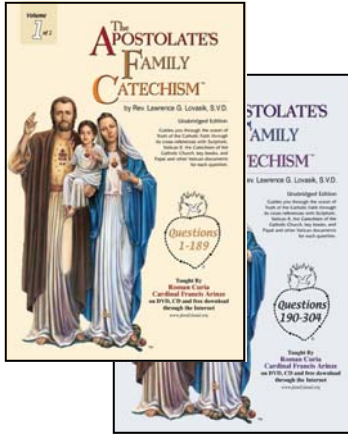


Program Resources

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The Apostolate's Family Catechism™



Resource# 380-155

Primary resource to be referred to over and over again by parents and children which guarantees unity and continuity during the entire program. Vatican-approved and found to be in conformity with the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* by the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism. Guides readers through the ocean of Truth of the Catholic Faith through its extensive cross-references.

Features:

- **Question and Answer Presentation**
Complete, faithful yet easy-to-understand explanations on the truths of the Faith covering the Creed, Sacraments, Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Builds confidence in the knowledge of the Faith.
- **Scripture Quotes**
Connect Church teachings with Scripture and enable families to understand and defend their Faith.
- **Vatican II Quotes**
Bring Faith tradition alive and present extensive Scriptural references.
- **Catechism of the Catholic Church and Papal Document Quotes**
Deepen understanding of Church teachings.
- **Theological illustrations**
Over 800 visual representations of doctrine that make the Faith come alive for all ages. Inspire meditation and vibrant discussion.
- **Doctrine-Moral-Worship Exercises (with answers in the Appendix)**
Review key doctrine, integrate Faith into daily life and facilitate meaningful participation in the sacraments.
- **Summary Prayers**
Translate key teachings into prayer and help develop prayer life. Stimulate desire for a personal relationship with God.
- **Thought Provokers (with answers in the Appendix)**
Facilitate further discussion on a particular aspect of the Faith.
- **By Heart Catechism and Scripture Review™**
Provides key doctrine for memorization.
- **Internet-based Family Wisdom Library™**
Additional cross-references that open the window to other Church documents and the extensive video library of the Family Apostolate, with new papal documents cross-referenced online.



“THANK YOU for your courtesy in sending a copy of ‘The Apostolate’s Family Catechism’ published by the Apostolate for Family Consecration...The cross-references to the ‘Catechism of the Catholic Church’ will make it an especially helpful instrument to parents and teachers. With prayerful best wishes for the success of your vital Apostolate.”

- **Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger**,
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, now Pope Benedict XVI (Prot. N. XII/91C)

“It would be good for our parishes, schools and religious education programs in the Archdiocese of Chicago to consider using your complete “Consecration in Truth” Catechetical program, that includes the Apostolate’s two-volume Family Catechism...”

- **Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.**
Archbishop of Chicago

“I love going back to the basics with the catechism. It has prompted my class to ask many questions and they are learning a lot of things that they should have already known.” - Catechist, Texas

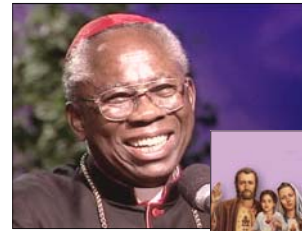
“I would just like to say a word of thanks for the great work that you do ... I purchased your catechism and it was excellent and beautiful. I would read it to my family at dinner time. God bless you always.” - Carol Calvello, NY

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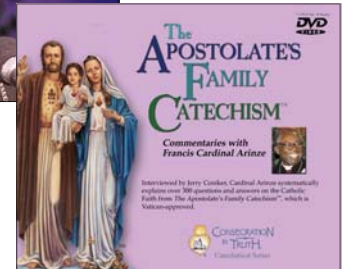
The Apostolate's Family Catechism™ Commentaries with Francis Cardinal Arinze

- Cardinal Arinze answers the 304 questions from *The Apostolate's Family Catechism* with simple, down-to-earth explanations and stories.
- Facilitates simultaneous learning of parents and children, and facilitators and formation participants with the *Family Catechism*.
- Takes away the burden from parents and facilitators of being experts in the Faith before they can teach it.
- Assures bishops and pastors that what their people are learning is faithful to the Magisterium of the Church.

Available for free download on www.familyland.org or on DVD & CD.



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Francis Cardinal Arinze is the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

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Discussion Guides

- Facilitate the systematic and comprehensive study of the Faith using *The Apostolate's Family Catechism* and the commentaries with Cardinal Arinze.
- Thirty-six (36) weekly *Discussion Guides* per year for three years. Each *Discussion Guide* contains:
 - **Opening and Closing Prayers** that develop the practice of mental and spontaneous prayer and Scripture study (Lectio Divina) and transform the lesson into prayer.
 - **Liturgical Calendar Exercise** following the 3-year cycle that facilitates the proclamation of the Word of God.
 - **Scripture Memory Verse** which imparts the biblical basis of key teachings for easy memorization.
 - **Family Activities** that encourage shared faith experiences and establish family traditions. They also apply the faith to daily life, reinforce lessons in fun and practical ways and increase a sense of discipleship and social responsibility.
- With supplemental activities to celebrate feast days.
- Family-oriented, flexible and easy-to-follow. They can be used in the home or adapted in the parish for adult formation.
- Engages the entire family.
- A *Certificate of Recognition* is issued to those who complete each year's program.

Consecration in Truth® Family Catechesis Program

Educates adults in the truths of the faith and empowers them to lead their families in learning and living the faith. Taught by Roman Curia Cardinal Francis Arinze.

Discussion Guide 27A

What Prayer is (Questions 262-265)

The Apostolate's Family Catechism

Opening Prayer (5 min.)
Gospel Reading (see Liturgical Calendar box); Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be

Recitation of Memory Verse (5 min.)
Mark 10:6-9 But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.

Discussion and Sharing on *The Apostolate's Family Catechism* (30 min.)

- Watch Commentaries with Cardinal Arinze video Q# 262-265 (10 min.)
- Read Q# 262-265 aloud and discuss the answers. Point out the illustrations and diagrams. Read the captions and allow family members to share what touched their hearts about the picture.
- Talk about the key points of the video segment.
- Discuss the "Doctrine, Moral, Worship Exercises" and the "Thought Provokers" related to Q# 262-265 at the end of Chapter 73.

Closing Prayer (5 min.)
Go step by step through the Ten Steps to Mental Prayer. End by praying the Chapter 73 Summary Prayer.

Liturgical Calendar

- Season: _____
- Sunday Readings:
First Reading _____
Second Reading _____
Gospel Reading _____
- Significant Feast Days _____

Scripture Memory Verse
Look up in personal bible, copy, and memorize

James 5:16

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

Family Activity

Bible Lookup Race
Everyone who plays needs his own non-indexed bible. Make a score chart listing each person's name and room after it to record 14 scores. Copy and cut up the verses on prayer (back of page) and put them in a container. A designated person draws a verse and announces it. The others race to find it in their bibles.

Using a watch with a second hand, the designated person records the time for each to find the verse. The first to find each verse gets to read it. Others are to listen attentively.

Pair up the smaller kids with the bigger kids.

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Available for free at www.familyland.org with purchase of *The Apostolate's Family Catechism*.