**RCIA Resource Guide 2023-2024**

This enclosure to our 2023-2024 RCIA year contains some useful references for students and sponsors. It will be updated periodically and posted to the St. Peter RCIA website.

**St. Peter RCIA website guide**

* Go to the St. Peter Catholic Church website: [www.petertherock.org](http://www.petertherock.org)
* From the banner at the top go to FAITH FORMATION and select Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) from drop down menu
* Select RCIA 2023-2024 Calendar from brown box
  + In addition to updated calendars, we will post class presentation slides and homework documents you should download and read prior to class
  + We encourage you to print out class presentations to aid in taking notes. We recommend that you do so in black and white and three slides per page. This will allow space for notes and will save toner on your printer.

**Catholic Resources**

Below are just a few examples of the many Catholic resources that may be of use during your faith journey. Many of these resources were originally collected by Keith and Melissa Alvarez, RCIA class 2022-2023, as their student special topics project. We appreciate their work! The lists below are in no particular order or priority, they are just good references!

Cautionary Note: There are many great religious resources available through the internet; however, we strongly caution you to ensure that you are looking at a genuine and orthodox Catholic site before you get too involved. If you are uncertain, please ask one of the RCIA team members for a recommendation.

**Catholic Podcasts/Audio/You Tube/Web sites**

* Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN): (<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/> ). Catholic television programs faithful to the teachings of the church has been central to EWTN’s mission since Mother Angelica started the network in 1981. It’s proved a most effective way to communicate our message of salvation through God’s infinite love to a global Catholic audience starving for the truth.
* More2Life Podcast (Dr.Greg & Lisa Popcak) <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/more2life> Dr. Greg Popcak and his wife Lisa host this live call in program that helps listeners navigate the waters of family life. More2Life features relevant, relatable and achievable tools and solutions straight from the genius of John Paul II's Theology of the Body. It’s the life you were meant to live!
* Council of Trent Podcast (<https://www.trenthorn.com/podcast/>) [*The Counsel of Trent*](http://www.trenthornpodcast.com/) is Catholic apologist Trent Horn’s weekly podcast where he helps Catholics answer the toughest objections against our faith.
* Catholic Answers: (<https://www.catholic.com/>) Search the world's largest database of answers about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic faith. Learn more about Catholicism through articles, books, videos and more. Excellent source including call in radio sessions.
* Word on Fire Institute: (<https://wordonfire.institute/>) Bishop Robert Barron’s Word on Fire Institute, an easy-to-use digital platform offering members specialized training, community discussions, live presentations, and more.
* The Catholic Woman: (<https://thecatholicwoman.co/>). The Catholic Woman is dedicated to sharing stories & wisdom from Catholic women of all different walks of life to affirm the goodness, unrepeatability, and dignity of every woman for the redemption of humankind and the Church
* Catholic Stuff You Should Know: (<https://catholicstuffpodcast.com/>) Catholic priests from the Archdiocese of Denver whose podcasts lead light hearted explorations into various prominent and obscure Catholic topics.
* The Catholic Talk Show: (<https://catholictalkshow.com/episodes/>) A Catholic priest and two entrepreneurial Catholic laymen talk about a wide variety of topics from a Catholic perspective.
* The Catholic Gentleman: (<https://catholicgentleman.com/start/> ). If you’re a Catholic man who wants to grow in his faith and become a better man, you’re in the right place. You’ll find posts about manly saints, beer, dressing sharp, marriage, spiritual weapons and a lot more. You’ll find everything an authentic gentleman needs to know.
* All Things Catholic with Dr. Edward Sri: (<https://edwardsri.com/all-things-catholic/>) Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity.
* The Augustine Institute: (<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/>) At the Augustine Institute, we joyfully embrace and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through graduate classes, video productions, short courses, study programs, books, talks, and multimedia resources to help men and women to understand the Catholic Faith—and to live and share that faith with those whom the culture has abandoned to despair.
* The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz :( <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeXS0cAkuTPqFMtZQ379qdEmcfxO1SvXc> )
* The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz: (<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-catechism-in-a-year-with-fr-mike-schmitz/id1648949780> )

**Prayer and Meditation Apps (there are many, some free, some not. Use discretion.)**

* Hallow: (<https://hallow.com/>) A prayer and meditation app. Fee based.
* Amen: (<https://www.augustineinstitute.org/program-and-resources/amen>) The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. From the Augustine Institute.
* Basic Prayers of the Church: (<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/basic-prayers>) This section includes some of the most familiar prayers of the Catholic tradition.
* Laudate app: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.aycka.apps.MassReadings>) One site of several that offer a free app with a wide variety of prayers, studies and meditations.
* iBreviary: (<https://www.ibreviary.org/en/>). The iBreviary is your portable breviary. You can use it to pray with the full texts of the Liturgy of the Hours in just five languages. Simply launch the application and all the texts of the day will appear before you. The iBreviary offers you the complete daily missal to follow the Mass.
* My Catholic Life: (<https://mycatholic.life/> ).  *My Catholic Life!* offers daily reflections, meditations and prayers focused on the Gospel of the day, the gift of Divine Mercy, our Lord’s Passion, our Blessed Mother, the saint of the day, feasts of the liturgical year, daily Mass readings and much more.
* Catholic on line: (<https://www.catholic.org/> ) Prayers, Rosary guidance, readings and Catholic products.
* The Rosary Network: (<https://www.youtube.com/@TheRosaryNetwork/featured> ) An example on YouTube of various rosary prayers.

**Christian television, shows and movies**

* The Diocesan paper, the Catholic Herald, does weekly movie reviews. It is free to registered parishioners.

(Use your discretion in all cases. Commercial services below are not endorsed by St. Peter Parish or the Diocese of Colorado Springs.)

* Pureflix: (https://www.pureflix.com/about) Pure Flix is a Christian but not Catholic fee based streaming service that takes great care in previewing and selecting content so that you can rest assured that it is free of violence, sex, and language surprises.
* Up Faith and Family: (<https://upfaithandfamily.com/> ). A for fee streaming service that has an array of Christian and family friendly movies. It is not Catholic but may be useful.
* Angel Studios: (https://www.angel.com/). Angel Studios is a curated, free streaming platform offering exceptional movies, shows, and documentaries for all ages. Offers such series as Chosen and movies like Sound of Freedom.

**Catholic Books**

* Ascension Press: (<https://ascensionpress.com/> ) Excellent source of Catholic books, media, apps and wide range of study materials.
* Ignatius Press: (<https://ignatius.com/> ) Another excellent source of Catholic books, media, apps and study materials
* Some great Catholic authors (the Church as thousands!)
  + St. Augustine
  + St. Thomas Aquinas
  + St. Francis de Sales
  + Pope St. John Paul II
  + Bishop Fulton Sheen
  + G. K. Chesterton
  + C.S. Lewis
  + John Henry Newman
  + George Weigel
  + Flannery O`Conner
  + J.R.R. Tolkien
  + Matthew Kelly
  + Matt Frad
  + Chris Stefanick
  + Trent Horn
  + Jimmy Akin
  + Steve Weidenkopp
  + Dr. Peter Kreeft
  + Dr. Scott Hahn
  + Dr. Edward Sri
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  + Roman Catholic Gear (<https://romancatholicgear.com/> )
  + The Catholic Company: (<https://www.catholiccompany.com/>)
  + All Things Catholic: (<https://www.facebook.com/AllThingsCatholicStore/>)
  + Windows of Heaven: (<https://www.facebook.com/WindowsofHeaven.OCC/> )
  + The Catholic Store: (<https://thecatholicstore.com/> )

**Catholic Retreats and Men’s/Women’s Groups**

* Christ Renews His Parish (Women) (Contact St. Peter Parish Office, 719-481-3511) To enable individuals to grow in their faith, to deepen their commitment to and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to then be a resource for them as they share that commitment with their Parishes, Dioceses and the world.
* Inferno Men’s Group: (<https://www.infernomen.com/> ) Igniting a Culture of Evangelization that Empowers Men to Lead in the Battle to Sainthood.