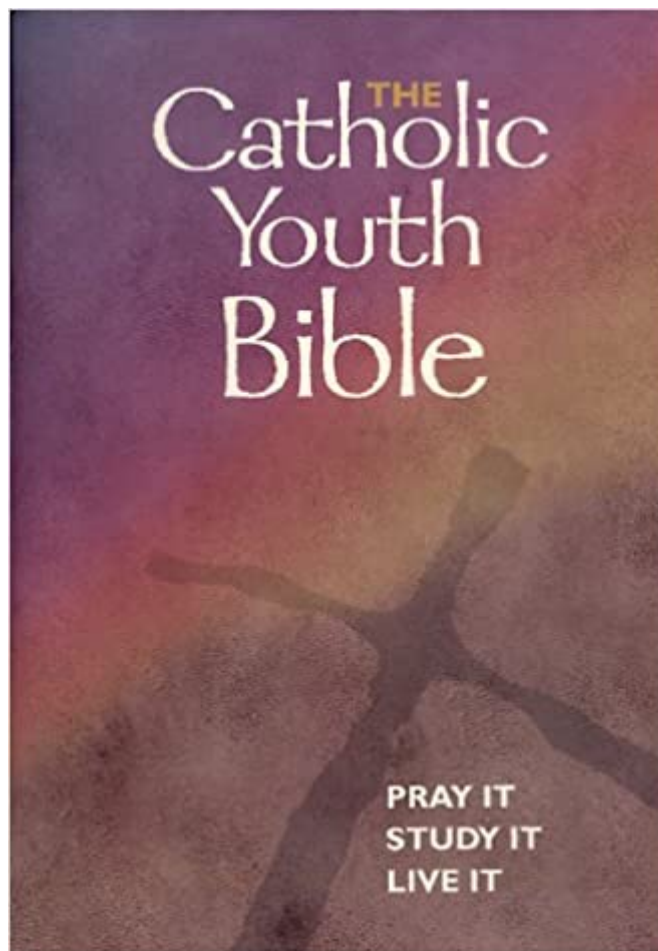




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The Catholic Youth Bible: New Revised Standard Version: Catholic Edition



Synopsis

Over 650 lively articles draw on the most current biblical scholarship and combine with the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible to address the interests and real-life concerns of today's Catholic young people. The Catholic Youth Bible is designed to help adolescents and young adults:

- * answer life's important questions
- * see themselves as a vital part of God's saving work in the world
- * make connections to Catholic beliefs and traditions
- * read the Bible regularly
- * study the Bible, pray the Bible, live the Bible!

Attractively designed in two colors, The Catholic Youth Bible includes many engaging, insightful, and inspiring features:

- * introductions to important biblical people
- * background information about the culture and traditions of biblical times
- * articles that trace the biblical roots of many Catholic beliefs and practices
- * articles that share African American, Asian American, Hispanic and Latino American, and Native American cultural experiences, religious symbols, prayers, and poetry related to the Bible
- * articles that help the reader use the Bible for personal prayer
- * articles that apply the Bible's messages to relevant situations young people face now
- * over seventy illustrations throughout the Bible
- * eight reading plans
- * four special indexes to events, people, and teachings; sacrament connections; life and faith issues; and article subjects
- * nine full-color maps
- * two full-color timelines of biblical and historical events
- * twenty-three full-color photographs of biblical places and multicultural images of Jesus

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Customer Reviews

Catholics have lagged behind [Protestants] in making the Bible attractive and accessible to ordinary

Christians of any age. Fortunately, . . . things are changing with this Christian Brothers publication [from Saint Mary's Press]. The core of The Catholic Youth Bible is not new; rather it is simply the Catholic edition of the New Revised Standard Version, which has been authorized by the NCCB and the Catholic bishops of Canada. The innovations come in the format and special features of the Bible, designed to attract young people and encourage them to read the text for themselves. . . . this paperback is a colossal bargain at \$27.95. -- Church, Winter 1999

One biblical scholar . . . said The Catholic Youth Bible marked the first time since the First Vatican Council and perhaps ever that a publisher had produced a complete Catholic Bible for youths. Saint Mary's Press decided to undertake such a monumental project because The Catholic Youth Bible more thoroughly reflected [its] core values than perhaps any previous project . . . to share the good news of Jesus with young people. Since kids were the targeted readership, they were the ones Saint Mary's Press turned to in determining how to present the material in the Bible. The question uppermost in the minds of researchers was: What happens when kids read the Bible? What they discovered from teen focus groups is that young people often find the Bible overwhelming and intimidating. So the Bible's architects devised a series of aids geared to help young people navigate it. -- Winona Daily News, December 19, 1999

Speaking of Bible study programs, three cheers for The Catholic Youth Bible. This is, without question, the best edition of the Bible ever produced for Catholic youth. I hardly know where to begin to describe it. The Catholic Youth Bible includes advice for interpreting the Bible from a Catholic perspective; articles to help the reader understand culture and traditions and how these affect the biblical documents and their interpretation; Catholic Connections articles that explain the scriptural roots of Catholic tradition and beliefs; and multi-cultural articles to reflect African-American, Asian-American, Hispanic and Latino, and Native American cultural experiences, symbols, prayers and poetry related to the Bible. You need to see it for yourself, that's all there is to it. The Catholic Youth Bible is the ultimate resource to give Catholic youth familiarity with the Scriptures. -- Mitch Finley, The Catechists Connection, March 2000

For many years Saint Mary's Press has listened to an outpouring of requests to publish a Bible for Catholic teenagers. Working with the foremost experts in education, biblical studies, and youth ministry, we have spent the last four years creating The Catholic Youth Bible. The Catholic Youth Bible has been long awaited--and there has never been a Bible like this before! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Good Bible with good intentions but try to put too much information on pages and I believe will

confuse a new Bible user because of all the "special articles" on pages. I believe one of the purposes should be to help a young person to learn to move between books, chapter and verses easily. They also group historical books and wisdom books.... which is different from the normal structure. Again, I believe it is most important for a young person to get comfortable moving around in the Bible without always having to look at the index. I purchased this book because most other "Children's Bibles" were just story books of the Bible. I love being Catholic but we have "terrible" resources for instructing our young people. The "Religious" involved in developing instructional material are so disconnected they totally fail. Jeff Cavins and Scott Hahn have the best understanding on how to connect with instruction. I'm on a soap box but I get frustrated because the beauty of our denomination is missed by the people of the Catholic Faith.

This NIV Bible is going to be great for my Grandson in a couple of years ! Great comments and insights. He's 4th grade and an excellent reader however some of the extra discussion is more than he needs to think about right now. I am enjoying using it some however.

All my life I have struggled with the idea of reading the Bible. It seemed like a tedious and unattainable task to finish it. I received the Catholic Youth Bible for my confirmation in 2002 and hardly ever opened it. But, God opened my heart as a young adult and I felt the calling to become closer with Him through reading the Bible. I felt embarrassed to be a 23 year old woman reading a teen/youth Bible, but it helped me in ways I can't even explain. The small, cultural excerpts were fun and entertaining and the historical and theological side notes were very informative and directive for my faith. I would highly recommend this Bible to any Catholic or aspiring Catholic; it changed my life!

I got this and several other copies for my sister to use in her classroom. She just loves this.

I rate the bible as good to excellent my daughter says she will read this because the print size is better than most bibles. The condition of the book was rated good while I would have rated it acceptable

Besides the clear commentaries, I appreciate the pronunciations of names, the excellent world and spiritual timeline, the maps and photos that other editions of the Bible do not include.

This Bible blew me away when I went hunting for one a few months ago to give to a youth who had come into my life. I was so impressed, I bought one for myself. This Bible is many things, but the first thing that I noticed, quite honestly, is that the colors were bright, the print readable, and the illustrations far less serious and far more engaging than your typical Bible. Without growing to an unwieldy size, the editors manage to throw in a wealth of study information, written in a modern, friendly style, that helps make even the driest or most confusing parts of the Good Book both understandable and relevant to today's society. That is what makes it perfect for someone, like my young friend, who is unfamiliar with religion, Christianity, or just plain old Bible study. While this Bible is NOT one of those "lets put everything in everyday language and use slang terms to make it 'hip'" Bibles, it is less intimidating than most Bibles and all material is presented in such a manner that you don't feel "unprepared" if you pick it up cold. Catholics are often less familiar with the Bible than many Protestant denominations, as we have a wholistic focus that is both valuable and worthwhile, but it is certainly true that a better relationship and understanding of the Word can only enhance one's spiritual life and experience as a Catholic--at least I think so for me. If that applies to you as well this is a wonderful way to get your feet wet in Biblical translation, discussion, interpretation, and modern relevance.

On the other hand: Who won't like this Bible?

- 1 - Those more familiar and attached to more formal translations such as the King James Version, and who prefer that a Bible sound old-world "Biblical" (thee, thou, doest unto, etc.)
- 2 - Those already familiar with intensive Bible study, IF they are not working with youth or those less familiar. It takes a pretty straightforward view that more experienced Bible scholars might find overly simplistic
- 3 - Many Protestants, as the discussion is from a very clear and articulated Roman Catholic viewpoint. It's not really controversial, just Catholic, and of course includes books that aren't in the Protestant version of the Bible, so that could be a problem for many Protestants
- 4 - Traditionalists who are offended by the idea of making the Bible "accessible" and "relevant" through use of the lingo/parlance and point of view of today's under-25 set. (Though it does not take this to any extremes; I've seen particularly crazy translations out there using street slang, etc. This is not one of those.)

I believe one reviewer felt that the Bible didn't need to be made culturally relevant, finding the sidebars on race, cultural differences, modern morality, and varying interpretations to be just another extension of the "Political Correctness" movement. I couldn't disagree more. This is just a persona opinion, but I think there is great value in a world where the Bible is the one book everyone can "see themselves" in should they seek such a thing. Not because it changes to suit them, but because it's presented in such a way and context that they can see why this age-old text is relevant to them. This Bible does that for a new generation of Catholics and for a new, hesitant group of explorers. I'd ballpark the

appropriate age for this version at around 13-35 years.

I am a Born Again Christian, but I love reading the Catholic Bible, because I love the books of Wisdom and Sirach which are not in the regular Bible. This Bible is nice because it lays open flat on the table while reading it. My other one does not. I am glad I bought it. I am not a youth, but it would be great if I were with all the extra commentary and helps. It came quickly from the seller, and in great condition, though it was used. I am very happy! Thanks!

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