

## THE CHURCH OUR STORY INTERNET LINKS

### Unit 1

<http://www.members.optushome.com.au/standrew/catholic/#byzantine>

Explore the concept of diversity within the Catholic Church's unity through a chart showing how the different rites within the Church are related; the chart includes links to the web pages about each rite.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0498.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0498.asp)

Kathy Coffey offers "Ten Reasons to Be Catholic" in this article from *Catholic Update*.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0499.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0499.asp)

*Youth Update* tackles the question, "Being Catholic: What Does It Mean?" in this article by Brett C. Hoover, C.S.P.

[www.uscatholic.org/2001/03/doyl0103.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/2001/03/doyl0103.htm)

"Let's Stick Up for Our Imperfect Church," Kevin Doyle urges in this article from *U.S. Catholic* magazine. Doyle argues that those who use the Church's imperfections to discredit its claim to holiness should take a broader view.

<http://www.catholic.com/library.asp>

Eleven articles from *Catholic Answers* explain the papacy in clear and straightforward language; many of the articles include quotes from the Church Fathers on papacy.

### UNIT 2.1

<http://www.vatican2andbutler.org/search.asp>

Here you will find Bishop Christopher Butler's essay, "The Church a Mystery." Butler, an influential participant in the Second Vatican Council, reflects on what it meant for the Council to frame *Lumen Gentium* in the terms of mystery rather than the Church militant.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0601.asp>

*Catholic Update* examines tensions in different conceptions of the Church, and how these tensions might produce a richer understanding of Church, in "How the Spirit Guides the Church: Two Views in Matthew and John," by William H. Shannon.

[www.americamagazine.org/articles/orsy.htm](http://www.americamagazine.org/articles/orsy.htm)

Do the bishops receive their power and authority from God or the pope? In his *America* article, "Who Are the Bishops?" Ladislav Orsy, S.J., explains how the Church's historical engagement with this question provides theological insight on its constitution.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1282.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1282.asp)

*Catholic Update* explores the relationship between conscience and Church teaching in “Your Conscience and Church Teaching: How Do They Fit Together?” by Nicholas Lohkamp, O.F.M.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1086.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1086.asp)

*Catholic Update* summarizes key dogmas of the Church in popular language in “What Catholics Believe: A Popular Overview of Catholic Teaching.” By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.

## UNIT 2.2

[http://iam.classics.unc.edu/map/map\\_room.html](http://iam.classics.unc.edu/map/map_room.html)

Download high-quality maps of the ancient Mediterranean world from Interactive Ancient Mediterranean Project at the University of North Carolina.

[www.pbs.org/empires/peterandpaul](http://www.pbs.org/empires/peterandpaul)

The website for the PBS documentary *Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution* allows visitors to trace the missionary work of Paul that helped to spread Christianity throughout the ancient world.

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/portrait/judaism.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/portrait/judaism.html)

Various New Testament scholars discuss the diversity of first-century Judaism, including its religious sects. This page is part of the website accompanying the PBS Frontline documentary *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*.

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/why/martyrs.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/why/martyrs.html)

Various New Testament scholars discuss the Roman persecution of Christianity and the cult of the martyrs. This page is part of the website accompanying the PBS Frontline documentary *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*.

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/why/starktheology.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/why/starktheology.html)

In this book excerpt, sociologist Rodney Stark argues that central doctrines of Christianity prompted and sustained attractive, liberating, and effective social relations and organizations. This page is part of the website accompanying the PBS Frontline documentary *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*.

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/bible/milan.stm>

The complete text of the Emperor Constantine’s Edict of Milan which legalized Christianity.

## UNIT 3.1

[www.imdb.com/title/tt0118158/maindetails](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0118158/maindetails)

Reviews and other information about the 1996 film *White Squall* at the Internet Movie Database.

[www.uscatholic.org/2004/11/cov0411.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/2004/11/cov0411.htm)

A wide variety of people from many different walks of life explain why they chose to belong to the community of the Church in “We Can Work It Out,” an article by Alice L. Camille and Joel Schorn in *U.S. Catholic*.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0585.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0585.asp)

*Catholic Update* reflects on the question, “What Does It Mean to ‘Be Church’?” in this article by Greg Friedman, O.F.M.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay1200.asp>

*Youth Update* provides teens with a friendly introduction to the theology of Baptism, plus a Baptism Q&A, in “Baptism: First But Forever,” by Timothy J. Cronin.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/SFS/an1101.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/SFS/an1101.asp)

*Scripture from Scratch* examines the biblical roots of Christ’s kingship, and examines what that implies for the kingship of all Christians, in “Christ the King and Biblical Messianism,” by Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M.

## UNIT 3.2

[www.wheaton.edu/DistanceLearning/Jer-coun.htm](http://www.wheaton.edu/DistanceLearning/Jer-coun.htm)

J. Julius Scott outlines the tensions between Hebrews and Hellenists in the early Church in his scholarly paper, “The Jerusalem Council: The Cross-Cultural Challenge in the First Century.

<http://campus.northpark.edu/history/WebChron/Mediterranean/Decius.html>

This article provides background on Emperor Decius and his persecution of Christians; a bibliography is included.

[www.ccel.org/fathers2/ANF-05/anf05-113.htm](http://www.ccel.org/fathers2/ANF-05/anf05-113.htm)

Full text of Cyprian’s treatise, “On the Lapsed”.

[www.catholic.com/thisrock/1999/9909chap.asp](http://www.catholic.com/thisrock/1999/9909chap.asp)

This article from Catholic Answers contrasts Catholic and Protestant teaching on faith, works, and justification.

## UNIT 4.1

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1081.asp>

*Catholic Update* looks at the relationship between Scripture and Tradition, and explores how we might understand Tradition in the wake of Vatican II, in “Tradition in the Catholic Church: Why It’s Still Important,” by Monika K. Hellwig.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0400.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0400.asp)

*Youth Update* offers a brief, teen-friendly explanation of the relationship between Scripture and Tradition in “Scripture and Tradition: ‘Dynamic Duo,’” by James Philipps.

[www.earlychristianwritings.com/churchfathers.html](http://www.earlychristianwritings.com/churchfathers.html)

This page on the Early Christian Writings website contains links to pages for all the Church Fathers, including Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria, Terullian, and Origen.

[www.catholic.com/library/great\\_heresies.asp](http://www.catholic.com/library/great_heresies.asp)

A list and explanation of heresies in the early Church from *Catholic Answers*.

[www.catholicapologetics.org/ap020300.htm](http://www.catholicapologetics.org/ap020300.htm)

This page traces the development of the Apostolic and Nicene creeds; examples of earlier creeds are included.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0395.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0395.asp)

*Youth Update* explains the historical context for the development of the Nicene Creed and walks through each part of the creed with teens in “Connect the Creed to Your Life,” by Michael J. Daley.

[www.ignatius.com/books/davincihoax/resources](http://www.ignatius.com/books/davincihoax/resources)

The website for the book *The Da Vinci Hoax* offers materials debunking the modern heresies and historical errors of *The Da Vinci Code*.

## UNIT 4.2

[www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Dec1998/feature1.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Messenger/Dec1998/feature1.asp)

Martin Pable, O.F.M. Cap., explains how the Holy Spirit is the principle agent of evangelization in “The Evangelizing Power of the Holy Spirit,” an article from *Saint Anthony Messenger*.

<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert.fs/misshist.htm>

The pages at this site provide an overview of the history of evangelization. The website accompanies a course taught by Professor Howard Culbertson at Southern Nazarene University.

[www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/perpetua.html](http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/perpetua.html)

Here you will find the entire text of *The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity*.

[www.osb.org/index.html](http://www.osb.org/index.html)

The Order of Saint Benedict website contains a wealth of information about Saint Benedict and western monasticism.

[www.cyberfaith.com/examining\\_index.html](http://www.cyberfaith.com/examining_index.html)

Read *Our Catholic Roots*, a series of online articles about the development of the Catholic Church in North America.

#### UNIT 5.1

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0893.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0893.asp)

*Catholic Update* provides an introduction to sacramental theology in “Sacraments: It All Starts With Jesus,” by Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M.

<http://www.uscatholic.org/1997/08/com9708.htm>

John Shea explains the theology and spirituality of infant baptism with eloquence and a humorous touch in the U.S. Catholic article, “Baptism: How to Make a Graceful Entrance.”

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0487.asp>

*Catholic Update* “Liturgy: The Church’s ‘Work’ of Praising God,” by Carol Luebering.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0802.asp>

*Catholic Update* offers five good reasons to attend Mass regularly in “Why I Go to Mass,” by Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M.

#### UNIT 5.2

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0301.asp>

*Catholic Update* looks at the history and meaning of the sacraments of initiation in “Sacraments of Initiation: Sacraments of Invitation,” by Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M., S.T.D.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0389.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0389.asp)

*Catholic Update* provides a friendly overview of the history and theology of the sacrament of Baptism in “The Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrating the Embrace of God,” by Sandra DeGidio, O.S.M.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1095.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1095.asp)

*Catholic Update* looks at the sacrament of Confirmation through the lens of Christian identity in “Confirmation: A Deepening of Our Christian Identity,” by Carol Luegering.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0502.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0502.asp)

*Catholic Update* provides a friendly overview of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults in “A New Look at the RCIA: Journey for the Entire Parish,” by Rita Burns Senseman.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0199.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0199.asp)

*Catholic Update* examines the history of the Eucharist as a way of understanding its meaning today in “Eucharist: Understanding Christ’s Body,” by William H. Shannon.

[www.disciplesnow.com/catholic/html/article888.html](http://www.disciplesnow.com/catholic/html/article888.html)

A teen-friendly overview of the history of the Eucharist from DisciplesNow.

<http://members.tripod.com/nicolaa5/articles/confess.html>

“Going to Confession in the Middle Ages” looks at the thirteenth-century penitential manual as a way to understand the theology and practice of the sacrament of Penance in the Middle Ages.

## UNIT 6.1

[www.uscatholic.org/1998/CWM/index.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/1998/CWM/index.htm)

Links to seven articles from *U.S. Catholic* magazine about how Catholics serve the world today through the corporeal works of mercy.

[www.osfspm.org/cst](http://www.osfspm.org/cst)

A leading website for Catholic Social Teaching, sponsored by the Office for Social Justice at the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, contains the text of major Catholic social teaching documents, resources for teachers, quotes from Catholic social teaching documents arranged by theme, and more.

[www.uscatholic.org/2005/02/featb0502.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/2005/02/featb0502.htm)

*U.S. Catholic* magazine interviews Father Bryan Massingale, a theologian at Marquette University, about social sin and Catholic social teaching.

<http://salt.claretianpubs.org>

*Salt of the Earth* magazine offers a wealth of current information on social justice topics.

[www.shc.edu/theolibrary/cst.htm](http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/cst.htm)

The Theology Library’s Catholic Social Teaching collection contains a list of the major documents, with critical comments and a bibliography provided for each, the *Handbook of Catholic Social Teaching*, and links to a variety of articles on Catholic Social Teaching.

[www.uscatholic.org/cstline/tlilne.html](http://www.uscatholic.org/cstline/tlilne.html)

“The Busy Christian’s Guide to Catholic Social Teaching” summarizes the main points of Catholic social teaching documents; a timeline of world events places the documents in context.

## Unit 6.2

[http://www.vatican.va/jubilee\\_2000/jubilevents/events\\_day\\_pardon\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/jubilee_2000/jubilevents/events_day_pardon_en.htm)

The Vatican's official website for the Day of Pardon held during the Jubilee Year 2000, during which the Church asked God to forgive "the sins, past and present, of the sons and daughters of the Church." This page contains links to the text of the liturgy, as well as documents explaining the meaning of the celebration.

[www.uscatholic.org/1997/11/feath0711.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/1997/11/feath0711.htm)

*U.S. Catholic* examines the modern history of the preferential option for the poor, and offers six concrete steps for living it out, in "Why the Preferential Option for the Poor Is Not Optional," by Jack Jezreel.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac0883.asp>

*Catholic Update* provides an overview of the U.S. bishop's pastoral, *The Challenge of Peace*, in this article. Includes an explanation of the just war theory.

[www.catholicworker.org](http://www.catholicworker.org)

Explore the life and writings of Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, founders of the Catholic Worker movement, plus the activities of Catholic Workers around the world.

## Unit 7.1

<http://www.americancatholic.org/messenger/nov2004/feature3.asp>

"We're All Called to Be Saints," according to this *St Anthony Messenger* magazine article by Lucy Fuchs. Fuchs offers practical encouragement for becoming a saint.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay1000.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay1000.asp)

*Youth Update* explains the communion of saints in teen-friendly language in "Communion of Saints: Top Team of All Time," by James Philipps.

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/YU/ay0901.asp>

*Youth Update* surveys teenage saints throughout history and offers six steps for becoming a saint in "Teen Saints in Times Past: Gift and Lessons," by Timothy J. Cronin.

[www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm)

The Patron Saints Index lists nearly 5,000 saints, searchable by feast date, name or topic.

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com>

This is the website of the Hagiography Circle, a body of young scholars who collaborate with the Congregation of the Causes of Saints to assist researchers on contemporary holiness and to support the beatification causes of laypersons and non-Western models of holiness. It also contains a page on the canonization process.

## Unit 7.2

[www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/Mary.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/Mary.asp)

This page offers links to various full-length articles about Mary, including: “In Search of the Real Mary,” “Mary, the First Disciple,” “Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Guide for the New Millennium,” and more.

[www.udayton.edu/mary/aboutmary2.html](http://www.udayton.edu/mary/aboutmary2.html)

The Mary Page contains a wealth of information about Mary, including an overview of Mary in the Bible and history, Church documents on Mary, a directory of Marian apparitions, and more.

[www.uscatholic.org/2003/12/cov0312.htm](http://www.uscatholic.org/2003/12/cov0312.htm)

In this article from *U.S. Catholic* magazine, New Testament scholar Elizabeth A. Johnson examines what the Magnificat has to reveal about Mary.

[www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1298.asp](http://www.americancatholic.org/Newsletters/CU/ac1298.asp)

*Catholic Update* explains the pope’s encyclical on Mary, *Redemptoris Mater*, in “Mary and the Millennium,” by Avery Dulles, S.J.