



Catholic Parent Media Guide

We live in a media-dominated world. Young people are growing up in a digital landscape very different from that of their parents. It is important to use media in teaching the faith to connect with the ways today's student learns, so that faith formation does not seem irrelevant and the Church look out of touch with the culture. Likewise, it is important to help people of all ages to see media in the light of the Gospel message. By giving them good multimedia experiences that reinforce Catholic identity and Christian values and by helping them learn to look and listen more critically, parents can help form young people to be equipped to filter the messages they get from television, movies, popular music and the internet.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee for Communications wrote a family guide for using media. It gives great insight into the role our Catholic morals play when using media and how we can use media to teach morals. You can read the guide here <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/family-guide.cfm>.

At this site you can read about the role media plays in parenting and family life. The site also gives tips for how to keep your child safe online. www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/using-media-and-technology.html

DVD/Videos

These titles and video series are some of the Faith Formation Staff's favorites. Some are for kids, some for the whole family, and some just for adults. Please review a selection before showing it to your family.

Brother Francis! These DVDs are geared for 1st and 2nd grade and cover a variety of topics such as the Mass, the Eucharist, Saints, and the Rosary! Check him out at <http://brotherfrancisonline.com/>!

Veggie Tales! <http://veggietales.com/>

Catholicism and other great titles by Bishop Robert Barron! <http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/dvd/>

The Prince of Egypt Joseph King of Dreams The Nativity Story Full of Grace The Letters Bells of St. Mary's The Thirteenth Day The Passion	War Room Bella October Baby The Way The Mission The Human Experience Little Boy Brian's Song	The Blind Side Chronicles of Narnia The Good Lie God's Not Dead (1&2) Risen Ben-Hur Godspell Jesus Christ Superstar	The Francis Effect Fireproof Facing The Giants Courageous Miracles From Heaven Unbroken
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At these sites you can find DVDs about many different Saints!

<http://www.catholicheroesofthefaith.com/>

<https://www.cccofamerica.com/shop/>

<http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/prayer/arts-and-faith/film/saints-on-the-screen-by-james-martin-sj>

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/saints-c1554/>

Here you can find DVDs about many different Bible stories!

<http://us-en.superbook.cbn.com/episodes#X>

<https://www.amazon.com/Bible-Stories-Kids-Animated-Tales/dp/B00S1VR6A2>

Hollywood movies can also be a rich source of connections between faith and life. The following websites are useful when it comes to using secular movies to teach a lesson.

- www.catholicnews.com/movies.cfm You can read movie reviews by The Media Review Office of Catholic News Service here to make sure that a video you have selected is appropriate for a Catholic audience and what ages of children the movie is appropriate for. The Media Review Office of Catholic News Service aims to provide the public with a spiritual, moral and artistic evaluation of the products of visual mass media based on the standards of faith and morals presented in Scripture and transmitted by the church's teaching authority.
- www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/media-reviews-and-resources.html This site also gives current movie reviews and offers insights into any lessons that can be learned from these movies.
- www.textweek.com/movies/themeindex.htm Use this to find a film that illustrates a particular faith concept.
- www.wingclips.com A collection of movie clips organized by theme. This is a great site where you can watch the clips for free, but have to pay to download. Once you find a clip you like you can usually rent or borrow the movie and find the clip to play it in class.

YouTube

Besides particular Catholic YouTube channels, there are several sources for good Catholic content from YouTube.

- digitalcatechesis.ning.com/ has a video library on many Catholic topics. Click "videos" at the top of the page.
- theliturgicalcatechist.weebly.com/ has a curated collection of videos on liturgical topics, the Mass, seasons of the church year and more!
- www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/videos-for-faith-formation.html provides a list of links where you can find cool videos that can be used as discussion starters and for inspiration.

Suggested YouTube Channels

Search for these channels on www.youtube.com/!

<p>American Papist Archdiocese of Milwaukee Audrey Assad Boston Catholic Busted Halo Catholic Answers Catholic Chicago Catholic Link Catholic Minute Catholic News Service Catholic Relief Services Catholic Vote Catholic Clips Catholics Come Home Christopher Stefanick Dynamic Catholic USCCB videos are hosted on a separate site, not YouTube. Check the USCCB pages for topical videos.</p>	<p>EWTN Greg Willits-The Catholic's Next Door Igniter Media John Donahue Grossman Knights of Columbus Life Teen Inc. Matt Maher Outside da Box Priests for Life Real Catholic TV Sophia Institute for Teachers Spirit Juice Studios The Religion Teacher The Skit Guys The Vatican-English True Faith Word on Fire- Bishop Robert Barron</p>
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Apps

Below you will find suggested Catholic apps that you may find useful for engaging your children in teaching at home or in growing your own faith. You can find links to many of these apps on the St. Jude Website at <http://stjudes.org/faith-formation/must-see-videos/catholic-apps>.



The Pope App	Free	The Pope App gives you the latest news and information on the Pope as produced by the Vatican's own media services and featured on News.va, the official network hub of Vatican communication. The app allows you to follow live streaming of papal events, receive notifications of important events, view papal photos, videos, @Pontifex tweets, full texts of homilies and speeches, a calendar of events and links to all the Vatican media. The app also allows you to visit the Vatican live through the various webcams located in St. Peter's Square and other areas nearby.	Android & iTunes
Confession: A Roman Catholic App	Free	Designed to be used in the confessional, this app is the perfect aid for every penitent. With a personalized examination of conscience for each user, password protected profiles, and a step-by-step guide to the sacrament, this app invites Catholics to prayerfully prepare for and participate in the Rite of Penance. Individuals who have been away from the sacrament for some time will find Confession: A Roman Catholic App to be a useful and inviting tool.	iTunes
Catholic Confession Guide	Free	This is a Catholic conscience examination app. The examination of Conscience is based on Ten Commandments and Percepts of the Catholic Church. Features include: A guide to prepare for confession, which helps you to do a thorough examination of conscience, and teachings of the Catholic Church about confession.	Android
DoCat	Free	DoCat is an expression, in language understandable by young people of the social teaching of the Church as it has been developed in important Church documents since Pope Leo XIII. Again and again Pope Francis challenges Christians to become actively involved in working for greater justice in the world: "A Christian who in these times is not a revolutionary is not a Christian." This app includes games, interactive quizzes, and suggestions on how to live our faith!	Android & iTunes
My Picture Missal	\$2.99	This app was originally made for children with special needs, but it can be adapted for young children. My Picture Missal is a simple, interactive app that leads the child through the Order of Mass, including the words to the following prayers: Sign of the Cross, Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, and the Lord's Prayer.	iTunes
Laudate	Free	This app contains: Liturgy of Hours, New American Bible, interactive Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross, and searchable prayers. Daily Prayer and Daily Bible Verse. Multiple podcasts for daily meditations and Rosary.	Android & iTunes
Reimagining the Examen	Free	This app offers a unique prayer experience that's tailored to your needs and mood. Each Examen, based on St. Ignatius's 500-year-old prayer, guides you through a stimulating reflection on your day, helping you invite God into your nitty-gritty. Choose an Examen that matches your current state of being, or pray that day's scheduled reflection. This app offers flexible and adaptable versions of the Examen. Begin the app experience today to invite grace, gratitude, and insight into your daily life.	Android & iTunes

Saint of the Day for Kids	\$1.76	Download and enjoy sharing the lives of the 365 Saints with your children knowing that it was written with little ears in mind! Increase your own faith and knowledge of the 'pillars of the church'. Saints can inspire your children and you to live more enriched lives. You can be reminded daily, weekly, or bi-weekly, for the lives of the saints	Android & iTunes
Catholic Word Search	\$.99	Increase your Catholic vocabulary and have fun doing it while playing Catholic Word Search—an addictive word-find game! The goal is to find words hidden in the letter grid. The words can appear horizontally, vertically and diagonally and can read forwards or backwards.	iTunes
Catholic Study Bible App	Free	The Catholic Study Bible App features a FREE electronic version of the entire Catholic Bible, RSV Second Catholic Edition (RSV-2CE), packed with incredible content from Ignatius Press, Lighthouse Catholic Media, and the Augustine Institute that brings Sacred Scripture to life. This app has some paid content.	Android & iTunes
Catholic Words and Games	\$4.99	Colorful flash cards and exciting games to help teach Catholic vocabulary words at home, in the classroom, or on the go! All in one app! The app is a collection of five fun and educational learning tools and games.	Android & iTunes
3 Minute Retreat	Free	This app provides a peaceful prayer experience that helps you re-connect with God, re-center your day, and relax, wherever you are. Every day, the app guides you on a new bite-sized retreat filled with Scripture passages, soothing music, and reflection questions that you can pray at your own pace. Join the thousands of 3-Minute Retreat users who return each day to enrich their spirituality and rest in God's loving presence.	Android & iTunes
Missio	Free	MISSIO is a digital platform that connects you with a global network of priests, religious and lay leaders who are making a difference for communities in need around the world. You can explore projects, share them with friends and family through social media, make a donation or even 'adopt' a cause that is particularly appealing to you.	Android & iTunes

Follow on Facebook and other social media sites- Get Catholic news, prayers, inspiration, and family activities right in the palm of your hand!

St. Jude Parish Faith Formation Word on Fire Busted Halo Catholic Faith Formation Our Sunday Visitor Redeemed Online Catholic All Year Simply Catholic Catholic News Agency News.va English	The Religion Teacher Just Faith Ministries Diocese of Joliet Pope Francis Minute The Catholic Gentleman Fr. James Martin, SJ Bishop Robert Barron Catholic Relief Services March for Life For Your Marriage	United States Conference of Catholic Bishops The Catholic Company The Liturgical Catechist Midwest Augustinians Diocese of Joliet Justice and Peace Ministry Salt & Light Media Jason and Crystalina Evert Catholic News Service
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Websites

Practical Ideas and Activities for Passing on the Faith	Catholic News and General Topics
<p>aliveinchrist.osv.com/</p> <p>This is the website for our textbook. Here you can find lesson plans, formation videos, games for kids and weekly reading information. Explore the tabs in the green bar at the top of the page.</p> <p>catechistsjourney.loyolapress.com/</p> <p>marccardonella.com/</p> <p>www.thereligionteacher.com/</p> <p>amazingcatechists.com/</p> <p>catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/ - The Catholic Toolbox</p> <p>theliturgicalcatechist.weebly.com/</p> <p>odbfilms.com/</p> <p>click.projectym.com/rebuild-registration</p> <p>vibrantfaithathome.org/</p> <p>catholicmom.com/</p> <p>thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com/</p> <p>www.catholicicing.com/</p> <p>www.catholicheroesofthefaith.com</p> <p>htwww.strongcatholicfamilies.org/resources/index.htm</p> <p>www.loyolapress.com/ - Select the "Catholic Resources" tab</p>	<p>www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/DailyTake.aspx</p> <p>www.usccb.org/ - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</p> <p>http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html - The Official Vatican Website in English</p> <p>www.patheos.com/</p> <p>dioceseofjoliet.org/</p> <p>www.catholicnews.com/</p> <p>churchyear.net/</p> <p>learn.ctu.edu/</p> <p>www.lifelongfaith.com/</p> <p>www.catholic.com/</p> <p>www.wordonfire.org/</p> <p>www.catholicnewsagency.com/</p>

Did we miss something? If you have a suggestion of an app, website, someone to follow on social media, movie, or YouTube channel, please let us know!

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