

2012 Sacramental Gift Guide

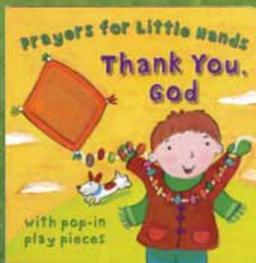
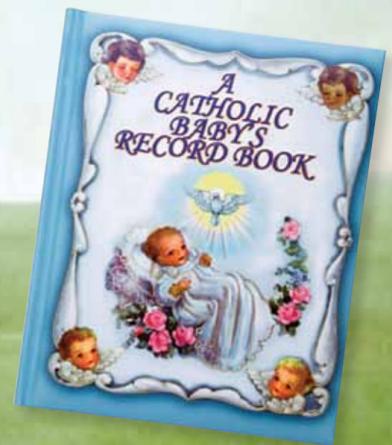
Faith-Inspired Presents for Everyone on Your List

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BY JOSEPH PRONECHEN

Springtime and the approaching Easter season bring wonderful opportunities to remember babies' baptismal days, children making their first Communion, young teens receiving the sacrament of confirmation, and RCIA candidates entering the Church. Here are some gifts that remember the occasion and foster faith growth.



Baptism

BOY OR GIRL IN PALM OF HAND

These porcelain figurines from the Valencia Collection bring to mind God's words in Isaiah: 49:16: "See, upon the palms of my hands I have engraved you." 4 1/4 inches. Item: 44748 for boy. Item: 44749 for girl. \$16, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

HUSH-A-BYE ANGEL FRAMED ARTWORK

This endearing image shows a childlike angel illuminating the night and keeping vigil over a sleeping baby. Measures 11 1/2 inches x 9 1/2 inches. Item: 59565, \$25, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

BABY BOOK

Originally published in 1945, *A Catholic Baby's Record Book* makes a great gift for new parents. Illustrated pages offer space to record the family tree, gifts received at the baby shower and baptism, memories from the pregnancy, childhood memories, siblings and much more. Padded hardcover. Item: 2458, \$16, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

GUARDIAN ANGEL CROSS CRIB MEDAL

The pewter crosses feature either a boy or girl kneeling in prayer. The center medal depicts a guardian angel watching over the boy or girl. 3 1/2 inches. Includes pink or blue satin ribbon. Item: PW10P for girl. Item: PW10B for boy. \$11, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

ROOM BLESSING

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary images are accompanied by angels as a guardian angel prays beside a sleeping child. The ornate silver frame features the blessing: "May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, One, deign to bless this room, we pray; bless all those who in it stay; grant to them of gifts the best: the soothing peace of quiet rest, the peace of God, the peace of man on all." Includes easel back and hook for hanging. 12 inches x 10 inches. Item: 2094F, \$25, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PRAYERS FOR LITTLE HANDS BOOKS

Each of these interactive board books teaches children a simple prayer. Ages 1-3. Item: 61637 for *God Bless*. Item: 61620 for *Thank You*. \$9, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

BAPTISM PLAQUES

Remember a child's baptism with these commemorative plaques. The blue background for boys or pink background for girls has an oval opening for a photo, plus a prayer — the Our Father or the Anima Christi. The plaques can be personalized with the child's first name and date of baptism. Each measures 12 3/4 inches x 10 3/4 inches. Item: 10104P for boy. Item: 10103P for girl. \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

'WELCOME TO THE WORLD' PLAQUE

This pastel-colored resin cross plaque features the poem: "When a little one is born, all the angels above applaud. For in the eyes of every child, we can see the face of God. Each precious, tiny feature mirrors heaven's very best. And those entrusted with this life are ever richly blessed." The words from Psalm 118 — "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!" — are also included. 6 1/4 inches x 8 1/4 inches. Item: 42036C, \$20, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



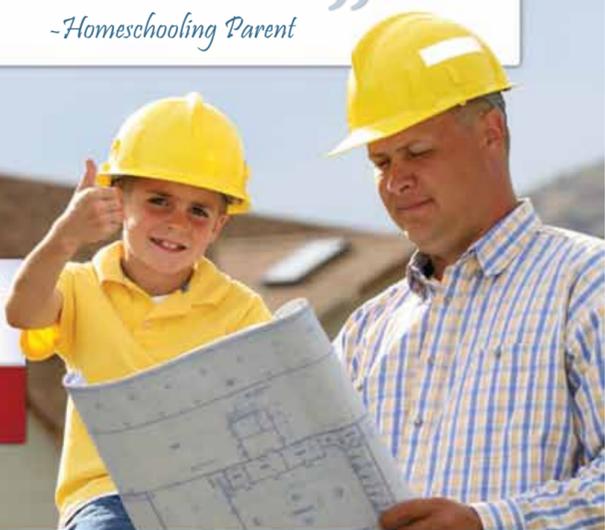
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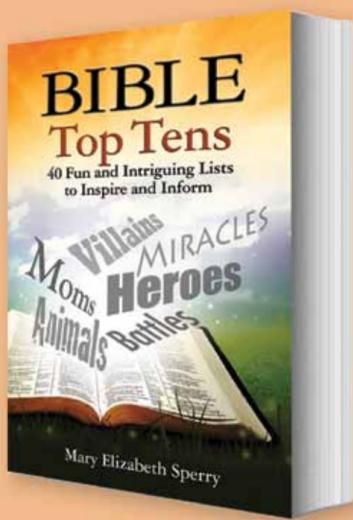
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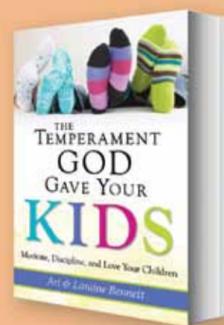
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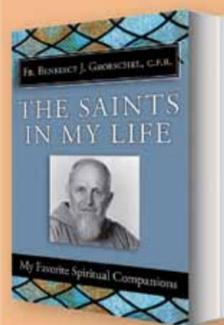
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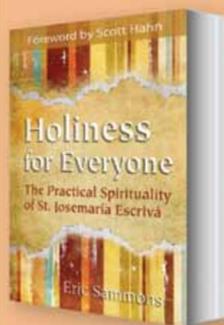
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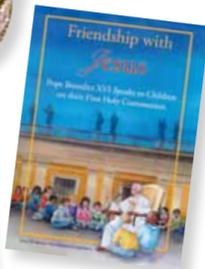


First Communion



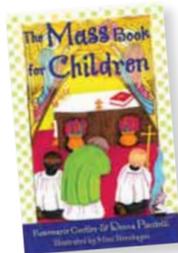
FIRST COMMUNION BOY'S ROSARY

A little boy will treasure this rosary, which features black-glass beads, rhodium crucifix and center medal featuring a chalice and Host. Item: C15RB, \$22, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



CHALICE CROSS

This pewter cross features the Eucharistic symbols of a chalice with Host above, as well as a loaf of bread and grapes and floral details. The center carries the inscription: "First Holy Communion." 6 inches. Item: 7518, \$23, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



FIRST COMMUNION GIRL'S ROSARY

A little girl will surely treasure this rosary, with its delicate pearl beads, rhodium crucifix and center medal featuring a chalice and Host. Item: C17RW, \$22, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



PERSONALIZED FIRST COMMUNION BOX

This round, gold-plated rosary box is accented with pearls and gold crosses. The lid features a chalice and Host surrounded with lilies. It may be personalized with the child's first name and the date of his or her first Communion. 2 1/2 inches by 1 1/2 inches. Item: 489HC, \$18, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



POPE ANSWERS CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS

Friendship With Jesus is a beautifully illustrated gift book for first Communion that features Pope Benedict's profound yet simple answers to various questions. The Holy Father's answers to the children's wonderful questions concerning this very important spiritual occasion in their lives makes for an inspiring read for children. \$14.95, from Ignatius.com or (800) 651-1531

THE MASS BOOK FOR CHILDREN

Introduce little ones to Jesus in the Eucharist: With its appealing writing style and delightful art, this book teaches young children the parts of the Mass. Item: 60759, \$7, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



FIRST COMMUNION MUSIC BOX

This keepsake box is ideal for storing a rosary or other small mementos. It features a beautiful silver image of a chalice and Host on the top. Rays radiate like the sun from the Host, which carries the letters IHS, an ancient abbreviation for Jesus. 2 1/2 inches x 2 1/2 inches x 3/4 inches. Imported from Italy. Item: 13358, \$20, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

FIRST COMMUNION KEEPSAKE BOX

The music box for boys plays *Hallelujah*. The music box for girls plays *Ave Maria*. The decorative lids feature framed openings — one for a picture and the other with the reminder: "God will be beside you to listen as you pray, and he is sure to bless you on your special day." 6 inches x 4 inches x 2 inches. Item: 8013 for boy. Item: 8009 for girl. \$20, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PERSONALIZED FIRST COMMUNION PLAQUE

Placed on the wall of your child's room, this beautiful, gold-wood plaque with image of a chalice and wheat will constantly remind your son or daughter of first Communion day. It holds a 5-inch x 7-inch photo, and it can be personalized with the child's first name and date of first Communion. Double-matted under glass. 11 1/2 inches x 9 1/2 inches. Item: 82640, \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

CHEERFUL HEARTS ARTWORK

This wood-frame picture shows children coming to Jesus, who himself holds the chalice and Host, for Communion. 11 inches x 12 3/4 inches. Made in the U.S. Item: 8072, \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

Confirmation

CRUCIFIX ON LEATHER CORD

Show your Catholic faith by wearing this 2-inch pewter crucifix with 24-inch leather cord. Item: D56LC, \$12, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

DOVE PENDANT

A graceful dove perches in the center of an open cross on this pendant. The dove holds an olive branch, a symbol of peace. The medal is crafted with a brushed antiqued pewter finish and hangs on a 32-inch adjustable black leather cord. 1 inch x 1 inch. Item: 50446 (coordinating keepsake box, Item: 50447), \$14, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PERSONALIZED CONFIRMATION ROSARY BOX

Decorative crosses surround this pewter rosary box. The lid features a dove in flight, representing the Holy Spirit, and it can be personalized with the confirmand's first name and the date of his or her confirmation. 1 1/4 inches x 2 1/2 inches. Item: 4892C, \$14, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

HOLY SPIRIT CRUCIFIX

This beautiful walnut crucifix features a cut-out image of the Holy Spirit descending in the form of a dove. 8 inches. Item: 7706, \$28, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PERSONALIZED CONFIRMATION BOX

This keepsake box includes the prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, bestow upon (name) understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, wisdom, piety, fear of the Lord." Can be personalized with the first name and confirmation date. 5 inches x 4 inches x 2 inches. Item: 459, \$20, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PERSONALIZED CONFIRMATION PLAQUE

This beautiful plaque can be personalized with the candidate's name and the date of his or her confirmation and includes the prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Bestow upon (name) understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, wisdom, piety, fear of the Lord." The gold-wood frame is double matted with gold and ivory. Holds a 5-inch x 7-inch photo. 11 1/2 inches x 9 1/2 inches. Item: 82860, \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

OLIVE-WOOD CONFIRMATION ROSARY AND BOX

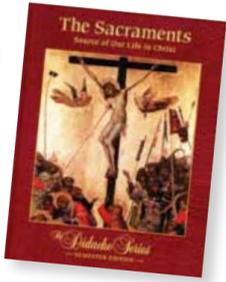
This olive-wood Rosary has a silver-plated crucifix and features Our Lady on the centerpiece. The rosary box, also of olive wood, has the Holy Spirit dove on the top with a banner spanning between the wings that reads: "Confirmation." 2 3/4 inches x 2 3/4 inches x 1 1/2 inches. Item: 650R, \$25, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316



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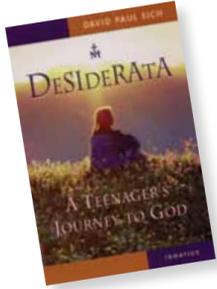
This unique medal features the image of a dove in flight, with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit written in the rays beneath the wings: fear of the Lord, piety, counsel, understanding, knowledge, wisdom and fortitude. 3/4 inches with 18-inch chain. Item: 886SS, \$43, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

TEEN TEXT

The Sacraments explains how the seven sacraments are the ordinary means by which God dispenses sanctifying grace to his people. It teaches the tenets of the Church in an accessible way and is designed for high-school students, but it can easily be used for older students as well. Hardcover textbook. Item: 77928 (corresponding workbook, Item: 77867), \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

VIRTUES BOOK

Desiderata: A Teenager's Journey to God is an illustrated book for teenagers and young adults that uses the 15 mysteries of the Rosary as a way of understanding the important Christian virtues and how to live them daily to draw closer to God. Inspiring and practical meditations on the mysteries and stories illustrate how saints like Francis, Kateri Tekakwitha, Maximilian Kolbe and Bernadette have put the lessons and virtues of the Rosary into practice and teach what it means to choose and follow Christ every day. \$14.95, from Ignatius.com or (800) 651-1531



Easter

PIETA ROSARY

This beautiful rosary features a Pieta center medal and iridescent cobalt blue Our Father and Hail Mary beads, along with the Cross of Compassion. On it, Mary stands at the cross, and Jesus looks upon her. Item: 6805, \$25, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This beautiful hand-painted resin statue reminds us of the Gospel passage: "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me; as the Father knows me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15). Jesus' face radiates joy as he holds a young sheep; two more contented sheep nestle near his feet. 12 inches. Item: 45687, \$35, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

JESUS WASHES DISCIPLE'S FEET

This resin statue reflects Scripture: "If I then, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13:13-15). 6 1/2 inches. Item: 45615, \$37.50, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

PASSION CRUCIFIX

This intricately detailed crucifix features Jesus after his death. The resin corpus shows the blood streaming down his body and even the stripes on his back from the scourging. The beveled-wood cross measures 22 inches. Imported from South America. Item: CRU22, \$90, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

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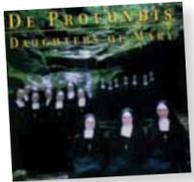
Pray the Stations of the Cross and meditate on Our Lord's sacrifice. Silver medals depicting the 14 stations surround a central crucifix with silver corpus. Imported from Italy. 4 inches x 12 inches. Item: 76104, \$48, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

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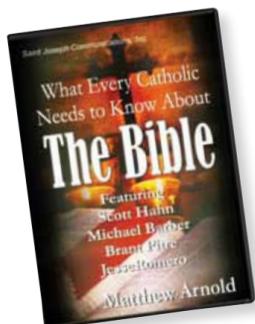


RCIA WALL CRUCIFIX

This olive-wood crucifix comes from Jerusalem. The pewter corpus has an antique brass finish. A banner at the bottom reads: "RCIA." 4 3/4 inches x 7 1/2 inches. Item: 30RC, \$30, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

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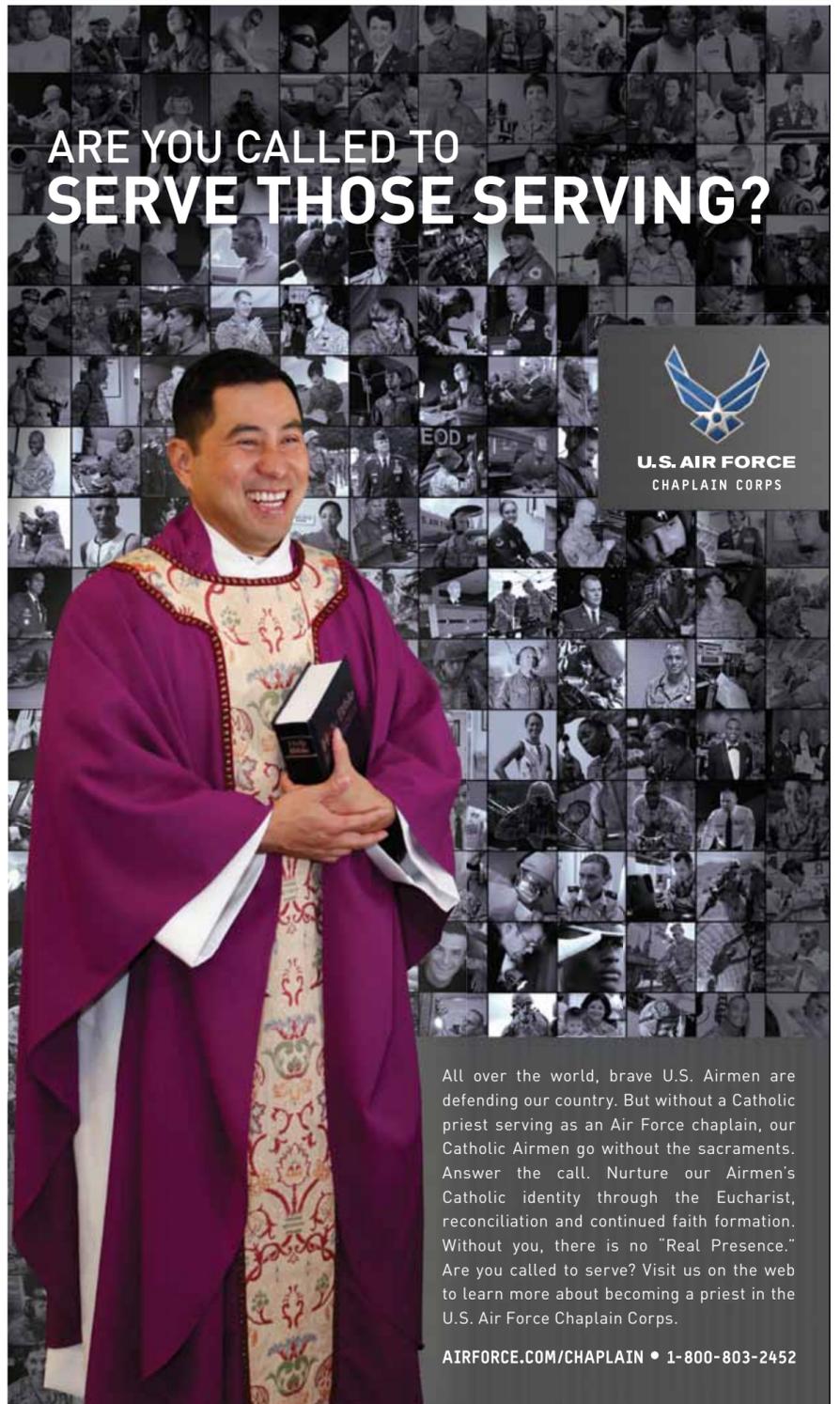
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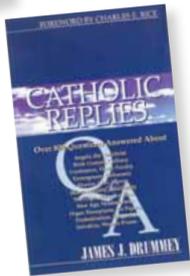
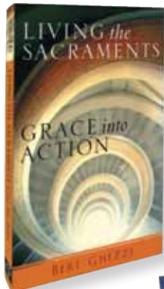


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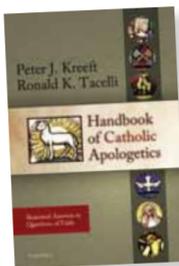
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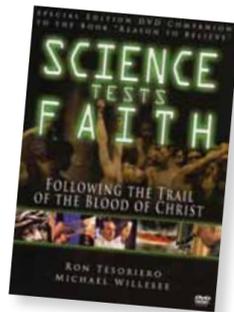


WINDOWS TO HEAVEN ROSARY

This rosary is crafted with simulated pearl Hail Mary beads and Montana blue-crystal Our Father beads. The crucifix and center are gold plated. Item: P9914, \$38, from EWTNReligiousCatalogue.com or (800) 854-6316

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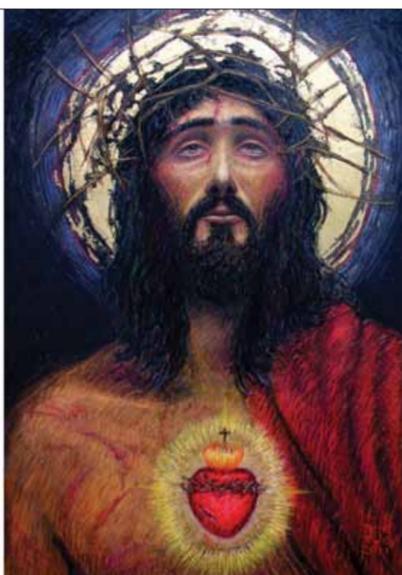
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