translation of this important liturgical book has been approved by Pope Benedict XVI and will go into effect in Advent of 2011. Msgr. James Moroney provides an introduction to how these translations came about and how they provide an opportunity for a renewal of the liturgical reform envisioned by the Fathers of the second Vatican Council.

ROME - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PETER & PAUL

VC 356 60 Minutes J;S;A

Video in 3 parts. Part I - THE BEGINNING (Story of Peter & Paul) 18 min. Part II - THE EARLY CHURCH - 18 min. Part III - THE RENAISSANCE TO TODAY - 18 min. See Peter & Paul's meeting with Christ and subsequent evangelization; experience their martyrdom and persecution; meet Constantine, the first Roman Christian Emperor; visit the Middle Ages & the Papacy's move to France and back to Rome; glimpse Christian Rome during the Renaissance and Baroque periods; witness the discovery of the catacombs and wander through St. Peter's Basilica of today. Tour Rome from the first century A.D. to the present. Study guide.

ROSARY, THE

VC 074 10 Minutes I;J;S;A

The traditional and beautiful prayer of the rosary proclaimed with the visual imagery of everyday life. Video consists of one decade of the rosary narrated prayerfully, with music, conveying the truth that the Lord, who is with Mary, promises to be with us always. Good to use as you teach about Mary and/or study the Hail Mary.

ROUGH EDGES

VC 255 24 Minutes J;S;A

In this upbeat Christmas story about the unexpected encounter between two women from 'different sides of the track,' it is the one without that gives to the other. Two lives, worlds apart, one with plenty and one without, meet by chance on a wintery night and share a park bench and a small portion of their lives. The exchange is more than words -- hope is given that the real meaning of Christmas can be brought back into the heart and in turn help a troubled family. A vandalized Nativity scene and a park bench set the stage for a delightful, poignant drama that engagingly forces the two women to look beyond the 'wrappings' to where the true wealth of the spirit of Christmas thrives.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

VC 485 26 Minutes S;A

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of each sacrament, starting from Hebrew times to post-Vatican II. Chesto offers an engaging presentation in language that is comprehensible and clear. Guide materials and the video presentation present Catholic adults with a better understanding of the valuable place of these sacraments in their lives today. Baptism is primarily the sacrament of dying with Christ and being born into new life. That new life has always included the forgiveness of sin. But forgiveness was a secondary meaning of the sacrament until the ritual got separated from the Easter Vigil, the feast of dying and rising. It is difficult to understand the importance of our own Baptism and the life we have been called to live without understanding the history that eventually limited this sacrament to the "washing of sin off our souls." Study guide.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

VC 487 26 Minutes S;A

Expert author Kathleen Chesto leads viewers through the development and history of each sacrament, starting from Hebrew times to post-Vatican II. Chesto offers an engaging presentation in language that is comprehensible and clear. Guide materials and the video presentation present Catholic adults with a better understanding of the valuable place of these sacraments in their lives today. The sacrament of Eucharist is a ritual that we can honestly say "suffered" many changes down through the ages. The Eucharist is a sacrament of remembering what Jesus did for us. This makes it even stranger that, in many of those changes, we "forgot to remember" what it was about. If we want to reclaim the true meaning of what Jesus meant in saying "Do this in remembrance of me," it is necessary to understand all that has influenced our understanding and celebration of this sacrament over the last two millennia. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

VC 486 26 Minutes S;A

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SACRAMENTS

DVD 285 5 Segments 12 I

Sacraments include: *We Belong - Baptism and Confirmation* - Kim, Maria, and Carlos invite Peter, the new boy, to have lunch with them and to join their drama group. He agrees to both and later, in a curtain speech, he thanks everyone for welcoming him. They all attend a party to celebrate. Scenes of actual Baptism and Confirmation rites are woven into the story of welcoming and joining.; *We Feed - Eucharist* - Kim, Maria, and Carlos attend a talk given by Jen on her life in Cambodia. They learn about hunger in a new way. Jen accompanies them to a soup kitchen where they further realize the need to feed the hungry. They resolve to better understand the poor. Throughout the story we learn how Eucharist feeds the hunger in us all.; *We Forgive - Reconciliation* - Maria is upset about the way Alex and Jamie always fight during games. Carlos tells her it is just the way boys are-they are not serious. Maria believes that, serious or not, their behavior makes other people uncomfortable and brings them down. She decides to talk to them about it. The boys admit that they are wrong. The group participates in a Penance service and each of the friends feels better afterward.; *We Commit - Marriage and Holy Orders* - Kim, Maria, and Carlos talk about their futures. Kim wants 10 children, Maria is not too sure, and Carlos thinks

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN

VC 506 60 Minutes I;J

Fr. Ray Hain expertly conveys the signs, symbols, and meaning of the seven sacraments to a group of middle-grade children. The video is divided into eight vignettes, all of which take place at 'Camp Sacrament.' The first vignette addresses the concept of 'Sacrament' - the next seven cover each sacrament individually. Order of appearance and time: 'The Sacraments: Signs of God's Presence' 7:35 min. SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: 'Baptism' 7:20 min. 'Confirmation' 8:15 min. 'Eucharist' 7:52 min. SACRAMENTS OF COMMITMENT: 'Marriage' 6:33 min. 'Holy Orders' 4:17 min. SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: 'Anointing of the Sick' 5:12 min. 'Penance' 6:45 min. In each, Fr. Ray's down-to-earth explanations and examples from real life are highlighted by scenes from the actual rites of the sacraments. During the discussions, members of the group openly ask questions and clarify important points. Study Guide.

SACRAMENTS: HEALING

VC 623 28 Minutes J;S

The Sacraments: God's Amazing Grace is as refreshing and surprising as the experience for which it is named! This video covers the sacraments of *Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick*. Teens participate in symbolic activities that help them to see the deeper meaning in the sacraments, they listen and interact with expert presenters who meet them at their level, and then they tell us what they have seen and heard! This lively program will help your teen audience see God's Amazing Grace, His loving presence with them as they make the journey of life. Study guide.

SACRAMENTS: INITIATION

VC 622 28 Minutes J;S

The Sacraments: God's Amazing Grace is as refreshing and surprising as the experience for which it is named! This video covers the sacraments of *Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist*. Teens participate in symbolic activities that help them to see the deeper meaning in the sacraments, they listen and interact with expert presenters who meet them at their level, and then they tell us what they have seen and heard! This lively program will help your teen audience see God's Amazing Grace, His loving presence with them as they make the journey of life. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SACRAMENTS: SERVICE

VC 624 28 Minutes J;S

The Sacraments: God's Amazing Grace is as refreshing and surprising as the experience for which it is named! This video covers the sacraments of *Holy Orders* and *Matrimony*. Teens participate in symbolic activities that help them to see the deeper meaning in the sacraments, they listen and interact with expert presenters who meet them at their level, and then they tell us what they have seen and heard! This lively program will help your teen audience see God's Amazing Grace, His loving presence with them as they make the journey of life. Study guide.

SAFETY N.E.T. KIDS

DVD 333 30 Minutes PS;P;I

Your kids will want to watch this video over and over again which will reinforce the important life lessons as demonstrated by Mr. Olson and his *Safety NET Kids*. your kids will be delighted by Mr. Olson's teaching, the karate demonstrations, the games, and even Quiz Time! Study guide.

SAINTS ALIVE - ALL SAINTS DAY

VC 431 15 Minutes P;I

Meet modern saints whose example shows that we are all called to be God's chosen people. These living saints represent all races and all ages.

SAINTS ALIVE - BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA

VC 420 15 Minutes P;I

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was an Indian girl from Auriesville in New York State. She is the first native American to reach the next-to-last step toward sainthood. Her example of dedicated faith is part of the North American Catholic heritage.

SAINTS ALIVE - DOROTHY DAY

VC 418 15 Minutes P;I

Children will learn about the life of Dorothy Day and will be encouraged to live like her by welcoming others. Dorothy Day is a modern symbol of Catholic teaching about social justice. Her Hospitality House for the poor was an early example of Christian concern for the homeless; her Catholic Worker Movement and efforts to secure voting rights for women make her message timely today. Though not yet canonized, she is truly one of the 'living saints' of our time.

SAINTS ALIVE - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

VC 422 15 Minutes P;I

Through colorful pastel drawings and the efforts of an expert story teller, children learn how Mary, the Mother of Jesus came to be called 'The Mother of God.' An ancient Catholic formula helps to describe the wonderful plan for all people that God has modelled for us in the person of Mary.

SAINTS ALIVE - PIERRE TOUSSAINT

VC 426 15 Minutes P;I

Pierre Toussaint's story is filled with unexpected and beautiful surprises. He was a hairdresser from Haiti who worked and cared for his friends' spiritual beauty as much as for their physical appearance. He was a master of charity in a land of great poverty. Though not yet canonized, he is truly one of the 'living saints' of our time.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

VC 425 15 Minutes P;I

Wife, mother, teacher, and foundress of America's premier order of religious sisters, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the Church's first American-born saint. Her Sisters of Charity nursed the wounded in the Civil War, and built hospitals and schools across the North American continent.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

VC 419 15 Minutes P;I

Children will learn how they can share their possessions just like Elizabeth of Hungary. Elizabeth was queen of Hungary. When her husband went off to the crusades, she joined the Third Order of Franciscans and devoted her life to the sick, the poor and the elderly. Her story, told for children, teaches how happiness is found in giving and sharing with others.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. FRANCES CABRINI

VC 423 15 Minutes P;I

The life story of Mother Cabrini is told with a third segment showing how young and old can learn the art of poetry writing together. Frances Cabrini is the first U.S. citizen to be declared a saint. As a missionary among the Italian immigrants of New York, she showed how successful one woman can be when she takes her strength from God and lives for others.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. FRANCIS ASSISI

VC 424 15 Minutes P;I

The Poor Man of Assisi, St. Francis, is known to people of all faiths as the saint who spoke with the animals, worked for peace, and helped the poor. His great love for Christ and the Church led to formation of the Franciscan Order - perhaps the largest religious family in the world.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. JOAN OF ARC

VC 429 15 Minutes P;I

Courage and bravery is the theme of this program featuring the life of Joan of Arc. At the age of seventeen, Joan of Arc, the 'Maid of Orleans,' led a French army against the English and saved the king of France. Her exciting story is one of faith, piety, and courage. The church honors her as a saint for the holiness of her young life. She was canonized in 1920.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

VC 256 15 Minutes P;I

The life of St. Martin is told in a lively format featuring the music of Mary Lu Walker and interviews to relate Martins life to today's world. A lesson about living as a christian follows the story.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. PATRICK

VC 430 15 Minutes P;I

Story of St. Patrick, the patron of Ireland, told in an interesting format. St. Patrick was a Romano-Briton who came to Ireland as a slave in 403 A.D. He escaped from captivity and later returned to convert the entire country to the Christian faith. His story is part history, part legend, and is beautifully told for children. The feast of St. Patrick is March 17.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. PAUL

VC 427 15 Minutes P;I

St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, is the author of many of the letters of the New Testament. After persecuting the first Christians, he himself became a follower of Jesus and suffered shipwreck, beating, and imprisonment for his faith.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. THERESA OF LISIEUX

VC 428 15 Minutes P;I

Known as the 'Little Flower' and loved for her 'Little Way' of Christian perfection, St. Theresa entered the Carmelite convent at age 15 and died when she was only 24. Her great love and simple, honest prayer make her a model for people of every walk of life.

SAINTS ALIVE - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VC 417 15 Minutes P;I

The story of St. Vincent de Paul's life is acted out with drama rather than art. Born in 1580, Vincent de Paul became a priest at the age of 20. At first he enjoyed an easy life, but later dedicated all his energies to the poorest of the poor. He is the patron of the Saint Vincent de Paul Societies that distribute food, medicine, clothing, and health care all over the world. The third segment shows how some children care for homeless families.

SAY AMEN! TO WHAT YOU ARE

VC 476 30 Minutes A

The Communion Rite at Sunday Mass. A Parish meets in a converted gymnasium but the space is hardly noticeable. The whole liturgy seems a great procession climaxing in the communion. Their ministers exude the hospitality, reverence and graciousness called for at this part of the Sunday gathering. Their liturgy has been vitalized by the ongoing effort of the staff to do catechesis with the assembly before Mass and during the homily and by careful training of ministers.

SECRET ADVENTURES: SMASH - HOW TO SURVIVE JUNIOR HIGH BY REALLY TRYING

VC 346 30 Minutes I;J

Values highlighted in this episode are cooperation and teamwork. 'Live in peace...be patient...make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong...be kind to each other and to everyone else' from I Thessalonians 5:13-15 are the key Bible truths. When her school's extra-curricular activities are threatened by budget-cuts, Drea vows to raise \$10,000 for the programs by winning a radio station contest. Drea and her friends take an animated journey through a tropical jungle where they learn the importance of teamwork. Study guide.

SECRET ADVENTURES: SNAG - I'M DREAMING OF A RIGHT CHRISTMAS

VC 369 30 Minutes I;J

Values highlighted in this episode are caring and giving. With everybody stressed out about Christmas shopping, Drea suggests each member of the Thomas family give a simple gift 'from the heart' to one other person. But, as Matt Long complains to sister Rebecca, 'What good is Christmas without a lot of presents? I've been good all year for nothing!' After 30 boxes of Surfin' Santas show up at the Thomas house, courtesy of Arlene Blake, Drea decides it's time for a Secret Adventure to remind everyone of what Christmas really means. As animated mice, Drea, Matt and Rebecca rediscover that Christmas is a matter of quality, not quantity. Or as Grandpa Thomas says, 'You can't just talk about loving someone. You have to live it out.' Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SECRET ADVENTURES: *SNAP* - HOW TO ACT LIKE A RESPONSIBLE ALMOST-ADULT

VC 347 30 Minutes I;J

Value highlighted in this episode is responsibility. Bible verse is Luke 12:48. 'From everyone who has been given much, much more will be asked.' Drea Thomas' weekend turns into one wacky chase after another when she agrees to keep Matt and Rebecca Long (and Floyd) while Mrs. Long is out of town. When Floyd mysteriously disappears, Drea's imagination whips up a clever canine animated adventure to help track him down. The trail leads to Floyd's surprising secret, and to an unforgettable lesson about the rewards of acting responsibly, even when it means giving up what you think you want. Study guide.

SECRET ADVENTURES: *SPIN* - TRUTH, TUBAS AND GEORGE WASHINGTON

VC 435 30 Minutes I;J

Values highlighted in this episode are honesty and truth. Drea has an unusual knack for winding up in the middle of things -- like a wacky campaign for class president against Arlene Blake, 'Miss Popularity'. When black mustaches 'mysteriously' appear on all of Arlene's posters (thanks to Drea's campaign manager and best friend, Kimberly), Mrs. Long, the school principal, steps in and expresses disappointment in Drea's actions. But Drea really learns her lesson when she and her two babysitting regulars, Rebecca and Matt, take off on one of Drea's imaginative and animated 'Sacred Adventures'. Together, as colorful fish in the ocean, they learn important lessons from Proverbs. With a new campaign strategy, Drea's election speech now rings with truth and honesty...but get ready for election results crazy enough to make even George Washington crack a smile. Study guide.

SECRET ADVENTURES: *SPLIT* - LOSS AND FOUND

VC 462 30 Minutes I;J

Speaking of Hollywood, *SPLIT* takes Drea and the whole family on a trip to the heart of Tinseltown, with the chance of moving there for good. But when they start thinking about what they'd leave behind in Hampton Falls, sunny California suddenly loses its luster. The lesson is a valuable one: sometimes you almost have to lose what you have to realize how much you really love it. **NEVER TAKE GOD'S GIFTS FOR GRANTED.** When Drea's dad gets a job interview in California, the whole family goes along for an awesome L.A. weekend. They even visit the set of a TV show hosted by *Beethoven* and *Step By Step* star Chris Castile! But the more Drea thinks about what she'd leave behind -- Matt and Rebecca Long and best friend Kimberly -- the less excited she is about moving. And the thought of losing Drea reminds the Long kids of their father's death. To put things in perspective, Drea spins a Secret Adventure for them and they become animated caterpillars being dive-bombed by hungry birds. Weaving cocoons for protection, they learn that becoming butterflies means giving up the life they *thought* they wanted for something better. Guide.

SECRET AMBITIONS

VC 642 7 Minutes J;S;A

A music video 'Secret Ambition,' sung by Michael W. Smith, a Christian recording artist. This is an inspiring, engaging, reflective music video that reflects on Jesus, his journey as an adult, through to his death. Very worthwhile during Lent and/or whenever you study about Jesus.

SELFISH GIANT, THE

VC 117 27 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

This faithful adaptation of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale is animated in a colorful, naturalistic style. It is a tale about a giant who builds a wall around his garden to keep the village children out. To his surprise, the selfish giant discovers the wall also keeps out love, warmth, and springtime. Years later, when the giant is old and feeble, a small boy returns to lead him to His garden-paradise. It is the Christ Child. Study guide.

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A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SEX, LOVE & RELATIONSHIPS

DVD 359 4 Episodes J;S

Today's youth have not been told the whole truth about the consequences of sexual activity, experimentation and permissiveness. Teenagers love Pam Stenzel because she tells it to them straight, mincing no words in showing how the pervasive sexual permissiveness of our culture is a deceptive trap. Every young person should have the benefit of the hard-hitting reality check in this four-part series. Pam's message is helping thousands avoid disastrous consequences of unwise choices. This is material all teenagers deserve to know. It concerns nothing less than their whole life and future. 1) *The Physical Consequences*: Pregnancy isn't the only consideration. What dangers are youth in from the runaway epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases? 2) *The Emotional Consequences*: Sex is more than just an animal act. Your personhood and future are affected by the choices you make, choices that are sometimes tragically made in the heat of emotion and that can never be taken back. 3) *The Spiritual Consequences*: Where does God fit in all this? Are there standards that you can look to that provide sure guidance? Is there any hope for those who have already made unfortunate choices? What

SHELTER BOY

VC 768 15 Minutes I;J;S

This mini-documentary is about 12 year-old Richard Metcalf, whose family loses their home and ends up in an emergency shelter in California. He shares how being homeless has affected his life. The story also reveals how he must deal with the stigma of being homeless and being called "shelter boy" by his classmates.

SHOPPING BAG LADY

VC 059 18 Minutes I;J;S

A young woman named Emily thinks elderly people are a nuisance, including her grandmother with whom she shares her room. Through her unusual encounter with an old woman - a bag lady - Emily gains insight and a better understanding of the aged. Eventually she discovers that her grandmother is an interesting person who deserves her love and concern. Study guide.

SILENT SCREAM, THE

VC 088 28 Minutes S;A

The modern technology of real-time ultrasound now reveals the actual responses of a twelve-week old fetus to being aborted. As the unborn child attempts to escape the abortionist's suction curette, her motions can be seen to become desperately agitated and her heart rate doubles. The abortionist's procedure is explained by Dr. Nathanson, who earlier in his career ran the world's largest abortion clinic. Now ardently pro-life, Dr. Nathanson is dedicated to exposing the truth about 'abortion on demand.' Study guide.

SIN & FORGIVENESS

VC 525 25 Minutes A

SKATEBOARD

VC 103 12 Minutes P;I

Sandy is an adventurous eight-year-old with a brand new skateboard. Bored with coasting on easy hills and her driveway, she decides to ride in the street on a very steep hill that she has been told never to ride on. Unable to stop, she loses control of the board and narrowly escapes a serious accident. Knowing that she has been recognized, Sandy runs and hides. Her parents find her and help her to realize that the people who love us make rules because they care and having broken a rule she must face the consequences. Ideally suited to young audiences ages 7-9. Study guide.

SOUL SEARCHING

DVD 220 70 Minutes J;S

Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God looks at teenagers from around the country: to get into their lives and get at the core of their beliefs. The documentary is based on the findings of the book, *Soul Searching: the Religious, and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*, which reports on research conducted over a seven year period by the National Study of Youth and Religion. Find out what these teens really think about God and religion, what their hopes and aspirations are, and what the research says about the effects of religion in their lives.

SOURCE, THE

VC 453 30 Minutes A

Journey with us to Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in daily visions between February 18, 1858 and March 4, 1858. This inspiring video program provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the shrine, one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in modern Christianity, and about St. Bernadette, whose visions in a cave above a riverbank started it all. Study guide.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH: FIND A REASON TO HOPE

VC 120 25 Minutes A

If you are going through a transition (career change, the ending of a relationship, a geographical move, the death of a love one, or just a shift in your life perspective) this video is for you. Sr. Joyce explores transitions and the "journey" nature of life. She compares the great cycles of life and nature to our own "inner" cycles. Using stories and metaphors, she reflects on the price we must pay for wisdom, peace and compassion.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: TRUST AND LEAN ON GOD

VC 116 25 Minutes A

Houston Smith, the great student of world religions, was once asked if there were ever a time when he did not believe in God. He said, "Of course, just as our body gets the flu, so does our spirit." In this video, Sr. Joyce explores what happens when our "spirit gets the flu." She offers practical ideas and inspirational stories to help us "trust and lean on God" even when God seems far away and life appears to be without hope. This video will both soothe and challenge the soul.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: WAIT, WATCH AND DON'T GIVE UP

VC 096 25 Minutes A

"Hope begin in the dark." It begins when past solutions do not work, when life seems to be a dead end. But how can one summon up hope at a time like this? Sr. Joyce will point to the sources of hope and the way out of the dark and into the light. Here are profound stories about waiting, watching and working through problems in the journey of transformation

SPIRITUALITY AND THE TWO HALVES OF LIFE

DVD 212 3 Parts, 2 Hrs A

Growth and discipleship have two distinct parts. We leave home at an early age and spend many years trying to find our way back. How do we get back home again? That's the spiritual task for the first half of life. But, where do we go once we're back home? That's the spirituality for the second half of life. No matter which half of life you're in, you'll gain new insights with this dvd workshop. Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI is a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate and a specialist in the fields of spirituality and systemic theology. His weekly column appears in Catholic newspapers around the world and his captivating style brings a modern approach to spirituality home to a new generation of seekers.

SQUANTO AND THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

VC 697 30 Minutes PS;P;I

This is a true story about a Native American sold into slavery in Spain. Years later, he returned and taught the Pilgrims how to survive the difficult first years at the Plymouth colony.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

VC 594 30 Minutes J;S;A

Documentary shows all of the places that have characterized the spiritual walk of this most Christlike man and covers some of the most significant moments in the life of the saint: his conversion, the stigmata, his beautiful 'Canticle of the Creatures,' the last days of his life and, in conclusion, a reflection on the world of today. In medieval Italy the son of a wealthy merchant abandons a life of popularity and prosperity to follow where his heart leads him--to the outskirts of town where the poorest of the poor, the lepers, are living in wretched misery. Such is the beginning of the spiritual journey of St. Francis of Assisi. This 'docu-poem' explores the most significant events in the life of St. Francis. Filmed in Umbria, video takes the viewer to the authentic sites where Francis lived, worked, prayed and died. Breathtaking photography is accompanied by a powerful musical score and poetic narration to recreate the world of Francis. A religious video of universal quality. The script, the photography and themes are all woven together into a Franciscan masterpiece.

STABLEBOY'S CHRISTMAS, THE

VC 467 27 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Ten-year-old Tammy hopes to keep the doll under the Christmas tree that is meant for her cousin. Through a fantasy, we are taken back to Bethlehem to see the little stableboy's act of unselfish love when he gives the Christ Child his pet lamb. Tammy then realizes how sharing presents with others is a way of sharing God's love at Christmas.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

VC 213 11 MINUTES P;I

Video helps children, grades 3-6, view the stations of the cross as an opportunity to follow Jesus more closely. It emphasizes what children can do today to be more Christ-like after reflecting on what happened to Jesus at each of his fourteen stops (stations) on the way to Calvary. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

STEWARDSHIP: NOT FOR ADULTS ONLY

VC 107 25 MINUTES J;S;A

Stewardship is not a matter of giving a little more; rather, it is a way of life. Youth are called to be formed in this spirit from an early age. Program discusses a successful program that revitalizes youth through the Eucharistic liturgy. It also introduces us to Jim Mullin, an authority on stewardship curriculum program for younger children developed on behalf of the Archdiocese of Louisville. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Study guide.

STEWARDSHIP: THE MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

VC 108 25 MINUTES S;A

Putting Scripture into action: Video presents stewardship as an ongoing process of a pilgrim people on their journey to God. Parish volunteers discuss how they have shared their time, talents, and treasures within the parish. Parishioners discuss how their annual "ministry mart" and "manual of needs" have fostered a strong sense of stewardship throughout their community. A paradox of stewardship is that those who give will themselves be provided for; refers to this as his "money-back guarantee." Despite this offer that has stood for twenty-five years, no parishioner has had to ask for his donation back to satisfy his needs. Study guide.

STINGIEST MAN IN TOWN, THE

VC 542 49 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

Charles Dickens' classic comes to colorful, joyous life in a rich plum-pudding of a cartoon version of the tale of Ebenezer Scrooge, a mean, miserly and hard-hearted old man who's got a lot to learn about the true meaning of Christmas. It's a story that never fails to delight young and old.

STOP BULLYING!

DVD 342 20 Minutes I;J;S;A

Every school day, 150,000 American students stay home to avoid being bullied. Many young people feel helpless in these situations. They need to know what to do if they are bullied or if they witness bullying. Through presentations by Mark Brown, Youth Motivational Specialist, and students' real-life experience, *Stop Bully!* gives students concrete steps they can take to respond to bullying. Study guide.

STORIES OF FAITH

VC 794 37 Minutes A

Powerful faith stories are one of the strengths of our Judo-Christian tradition. Believing that God acts through our lives when such stories are shared, Kathleen Chesto inspires others to search for God in their lives. This video invites viewers to begin recognizing and sharing their faith stories. Study guide.

STORY OF JOSEPH, THE

VC 373 24 Minutes I

An animated adventure about little Sarah and Miguel who learn forgiveness from the Old Testament tale of Joseph and his brothers. Betrayed by his own brothers, Joseph is sold into slavery and taken to Egypt, far from his native land of Canaan. But Joseph is no ordinary young man. The people of Egypt, and eventually his own brothers, learn much from him. Sarah and Miguel learn the value of love and forgiveness in their own lives from this memorable story.

STORY OF THE APOSTLES

VC 153 23 Minutes I

Jesus is seen on the seashore by the Apostles. They feel the Holy Spirit and begin to preach. Saul of Tarsus is instrumental in the stoning of Stephen. After a vision he becomes a believer and changes his name to Paul. Paul narrowly escapes from Damascus. Peter is mysteriously released from prison.

SUNDAY MORNING

VC 766 19 Minutes PS;P;I

Introduce youngsters to the wonder of our God and to what the church does on Sunday in a way even the youngest child can appreciate. The words and phrases used in Sunday liturgy are presented in people centered art swirling with details. Multicultural illustrations paint stories of God's love for all people which we hear in the Liturgy of the Word. You'll discover it will open hundred of ways to talk about and explain Sunday worship.

SUPERBOOK; BEST NEWS YET, THE; MIRACLES OF LOVE; THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

VC 073 60 Minutes PS;P;I

BEST NEWS YET, THE - From Jesus' last days with His disciples and His travail in the Garden of Gethsemane to His crucifixion and glorious Resurrection. 20 min. **FIRST CHRISTMAS, THE** - Witness the events that led to the first Christmas and the beginnings of God's great design of salvation for mankind. 20 min. **MIRACLES OF LOVE** - Witness the miracles of Jesus. See him turn water into wine at a wedding; then heal the sick, blind, and lame. His life was perfect as He did everything God had Him to do. 20 min.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

SWIM TEAM'S SPLASH

VC 499 9 Minutes J

Meg decides that, in order to keep her ranking on the swim team, she will bully the new girl, Julie, right off the squad. Meg systematically harasses Julie -- and manages to get the other team members to go along for fear they will become the victims instead -- until the new girl does quit. Meg's followers come to realize they have been used for the wrong reasons and decide to rally around Julie and get her to rejoin the team. Meg is confused that her normal tactics didn't work this time and that she is left the loser. Video gives students the opportunity to explore and understand the problem of bullying and to find appropriate ways to control and deal with it. Provides a good stimulus for discussion on peer pressure, working as a team, name calling, welcoming new students, the nature of self-confidence, problem solving, and being true to yourself. Guide included.

TEEN DISCIPLESHIP

VC 795 22 Minutes J;S;A

Teen Discipleship, captures for Catholic youth how their Christian baptismal commitment comes alive in service to others. *Story segment*: follows a group of Ohio teens on a mission trip to Chicago. We see them at work, play and prayer, and hear them react to the call to serve in the name of Jesus. *Witness segment*: we meet Rob Lorenz, a college student who has made Christian service a main focus on his life. *Teaching segment*: youth minister, Sister Patty McCulloch, MSHS, answers teens questions about Christian service and the work of the Holy spirit in their lives. *Music segment*: "We Can Make a Difference," by Christian recording artist Jaci Velasquez. Study guide.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL

VC 215 30 Minutes P;I

Christopher Story Laboratory produced this special where puppets, songs, stories and interviews with children emphasize that there are different people in the world & each is special; happiness comes from recognizing how everyone is different.

THE CITY THAT FORGOT ABOUT CHRISTMAS -- SPANISH

VC 538 22 Minutes P;I;J;S;A

A gloomy city and its children discover "You can't stop Christmas" from Matthew the new carpenter in town. But the dastardly Mayor and his henchmen plan to stop the celebration. Will they succeed? Video is an ideal way to help children discover Jesus, the reason for our joy at Christmas.

THE DEATH PENALTY

VC 526 25 Minutes A

THE FACE: JESUS IN ART

DVD 363 120 Minutes J;S;A

The Face: Jesus in Art, traces the dramatically different ways in which Jesus has been represented in art by people throughout history and around the world. An unprecedented travelogue of art and monuments from the early third century to the present, **The Face: Jesus in Art** takes viewers from ancient Rome to 20th century America, from Europe to the Middle East, to illuminate the most beautiful and spectacular representations of Jesus and his stories. The program features up close views of the catacombs of Rome, Michelangelo's work, the treasures of Chartres Cathedral and much more.

THE HARDEST JOB: LEADING A PARISH TO LIVE FROM ITS LITURGY

VC 413 19 Minutes J;S;A

What does it take to bring about "full, conscious, active participation" of the assembly? Priests and parishioners from two Catholic churches in Ohio speak of the work done week by week to make liturgy the center of parish life. Catch some of their excitement. Discover that the "hardest job" is not an extra, but our very life and spirit and that it can be done by ordinary people. Guide.

THE LITURGY THAT DOES JUSTICE

VC 231 90 Minutes S;A

What is the connection between liturgy and justice? Does the God of justice speak only through the word and homily or rather throughout the entire liturgy? What is the role of liturgy in the process of conversion? Kathleen Hughes, author and professor of liturgy at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, explores the meaning of the dominical command, "Do this in memory of me," and its implications for a way of life. She traces the concurrent development of the liturgical and Catholic social action movements in the United States and their eventual divergence. She explores how these activities are essentially related and explores the formative role of liturgy. Because the homily is integral to the liturgy, she presents a method of preparation and reflection based on the liturgy itself. Preachers, presiders, liturgists, social justice committees, and members of the assembly will find their participation in liturgy enriched through the insights presented video. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

DVD 269 2 Sessions A

Through Scripture and examples from life, Father Rolheiser gives new understanding and encouragement in how we can give our lives to the world and to also give our death to the world. When we think of passion we think of Christ's physical suffering and death but in the Agony in the Garden, the Gospels do not emphasize Jesus' physical sufferings. The Gospel writers want us to understand Jesus and the lover, who undergoes moral and emotional sufferings without resentment or bitterness. Father explain that God's strength comes when we are exhausted and open to being transformed. A profound and moving reflection in two parts with a live audience. Study guide.

THE STORY OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

DVD 378 100 Minutes J;S;A

They started out as average, unexceptional men of their time: fishermen, farmers, local magistrates. But their dedication to a prophetic Jewish preacher in the backwaters of the Roman Empire transformed them into revolutionaries and, in the process, changed the world itself in ways that would reverberate across time for two thousand years. Now, discover the extraordinary untold stories of the men chosen by Jesus to bring God's plan to the world. Among them are Peter, who denied Christ three times but later became a "Rock"; James and John, the fiery tempered "sons of thunder"; Matthew, the tax collector later murdered by cannibals; Simon the Zealot, the anti-Roman fanatic eventually "cut to pieces" preaching in Spain; and Judas Iscariot, whose betrayal would be paid for with silver and suicide. From their early fear and discouragement at the shock of the Crucifixion, to the final acceptance of the resurrection and their epic mission to spread the Gospel through the known world, it's an inspiring, astonishing story of the little known men who became **The Twelve Apostles**.

THE STRAY

VC 064 15 Minutes P;I;S;J;A

At the heart of all the Gospel parables is the good news that sinners are loved, that the poor and the strayed are God's people. In these simple moral tales Christ is saying repeatedly, "I know what God is like, so good to the poor, so glad when the lost are found...so merciful to the despairing, the helpless, and the needy. The Parable of the Lost Sheep is a prototype of this message of mercy. Study guide.

THIS IS THE NIGHT

VC 560 30 Minutes A

In this outstanding video, we follow the elect and the candidates from the celebration of the third scrutiny during Lent, through their baptisms, and receptions at the Easter Vigil, to Easter Sunday morning. These people and the sponsors, initiation team members, parish staff members and parishioners describe their experiences of Christian initiation. (Actual Easter Vigil of St. Pius X Parish, Pasadena, Texas, 1992.) Good for RCIA Teams, Catechumens, Candidates. Guide.

THIS SACRED MEAL

VC 167 21 Minutes A

Catholics come to Mass week after week, but seldom have an opportunity to reflect on the larger meaning of why we come, what we are doing there, and what it all means for our daily life. This Sacred Meal can help adults reflect on those questions and deepen their understanding of the Eucharist. In this enriching video, Ellen Marshall has become a catechumen in her parish's RCIA process. She is growing in both her understanding and commitment to faith, but she is still aware of how much more she needs to learn. She stays late after a catechumenate session to chat with Mark, a member of the RCIA team. Their conversation revolves around the meaning of Eucharist and what the Eucharist challenges them to do in their lives. As their conversation unfolds, viewers have an opportunity to think about their own relationship to the Eucharist, and ask themselves, "Am I really living my faith?" Beautifully acted and written, This Sacred Meal is perfect for adult faith formation, formation for Eucharistic ministers, RCIA teams, sponsors, catechumens and neophytes, and for everyone who wants to move more deeply into the great gift of Eucharist. Study Guide.

TIME TO GIVE, A TIME TO RECEIVE, A

VC 241 15 Minutes J;S;A

'I was sick and you comforted me.' As a community of Jesus, we are asked to continue his healing ministry, physically and spiritually, as a response to our faith. Two guides: one for teens and one for adults.

TIMMY'S SPECIAL DELIVERY

VC 348 25 Minutes PS;P

In this Precious Moments Christmas story, Chris and Holly are two loving children, each of whom has only one wish -- that the other will receive a Christmas gift. When Timmy the angel hears their prayers, he is touched by their unselfishness and sets out to make sure that their thoughtfulness is rewarded.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

TO SAVE A LIFE

DVD 019 120 Minutes J;S;A

Jake is a most popular kid in school and has a promising future, but his world is rocked when tragedy strikes his childhood best friend. Now Jake is forced to ask, "Could I have saved him?" With help from a few new friends, he embarks on a journey to live a life of purpose, knocking down the sacred social barriers of high school life and befriending a loner, Jonny Garcia. But when Jonny's life spirals out of control, will Jake have what it takes to stop him from the same tragic end? Can one person really make a difference.

TOGETHER IN FAITH

VC 006 28 MINUTES J;S;A

The customs, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic faith are rooted in a rich tradition that calls for each of us to know, love, and serve God in our daily lives. This brief overview of Catholicism will introduce or review for the viewer what it means to be a member of the Catholic Church.

TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

VC 087 19 Minutes J;S;A

As the story begins, an old man lovingly crafts a flawless violin, assembling each piece with reverent care. The instrument is bought for a child too young to appreciate it, and it soon becomes a battered relic. Eventually it is sold to a pawn shop, only to face neglect and abuse from a succession of careless owners. At last, broken strings dangling uselessly, the once-beautiful instrument is put up for auction. No one is interested in bidding until the old violin master appears, takes the violin from the auctioneer, tightens and repairs the strings, and begins to play a haunting melody. At once the crowd senses its worth, and the bidding begins in earnest. The instrument is as good as new, all because of the touch of the master's hand. The story goes on to suggest that lives can be touched and renewed in the same way, either by God or by someone willing to become involved in another's life. All that is required of any of us is that we care enough to see each person as a worthy individual. This simple parable shows that all life is valuable, and that anyone can find renewal and begin again. Study guide.

TOUR OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

VC 517 12 Minutes P;I

Parish churches are powerful places. They are filled with signs and symbols which have a story to tell and a message to deliver. This video invites young people to tour a Catholic church with older students as they learn the names and discover the meaning of the objects of our Catholic faith that help us remember and celebrate God's presence. Study guide.

TOXIC RELATIONSHIPS: NEXT GENERATION SPEAKS OUT

VC 012 20 Minutes J;S

TRAINING FOR HOSPITALITY

VC 370 49 Minutes A

Designed to train parish greeters and ushers. Video begins with an explanation of what hospitality is, its scriptural basis, and its importance to the parish. Social aspects of running a parish, working in one and simply belonging to one are related. Detailed examples and explanations are given of the duties of ushers and greeters that further the hospitality and communal worship of the assembly. Ushers and greeters learn: how/where to greet worshipers as they arrive; how to seat them; how to handle disturbances; the importance of participating in the liturgy; how to facilitate the presentation of the gifts; how to guide the communion procession; how to send the assembly on its way warmly.

TRAINING THE MASS SERVER

VC 480 45 Minutes I;J;S;A

Video presents those duties servers perform for the Eucharistic celebration. Divided into three parts, Part I explains how young people should prepare; Part II gives directions for serving during the Liturgy of the Word; and Part III, for serving during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Objects and terms that servers will encounter are explained. Video reinforces the value of this ministry and encourages young people to serve with willing hearts and minds. Anyone entrusted with the training of servers will welcome this practical, encouraging video.

TRUE LOVE: GOALS AND COMMITMENTS

VC 515 20 Minutes J;S;A

"True Love" is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics. **Goals and Commitments** -- Essential instruction on the importance of goals and commitments in the lives of young people. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

TRUE LOVE: MARRIAGE AND SEX

VC 586 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics.

Marriage and Sex-- What can young people do in their lives to fulfill their dreams for a successful marriage?

Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: MEDIA MESSAGES

VC 597 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics. **Media Messages**-- What are the messages presented to young people by today’s media and popular culture? Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: RELATIONSHIPS

VC 577 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics.

Relationships-- Critical lessons on understanding relationships and how to identify if they are healthy or unhealthy. Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: SETTING BOUNDARIES AND REFUSAL SKILLS

VC 568 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics. **Setting Boundaries and Refusal Skills** -- Imperative messages about setting physical boundaries that will produce security, self-esteem, and self-respect. Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION

VC 651 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics.

Sexual Health Education-- A strong, effective presentation on Sexually Transmitted Infections and how to prevent them.

Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: THE REAL FACE OF HIV

VC 658 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics. **The Real Face of HIV** -- A powerful, face-to-face presentation on living with HIV, including a vital message on compassion and testing. Study guide.

TRUE LOVE: WHAT ABOUT HPV?

VC 516 20 Minutes J;S;A

“True Love” is a genuinely one of a kind, unique, and powerful program featuring open discussion and empowering messages from young people for young people. Personal testimonials, powerful visuals, and engaging, humorous skits tackle complex topics. **What About HPV?** -- Powerful messages and knowledge about the often-unknown transmission and dangers of this Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). Study guide.

TWAS THE FIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

VC 362 30 Minutes I

(McGee and Me Series) It's Christmastime! And Nicholas Martin is doing everything he can to take part in it--from playing a wiseman (whose beard won't stay on) in the school Christmas play; to helping decorate the family tree (though it seems more lights end up around Dad than the tree); to finding the most-excellent-and-perfect gift for his mom. Every day seems full of laughter and fun. But what Nick doesn't know is that this Christmas is going to be different than any other Christmas. Because this Christmas Nick will make a dramatic discovery...a discovery that will make him look beyond the carols, the decorations, and even the good times with family to find the real meaning of the season. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

VATICAN REVEALED PART I

VC 093 50 Minutes S;A

Vatican, known to most as the home of the Pope, is one of mankind's holiest shrines. Celebrating the history of civilization, the power of ideas, and the importance of the written word down through the ages, the Vatican brings together all that was grand, noble and beautiful in religious history. Located in the heart of Rome, this shrine sits on one of the world's smallest and most powerful nations, Vatican City. Protected by 200 guards armed with Medieval weapons, the Vatican contains priceless frescos, fabulous paintings, rich tapestries, and over 150,000 decorative manuscripts. Even the library is a dazzling work of art and pays homage to a time when art equaled education and communication. But behind the ornamentation exists a papal history that is always colorful and sometimes controversial. Take a private tour through these most fascinating and hallowed halls and glimpse into the lives of the renaissance popes.

VATICAN REVEALED PART II

VC 094 50 Minutes S;A

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VEGGIETALES: ARE YOU MY NEIGHBOR?

VC 553 30 Minutes P;I

This creative video uses clever songs, hilarious dialog and amazing computer animation to teach the Christian value of forgiveness. Shows kids that 'loving your neighbor' means appreciating those who are different, instead of making fun, and helping those in need - even if they don't live next door. Also brings the parable of the Good Samaritan to life.

VEGGIETALES: GOD WANTS ME TO FORGIVE THEM!?!?

VC 566 30 Minutes P;I

This creative video uses clever songs, hilarious dialog and amazing computer animation to teach the Christian value of acceptance of each person.

VELOCITY: COME WHAT MAY

VC 155 20 Minutes J;S

Life is zooming by. Everything is changing. Teenagers are clinging to anything ... right or wrong... just to survive. More than ever, young people are looking for acceptance. Through dramatic real-life stories, VELOCITY deals with the doubts and struggles of youth by bringing practical and Biblical solutions to their fast-paced world. **Come What May:** When you feel like your world is crashing down around you, how are you going to survive? A Terrorists kidnapping... physical disabilities... a broken home... how can a teen cope with circumstances that are out of their control? Teens will discover that God is strong enough to carry them through any hardship. They will also discover that the difficulties they face can even help them grow in their relationship with God. Study guide.

VELOCITY: MORE TO LIFE

VC 195 20 Minutes J;S

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VELOCITY: PARENTAL ADVISORY

VC 178 20 Minutes J;S

Life is zooming by. Everything is changing. Teenagers are clinging to anything ... right or wrong... just to survive. More than ever, young people are looking for acceptance. Through dramatic real-life stories, VELOCITY deals with the doubts and struggles of youth by bringing practical and Biblical solutions to their fast-paced world. **Parental Advisory:** Rules and curfews. Trust and punishment. Parents and teens. Parents only let go if they can trust their teen, but teens can't gain any trust unless a parent gives them some freedom. Teens will examine the delicate relationship they must balance with their parents. Teens will be encouraged to honor their parents in a Biblical manner, and to forgive their parents for their imperfections in the same way God has forgiven us. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

VELOCITY: THE MASK

VC 145 20 Minutes J;S

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VELOCITY: THE MOURNING AFTER

VC 150 20 Minutes J;S

Life is zooming by. Everything is changing. Teenagers are clinging to anything ... right or wrong... just to survive. More than ever, young people are looking for acceptance. Through dramatic real-life stories, VELOCITY deals with the doubts and struggles of youth by bringing practical and Biblical solutions to their fast-paced world. **The Mourning After:** Sex. Wherever you go these days, that's all you hear about. TV, movies, and music say - Do It. Peer pressure overtakes the moment. Things go too far sexually. What happens the morning after? Teens will learn about God's purpose for sex and why there is still forgiveness for those who have gone too far sexually. Video also discusses ways to avoid the pitfalls. Study guide.

VELVETEEN RABBIT, THE

VC 084 15 Minutes PS;P;I;J;S;A

A story about the friendship between a little boy and his Velveteen Rabbit. In the process of becoming friends, the rabbit learns what it means 'to be real.' The gentle lesson for all of us is that one becomes a real person through human relationships that are loving and positive. Sometimes our family and friends can rub us the wrong way and wear us down, but it's a small price to pay for growth. Study guide.

VERY, VERY, VERY BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF ALL, THE

VC 142 10 Minutes P;I

A little boy tells his dog, Snoopy, the story of the first Christmas in this charming, simply animated film for young children and family groups.

VISION OF VATICAN II: CHURCH BEFORE AND AFTER VATICAN II

VC 039 22 Minutes S;A

Vatican Council II (1962-1965) issued 16 major documents that will reshape the Catholic Church for centuries to come. The Council was a new Pentecost that continues to influence every aspect of Church life. In this five-part video series, Father Himes looks at the theological background to the Council, some of the revolutionary teachings of the Council itself and then how the wisdom, insights and vision of the Council guide us today. **The Church Before and After Vatican II:** Father Himes examines the *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: Lumen Gentium* (Light of Nations). Before the Council the Church has two missions - sanctification and a social mission. Clergy performed the sanctification. Nuns and lay people did the social mission. Both were important but the mission of sanctification was considered a "higher" calling. In *Lumen Gentium* both these missions are placed on equal ground. This radical restatement of the Church's mission has profound impact on how we view the Church today. Study guide.

VISION OF VATICAN II: CHURCH HUMAN AND DIVINE

VC 037 22 Minutes S;A

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VISION OF VATICAN II: PEOPLE ARE THE CHURCH

VC 033 22 Minutes S;A

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VISION OF VATICAN II: ROOTS OF VATICAN II

VC 014 22 Minutes S;A

Vatican Council II (1962-1965) issued 16 major documents that will reshape the Catholic Church for centuries to come. The Council was a new Pentecost that continues to influence every aspect of Church life. In this five-part video series, Father Himes looks at the theological background to the Council, some of the revolutionary teachings of the Council itself and then how the wisdom, insights and vision of the Council guide us today. **The Roots of Vatican II:** John Henry Cardinal Newman has been called the "Father" of the Second Vatican Council. In England, 100 years before Vatican II Cardinal Newman was writing and teaching the ideas that would come to fruition at the Council. In this video Himes examines Newman's ideas and how the whole Church is challenged to live out the roles of priest, prophet and king in our era. Study guide.

VISION OF VATICAN II: SACRAMENT OF EVERYDAY LIFE

VC 063 22 Minutes S;A

Vatican Council II (1962-1965) issued 16 major documents that will reshape the Catholic Church for centuries to come. The Council was a new Pentecost that continues to influence every aspect of Church life. In this five-part video series, Father Himes looks at the theological background to the Council, some of the revolutionary teachings of the Council itself and then how the wisdom, insights and vision of the Council guide us today. **The Sacrament of Everyday Life:** Life does not have two spheres: the sacred and the secular. The Holy Spirit runs through the secular. The Living God comes to us in everyday life. This insight has many applications. Himes looks at several, including the baptismal rite of Vatican II in which parents are blessed and named as the primary educators of children in the Christian life. Again, drawing on the rich tradition of Vatican II, Himes gives us a vision of a Church where all the baptized participate as full and equal partners. Study guide.

VISITOR, THE

VC 277 33 Minutes J;S;A

In this contemporary, live-action adaptation of Tolstoy's 'Martin the Cobbler', Martin, a cobbler who had lost his wife and son in an automobile accident ten years ago, is a bitter, unfriendly man. He is convinced that God has abandoned him. But when he is told that he will have an important visitor the next day, Martin believes it will be the Lord. All night he studies the Scriptures to make himself worthy. The next day Martin is a different person -- cheerful, optimistic and caring. But instead of his expected 'visitor,' he encounters ordinary people, whom he is now able to share with and help. A story of spiritual renewal and the coming of Christ.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

WALK THROUGH THE MASS, A

VC 565 30 Minutes J;S;A

“A Walk Through Mass” explores some of the meaning behind the celebration of Eucharist and takes a step-by-step look at the four principal parts of the Mass: 1) *story segment* “Bread That Remembers,” is a parable of two brothers who become estranged (8 mins.). 2) *witness segment* real-life Catholics share the power of the Eucharist in their lives (5 mins.). 3) *teaching segment* Father Tom draws a parallel between the shape of the Mass and a typical Thanksgiving dinner. (14 mins.). 4) *music video reflection* is “The Song of the Body of Christ,” by David Haas, a musical and visual meditation on the Eucharist (3 mins.). The **teaching segment** is ideal as you study the Eucharist. Good for high school students, parent sacramental meetings, RCIA and adult education. Study guide.

WALK WITH JESUS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

VC 332 21 Minutes A

Video is a versatile resource for ministering to the sick and/or dying. Combining scripture, prayer, true stories and music. Videos touches upon the stuff of mystery: sickness, death and dying, and physical decline. These three 7-minute meditations are ideal for individual and group use in hospitals and hospices, adult education, discussion starters, RCIA parent meetings for sacramental programs.

WALK WITH JESUS: EUCHARIST

VC 307 21 Minutes A

This video conveys new meaning and insight into the sacrament, combining scripture, prayer, true stories, and music. It underscores this truth: the celebration of the Eucharist is of central importance in the life of the Church. Video Includes three 7-minute meditations for individual and group use in hospitals and hospices, adult education, discussion starters, RCIA parent meetings for sacramental programs.

WALK WITH JESUS: RECONCILIATION

VC 308 21 Minutes A

This beautifully moving video underscores one of the essentials of gospel living: Reconciliation. Combining scripture, prayer, true stories, and music; gives us a profound glimpse of what it means to lead a life of Reconciliation. Includes three 7-minute meditations that are ideal for individual and group use in hospitals and hospices, adult education, discussion starters, RCIA, parent meetings for sacramental programs.

WALKING IN GOD’S PATHS

VC 493 90 Minutes A

Christians and Jews in Candid Conversation is the perfect resource for adult education, ecumenical officers, and interfaith marriage counselors. Its six discussion-starting segments feature Rev. John Pawlikowski, Sr. Mary Boys, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, and Rabbi David Sandmel. They help participants experience each tradition’s understanding of how the two faith communities can relate to one another in positive ways.

WALKING THE BIBLE

DVD 372 168 Minutes J;S;A

Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, *Walking the Bible* presents one man’s epic journey - by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel - through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mount Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler’s inspiring odyssey will forever change your view of history’s most legendary events. The stories in the first five books of the Bible come alive as Feiler searches across three continents for the stories and heroes shared by Christians and Jews. You’ll visit the slopes of Mount Ararat, where Noah’s ark landed, trek to the desert outpost where Abraham first heard the words of God, and scale the summit where Moses received the Ten Commandments. Dramatic scripture readings interspersed throughout bring you closer to these Biblical settings. A once-in-a-lifetime journey, *Walking the Bible* offers new insights into the roots of our common faith and uncovers fresh answers to the most profound questions of the human spirit.

WE ARE CALLED: CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING FOR TODAY

VC 366 22 Minutes S;A

Our baptismal call is an invitation to a life of holiness. Holiness results from an integration of head (understanding), heart (worship), and hands (right action). Catholic social teaching represents the Church’s understanding of our moral responsibility to bring about right relationships among individuals and within institutions and systems. Study guide.

WE SHALL GO UP WITH JOY

VC 412 30 Minutes J;S;A

Through the procession and greeting, the song and prayer, we see how these rites bring so many assembled people to be a church - ready to listen to God’s word, to pray, to give thanks together and share in the holy communion, then go and manifest the love of God all through the week. Guide

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: AM I READY TO GET REAL ABOUT MY FAMILY?

VC 206 15 Minutes J;S

We all have families, but they're all different. Some are divided by divorce, others by alcohol or abuse. There's always that shiny, happy perfect family on the other, greener side of the fence. But is that real? The kids get real about what's good and what's hard in their families. Father Bill says we must acknowledge there's sin, but also that there's grace, which we can ask God for to get us through each day. Topics discussed: sin, grace, families, influence of siblings, drugs/alcohol, divorce, abuse. Study guide.

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: AM I RELIGIOUS?

VC 201 15 Minutes J;S

At the heart of this first video is the basic questions of what it means to be religious and where these teens are at with their faith. What do young people really feel and believe about faith, God, and the Catholic Church. This video series is not a means to an end. It is a means for discussion, conversation, teaching, and catechism in classrooms, at your retreats and back at your parish. Topics discussed: Catholicism, religion, spirituality, Jesus Christ, rules, hypocrisy, laws, personal relationship with God, how our faith changes, power of religion. Study guide.

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: CAN I CHANGE THE WORLD?

VC 236 15 Minutes J;S

The kids are helping out the Teen Challenge program. Everyone agrees it was a powerful experience to give of themselves. Father Bill begins the discussion by asking, "What are you willing to stand up for in life?" The point is made that if we're willing to stand up for our belief in God, then we should use our gifts to share that belief with others. How easy is it? As simple as an act of kindness. Topics discussed: music, attention deficit disorder, volunteer service, drug abuse and run-ins with the law, anger, finding strength in Jesus. Study guide.

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: DOES GOD CARE ABOUT SEX?

VC 217 15 Minutes J;S

Sex is a major topic for teens. At the local coffeehouse, the teens talk candidly about the questions of sex that they and their friends are wondering and worrying about. Father Bill takes the conversation to a deeper level in inviting the teens to share what elements are essential to an enduring relationship and summarizing what Jesus had to say about sex and sexual temptation. Topics discussed: communication in relationships, teenager and sex, oral sex, masturbation, media portrayal/pressure to have sex, power of sex, sex outside of marriage, lying and loneliness. Study guide.

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: PEER PRESSURE OVER-RATED OR REALITY?

VC 204 15 Minutes J;S

Teens talk about how the natural desire to fit in and be accepted can lead to peer pressure and things they don't want to do. Drinking, dieting, making fun of other kids, dressing and talking a certain way are some of the things the teens admit to doing to fit in. As the discussion moves toward what we look for in a friend, it becomes clear that we want someone who loves us for ourselves - God. Topics discussed: friendship, peer pressure, teen drinking, eating disorder, racism, sibling pressure, promiscuity. Study guide.

WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY: WHERE AM I GOING WITH MY CATHOLIC FAITH?

VC 259 15 Minutes J;S

As children, the teens say, we take faith and the Bible literally and impersonally. Yet even as we grow to understand our religion, opening our minds to its concepts, we don't necessarily open our hearts to Jesus. Father Bill explains that Jesus waits for us to open our heart's door to him, and that our faith and sacraments help us to do this by drawing us closer to Jesus. "Are you prepared for a life with Jesus?" Father Bill asks viewers, "What do you really want to say and pray?" Topics discussed: what is Church, who is Jesus Christ, does Jesus/Church make a difference in life?, your experiences of Christ, vocations to the priesthood, changes in your feelings about Christ, martyrdom, what is the core of your religion. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

WHAT IS A SACRAMENT?

VC 783 14 Minutes I;J

Sacraments are signs and symbols of the sacred that help us remember and celebrate our most important faith stories in our home, church, and parish church. They also challenge us to make those memories present today through service to others. *Jesus is the sacrament of God. The Church, the people of God, is the sacrament of Jesus. The seven sacraments celebrate our life in the faith community.* Videos help us deepen our appreciation of sacraments as actions and expressions of God's love within the Christian community. The sacraments help us to live more like Jesus and be a song of Jesus' love by the way we love one another at home, in our neighborhoods, at work. Stud guide includes directions for use, activities, prayer celebrations and prayers.

WHAT IS FAITH?

VC 796 31 Minutes A

Kathleen Chesto's charismatic personality and deep, abiding faith combine to produce an inspiring and uplifting challenge to live our faith to the full. Her focus is on helping viewers understand that what we know is never important as WHO we know - and how we can share that knowledge with others. Great for RCIA, parish ministry, catechist formation, and parent sacrament preparation. Study guide.

WHAT MAKES US CATHOLIC?

VC 785 38 Minutes S;A

Discovering Our Catholic Identity... helps RCIA candidates and others interested in deepening their faith to explore the unique "Catholic approach to Christianity." *Story segment:* introduces the topic of Catholic identity in the real-life story of one of America's few Catholic radio stations. *Witness segment:* introduces viewers to a woman who was raised Catholic and left the church for a time. See what led her back to the faith of her birth-moving testimony of how the unique "Catholic approach to God continues to draw us home. *Teaching segment:* focuses on Jesus as the sacrament, the visible sign of an invisible God, to help explain the church's "sacramental" world view and why it has seven sacraments. *Music segment:* "Without Seeing You" by David Haas. The song stresses our faith in the God we cannot see, who is visible to us in Jesus Christ, and the music is enhanced by familiar Catholic imagery. Study guide.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH VANDALISM?

VC 223 11 Minutes P;I

Clever animation vividly dramatizes to children how to manage their own destructive feelings. Calling on their imaginations to visualize the experiences of vandalism victims, viewers will empathize with other people's feelings and appreciate the work and expense of repairing and replacing damaged property. Moreover, they will discover that vandalism always hurts people, whether the property vandalized is owned and used by one person, a group of people or by the entire community. Study guide.

WHEN, JENNY, WHEN

VC 127 25 Minutes S

Jenny can only feel good about herself when she is 'turning on' boys. Brad is in the running to be captain of the football team but only the suspicion that he is not fully a 'man' stands in his way. When challenged, he agrees to prove it with Jenny. The results are explosive. Jenny is forced to look at what she has been doing to herself and what she has allowed other people to do to her. Brad is equally unhappy with himself. Together they come to a new appreciation of themselves, of each other, and of the beauty of their sexuality. Study guide.

WHEN SHOULD YOU TELL? DEALING WITH ABUSE

VC 007 14 Minutes P;I

Getting young victims of sexual abuse to tell someone can be a key step in preventing further abuse. Using one child's experience to demonstrate that no girl or boy ever needs to keep scary secrets, program helps abused children recognize that what they are experiencing is not the norm and that they can be helped by telling an adult they can trust. Study guide.

WHEN YOUR PARENT NEEDS YOU

VC 456 35 Minutes A

Caring for an aging parent is an all-encompassing experience that affects every aspect of our lives. *When Your Parent Needs You* focuses on the positive aspects of caregiving and on what caregivers can obtain from their experience. Topics covered: becoming your parent's caregiver, experiencing life changes through caregiving; recognizing and dealing with the stress of caregiving, and growing as a caregiver. Study guide.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

WHERE IS GOD WHEN LIFE HURTS

VC 730 43 Minutes A

A video to help us deal with suffering in ourselves and as caregivers. It offers insight into the mind and heart of the person in pain, the helplessness and rage, but it does not end there. It offers the possibility of accepting life as mystery and discovering healing and hope. This is for parishes that have a real ministry of caring and want to understand the best way to reach out. Study guide.

WHERE JESUS WALKED

VC 192 30 Minutes J;S;A

This video journey through the Holy Land takes you to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, The Dead Sea, Nazareth, Jericho, Capernaum, Calgry, Mt. Tabor, The Garden of Gethsemane, The River Jordan and much more. Breathtaking photography and dramatic background music will leave a lasting impression on all those who make this video visit to the Holy Land. If you can't go there in person, this is definitely, the next best thing.

WHO IS JESUS?

VC 441 30 Minutes J;S;A

Who is Jesus? Is a compelling and engaging video for the 21st century. This video is an account of the life of Jesus from birth to resurrection. He was born into a poor family and spent most of His life at hard labor. He never held a political position and spoke publicly for only three years before He was murdered at the young age of thirty-three. He never traveled more than ninety miles from His hometown, yet He changed the whole world. In fact, He changed history - every time you write the date it reflects the years since His birth. Deeply moving video. See what happened 2000 years ago and find out why it is important for YOU today.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT?

VC 238 11 Minutes P;I

Look! Be aware! Be awake to the Spirit! The Holy Spirit is: giver of life, giver of gifts, maker and keeper of promise. Video invites children to become more familiar with the working of the Holy Spirit as friend, helper, and teacher of the message of Jesus. In the life of the Spirit received in Baptism, children explore the gestures and actions of Confirmation and discover how to use their gifts for others in making the world a better place. Study guide.

WHY CATHOLICS DO WHAT THEY DO (IN CHURCH)

VC 069 23 Minutes I;J;S;A

Symbols and signs are essential to the Roman Catholic Liturgy and Ritual. Candles; what do they represent? How and when are they used and how do they affect us? Water; it can be a symbol of death as well as life and it is used in some of the Church's most important rituals. Gestures; how standing, kneeling, hand gestures, and even sitting down have specific purposes in the mass. Crosses; in addition to the symbol of Christianity which hangs in every church, we cross ourselves and make the "sign of the cross" at important moments in our rituals. In four segments Candles, Water, Gestures, and Crosses are covered in a way that will help young people, catechumens and even lifelong Catholics better understand the important reasons for these traditions and how they help us grow in faith. Study guide.

WHY CHRISTMAS TREES AREN'T PERFECT

VC 446 25 Minutes PS;P

Come share the story of a young tree named Small Pine who had big hopes. One very special Christmas he and his friends Wrenifred, the bird; the rabbit, Harrison Carter Rutherford III; Doemenique, the deer; and the Princess Arabella learned that the real joy comes from giving of ourselves to help others.

WHY DO WE GO TO MASS

VC 011 90 Minutes J;S;A

Why do we celebrate Mass? How is the Mass relevant to our lives today? Popular liturgist J-Glenn Murray, SJ, takes on critics who challenge that the Mass is "boring" or has little to do with daily life. He shows viewers the dynamic celebration that is our Catholic liturgy. In three 30-minute segments, Rev. Murray energetically addresses such issues as table fellowship and ritual, then walks viewers through the order of the Mass, explaining how each part calls for our "full, conscious, active, participation" in God's work here on earth. Study guide.

WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL

VC 495 26 Minutes J;S;A

In all ages people give witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Witness to the Gospel* reflects on the lives of people who have gone before us. These witnesses include: Mother Teresa, Archbishop Oscar Romero, Brother James Miller, Kateri Tekakwitha, Pope John XXIII, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Four Women Martyrs of El Salvador. Video connects these witnesses with ordinary young adults who give witness to the gospel today and carry on the legacy of Jesus. Students are encouraged to consider how they are making a difference and to commit their lives to witness to the Gospel now and in the future.

A-V CATALOG - VIDEO

WORD OF THE LORD, THE

VC 703 29 Minutes A

A documentary about the liturgy of the word as it is prepared for, participated in and lived by. We see the word of God proclaimed with vigor, respect and understanding and hear how readers, preachers and the people prepare. Parishioners speak about the difference the word makes when it is proclaimed well Sunday after Sunday. They speak about what they need and hope for from the liturgy of the word, including the singing of psalms and acclamations around the attentive listening to scripture. People reflect on the place of Sunday scripture in their lives, how it is read at home and in places where children and adults gather for discussion and study. Guide included.

WORKS OF MERCY

VC 027 15 Minutes I

In this video, filled with powerful visual imagery, we explore the meaning of the Works of Mercy for children as they come to know what it means to reach out to others with the compassion of Christ. Since the time of Jesus, Christians have learned that it is not enough simply to hear about and value God's gift of love. We need to spread God's love in action.

YOUNG BOY, YOUNG GIRL

VC 024 J;S

Music video depicts a young dating couple struggling with setting physical limits in their relationship. Tensions in situations that find them "alone" as a couple tests their strengths to say NO to being Sexually active and they nearly break off their relationship. Deals with issues of respect for dating partner, joint responsibility for actions, holding up personal values and setting limits in a relationship. Excellent song. Discuss joint responsibility & "using" other people.