

USEFUL WEBSITES

Catholic Information/Beliefs

www.iclnet.org The **Internet Christian Library** provides its resources to Christian higher education institutions. The collection contained herein has been built by the hands and hearts of a few steady colleagues, who have spent thousands of hours reviewing materials, reading books, and visiting websites, simply for the joy of ministry in pointing the way for others' research efforts and enrichment reading. Despite years passing, and all that means for human beings, ICLnet still contains one of the largest and most complete archiving of "classical" Christian materials (e.g. Didache, Augustine's confessions, etc.)

www.newadvent.org Find online answers in the Catholic Encyclopedia and read the daily news from Catholic periodicals. New Advent also provides a complete list of links to other great Catholic sites.

www.usccb.org Check out this website for information on the United States' Conference of Catholic Bishops. You'll find daily readings from the scriptures that can be downloaded, the text of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, movie reviews, information on the departments of the USCC, a listing of bishops by diocese (by state) and much more.

www.vatican.va Log on here to get information on the Pope, the Roman Curia, Vatican City, the Vatican News Service, and the Vatican Museums.

www.christusrex.org A great site for taking biblical excursions through the Holy Land or view the Sistine Chapel. Check out these any many more things on this site sponsored by Studium Biblicum Franciscanum.

www.beliefnet.com This is an ecumenical website. You'll find comparisons of world religions, excellent multimedia components, and prayer tools.

www.catholic-forum.com Check out this website for an index of patron saints, polls, quizzes, games and a Catholic hymns jukebox!

www.osjspm.org This site sponsored by the diocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis is good reference for finding excerpts from social justice documents, corresponding scriptural references, and ideas for teachers.

www.catholicity.com Provides links to various articles/commentaries on a wide range of church issues.

www.cyberfaith.com Sponsored by Sadlier, it provides screened links to other internet sites grouped by themes, plus a set of interactive liturgy lessons. Among other things, it also provides weekly prayer activities for the current season or saint and monthly prayer services to use with teachers and staff.

www.americancatholic.org Sponsored by St. Anthony Messenger Press, this site offers Catholic Updates, feast days, minute meditations, and much more.

www.osv.com Sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, it provides activity ideas, articles, books, magazines and general church information.

www.catholicgoldmine.com This site has links to everything.

www.ccel.org Provides a collection of all the major writings of the early Church Fathers. Also contains the World Wide Encyclopedia of Christianity.

www.faithfirst.com Sponsored by RCL Benzinger, it has an activity center that includes activities for catechists, families and children. There is a view of the inside of a Catholic church with an explanation of its major features when clicked on.

www.disciplesnow.com Provides information on any Catholic topic. It has links to apologetics, commentaries on the Sunday readings, movie reviews and more, geared toward youth and young adults.

www.bustedhalo.com Sponsored by the Paulists, it provides feature stories, reviews, interviews, faith guides, commentaries, audio clips, discussions and connections to retreat, worship and service opportunities for spiritual seekers in their twenties and thirties.

Prayer

www.centeringprayer.com Contemplative Outreach is a spiritual network of individuals and small faith communities committed to living the contemplative dimension of Christian life through the practice of Centering Prayer. Fr. Thomas Keating is their most well-known speaker. This site is easily navigated and filled with interesting information about programs offered and materials available. Check out their archives and link pages.

www.jesuit.ie Maintained by the Irish Jesuits, this site is one of the most beautiful and soulful sites ever beheld. This site provides innovative and profound resource for prayer.

<http://www.sacredspace.ie> Produced by the Irish Jesuits, this daily on-line prayer invite one to make a 'Sacred Space' in their day, and spend ten minutes, praying here and now, as one sits at your computer, with the help of on-screen guidance and scripture chosen specially every day.

www.prayingeachday.org Sponsored by De La Salle Brothers in Great Britain. Provides a prayer reflection for each day of the year.

www.cptryon.org/top Sponsored by the Passionists, it provides links to other sites with prayers, meditations, prayer services, a special section for children, an online retreat, and prayers for various seasons.

www.ewtn.org/devotionals/prayers Provides extensive collection of prayers of every kind, to every saint.

Scripture

www.rc.net Provides daily scripture readings with brief meditation.

<http://wau.org> Sponsored by Word Among Us, it provides meditations for prayer.

www.littlerockscripture.org Provides information on resources helpful for conducting a scripture study process

www.catholicscripturestudyinc.org Provides guidelines for implementing a scripture study process

www.biblegateway.com An excellent concordance, allowing you to quickly search for all scripture passages containing a specific word that you are looking for. This site also allows you to find a specific passage by its name, chapter and verse.

<http://www.scriptureschool.org/> Provides bible study basics for beginners and advanced bible study planning, including tools and resources for choosing the right bible study for your group.

www.ebibleteacher.com/index.html Provides free computerized resources, including power point images of scriptural scenes

Tools For Catechists

www.christianfreebies.com/index.html Provides free stuff for catechists

www.pflaum.com Sponsored by Pflaum, it provides lectionary-based teaching resources.

www.christiancrafters.com Provides practical ideas for use in the classroom

www.catholicroom.com Provides activities and projects for parents and catechists.

www.catechist.com Sponsored by Catechist Magazine, this site offers information about upcoming issues and lots of seasonal activities.

www.catholiccatechist.org Free curriculum support service to help catechists find resources to use in lesson planning.

www.catechistonline.com This site has links to 25 resource sites for catechists

www.loyolapress.com/blogs-catechists-journey.htm Sponsored by Loyola Press this blog from experienced catechist, author and national speaker, Joe Paprocki, gives great practical suggestions and encouragement for any new or well-seasoned catechist.

Formation/Certification

<http://vlc.udayton.edu/> Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a certification program sponsored by the University of Dayton and provides a certification program focused on Adult Faith Formation, as well as many other topics.

<http://www.bc.edu/schools/stm/c21online/> C21 Online, or Church in the 21st Century Online, a constitutive partner of Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, offers non-credit courses and workshops for spiritual renewal and on-going faith formation.

<http://step.nd.edu/> STEP, Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life is an on-line program offering on-going adult faith formation courses.

<http://www.cdu.edu/documents/continuing/continuing.html> Sponsored by Catholic Distance University, this on-line school provides certification classes and certificates aimed at continual faith formation in adults.