NEW RESOURCES

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE........


"The split between the Gospel and culture is without doubt the drama of our time," wrote Paul VI in 1975. Since that time there has been an increasingly urgent awareness that inculturation is an indispensable task of the church. But inculturation, the dialogue between church and cultures, demands first of all that we who would enter into the dialogue understand what "culture" itself means and what dialogue entails.


Sister Joan Chittister is a bestselling author for a very good reason. She takes difficult and even mysterious concepts and 'breaks them open' for us. Here she tackles the virtue of mercy and its connection to forgiveness. She challenges us to stop judging, accusing, and criticising those we label 'sinners' and to see ourselves in their number. She invites us to be realistic about our own actions before we 'throw that first stone' at another.


Global warming is now a reality that looms over us, and ecological devastation continues apace. Now, more than ever, there is clear recognition that we face a crisis. But who is to blame for this crisis? In this bold, challenging and provocative book, Paul Collins argues that Christianity has made a major contribution to the plight of the planet and must come to terms with a disaster that is now also the responsibility of the church.


Faith Matters, launched in Lent 2009 as a joint programme of the Agency for Evangelisation of the Archdiocese of Westminster and the Mount Street Jesuit Centre, is a biannual lecture series on Catholic Faith and Life in today's world.

The lectures in this book are
- Authority and conscience in Church and society - Fr Richard Finn OP
- Catholic and prayer - Fr John Edwards SJ
- Catholics and the Bible - Fr John Hemer MHM
- The Catholic moral vision - Fr Stephen Wang
- Catholic social teaching - Mgr John Armitage


Here on Earth is a biography of our planet and our species. What is our history on Earth? Have we always, as we fanned out around the world, left a trail of destruction behind us, a legacy of trashed ecosystems and vanished species? Or have we as humans succeeded because we are not only astonishing competitors but great co-operators too? And what is the Earth? Is it a dead lump of rock, or a living thing whose destiny depends on the choices we make? Tim Flannery, acclaimed and bestselling author of The Weather Makers, suggests that the answers to these questions may determine the survival of our civilization.
Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal, Part I, provides pastoral staff with information and resources for the first steps in laying the foundation in the parish for the revised texts of the Mass. This resource helps the parish staff understand the revised texts, acquaints them with stories of parishes that have begun to catechize, and points to ways that the costs of new hymnals and the Missal can be managed in the budget. Additionally, it provides a sample homily and pastoral letter to introduce the changes.

Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal, Part II will provide priests, liturgists, musicians, and directors of religious education information on how to help their assemblies and co-workers in ministry prepare to receive the revised translation of the Mass texts. Articles will address how people deal with change and change as organic in the Church; how to catechize the parish; catechizing through music; developing a plan for catechists to teach the revised Mass texts; sample homilies; and reproducible bulletin inserts to educate the assembly. Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal, Part II will help parish staff answer the question “Why are some of the words of the Mass changing?” Within this resource are homilies for priests and deacons for catechizing on the Gloria, the Creed, and the Lamb of God; bulletin inserts on the words “And with your spirit,” “Consubstantial,” “I believe,” and “For the many.” Articles by liturgists and musicians will show how to catechize parishioners and will provide a background in how people respond to change.

Green, Mark. (2011) *The love that surprises: lessons from Timor-Leste*. (Catholic Social Justice Series). Sydney, NSW: ACSJC. Mark Green’s account of his experiences in Timor-Leste gives readers an extraordinary insight into the people of that young country and into the history that has shaped them and their land.

Kerr, Fergus. (2007). *Twentieth-Century Catholic theologians*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. This book offers a lively and succinct account of Catholic theology from 1900 to the present day. The book begins with the work of Chenu, the guru of the French worker priest movement, and concludes with the writings of contemporary theologians such as the present Pope, Benedict XVI. Kerr, himself one of the foremost Catholic theologians writing in English, discusses the theological development of each figure and their relationship to Church teaching. The past 100 years have been a time of enormous reform and renewal in the Catholic Church, and Kerr shows how each thinker contributed to this process, especially in relation to the wide reaching changes introduced by the Second Vatican Council. The result is a vivid and informative volume, exploring the sometimes turbulent life, work, and legacy of the twentieth century’s most important Catholic theologians. It will be widely read by students, academics, and general readers interested in contemporary Catholicism.

McGillion, Chris and O’Carroll, John. (2011). *Our fathers: what Australian Catholic priests really think about their lives and their church*. Mulgrave, Vic: John Garratt. While many people assume they know what priests think, the reality is that the private views of priests are rarely known outside their own ranks and the small circle of their closest friends. This book, based on a survey sent to every priest working in parish ministry in Australia as well as on interviews with more than 50 priests across the country, reveals the true thoughts of priests about their vocation, their working lives, and issues confronting the church today. The results will inform, shock and challenge all Catholics.
Known as a scribe, minor tax collector, and public sinner, Matthew sought to create an identity for the fledgling Christian community as it struggled against persecution by the Romans and ostracism by the Jewish leadership.
In her new book, well-known author and master storyteller Megan McKenna shows how this identity is forged of forgiveness, reconciliation and at-one met. What characterizes Matthew's church is Jesus as the Mercy of God, as mercy shared. Matthew’s community becomes the presence of the kingdom of heaven on earth — the presence of God’s mercy on earth. In this masterful commentary, McKenna shows that, as it did for that early Jewish community of Christians, Matthew's gospel offers balm and hope for the Church today.

Shortlisted for both The Age Book of the Year and The Australian Human Rights Commission Literature Award
'This big land, Australia. It's big enough for everyone!' calls Annie Karrakayn across the pre-dawn campfire to the other Law women stirring from the perfect quiet of a still, desert night. 'Strong Dreamin' ' she whispers.
So begins the intimate diary of Ros Moriarty, a white woman married to an Aboriginal man, as she takes an emotional journey across country and culture to the Northern Territory's Tanami Desert with Annie and the other matriarchs of her husband’s Aboriginal family to perform ceremony.
Interwoven with her desert journal are personal and family stories of black and white Australia - from the shameful and painful to the ordinary and everyday, to the glorious and awe-inspiring - illuminating the deep connection humanity shares, regardless of race and place.

'The unity of the four elements is what constitutes and sustains our existence in this world ... I sit and write here in this valley of John’s birth gazing at the landscape with eyes that battle against familiarity. I wonder in amazement at the great ability he had to walk these mountains with a new, fresh sense of adventure on each pilgrimage ... In these essays John is giving back to the landscape its own natural subjectivity. It is something to be respected in its own terms, something to be listened to and looked at with its own spirit. Interaction with landscape can heal you if you respect it. It can also return its pain to you if you abuse or damage it.' From the foreword by Pat O'Donohue

With characteristic hope and wisdom, Elizabeth 'Betty' Pike presents pathways for dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.
Springing forth from her own journey of discovery and self-acceptance, Betty writes as one who has was wrestled with understanding Aboriginality and its significance for today.
This series of brief stories and meditations reveal the power of story for hope, healing and embracing Spirit. Betty draws on a spirituality grounded in the land and the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and by engaging with the central briefs and symbols of Christian spirituality, forged spiritual insights to enrich all Australians. The stories of heroic and inspiring Aboriginal persons - from history and contemporary times - are recounted, as well as powerful examples of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians working together.

In presenting a child for baptism parents are preparing for a second birth - a birth into the Christian community. Unlike the Jewish tradition where a person is born Jewish if their mother is Jewish
nobody is ever born a Christian. That is why the baptismal font is sometimes referred to as the "womb" of the Church. Here we are reborn into the body of Christ.

This booklet offers a simple explanation of the various stages of the celebration of baptism and the rich symbolism of this ancient ritual. It also explains the role of parents and godparents so that they can participate meaningfully in the ceremony.

The Enlightenment you Seek in other Religions has been present in Christianity from the beginning. Richard Rohr, a global leader in spiritual awakening, helps you recognize the forces (such as ego resistance and dual thinking) that separate you from your deeper self. Then, drawing from the Gospels and the greatest Christian contemplatives, he shows you what it means to be spiritually awake.

Bestselling author Joyce Rupp once again proves herself a wise and gentle spiritual midwife, drawing forth 365 names of God from the world's spiritual treasury. The title, 'Fragments of Your Ancient Name', comes from a poem by German mystic Rainier Maria Rilke. It assembles a remarkable collection of reflections for each day of the year.

The paintings in this book are symbolic of the life of Saint Mary MacKillop, and reveal some of her special attributes. They offer insights into Australia's first saint that words alone cannot. Divided under the headings of: Beginning, Suffering, Transformation, and A New Beginning, and enriched by brief quotes from Mary's letters.

Years of prominence in the promotion and development of effective Church leadership culminate in this latest book by Loughlan Sofield ST and Carroll Juliano SHCJ. More than a 'how-to' leadership guide, this book offers real-life examples of principled ministers who are serving the Catholic church and invites readers to incorporate these disciplines into their own leadership style.

There are many problems in today's society that cannot be resolved by the application of reason, logic or medical science. These include child abuse, alcoholism, drug addiction and suicide. Numerous mental health problems, such as anxiety, depression and phobias, are rising dramatically and there seems to be no solution in sight.
In this book, David Tacey argues that the answer lies in breaking free from the confines of modern medicine. Instead we must turn to spirituality, and to what Tacey calls 'meaning-making', to make sense of our physical and mental wellbeing.

Drawing on his many years of communicating the Christ story within different cultural settings, Kevin Treston offers an inclusive approach to telling the Christ story within the context of creation. For two thousand years the Christ story has been a significant influence on the story of humankind, especially in Western orientated countries. However, there is now clear evidence that the Christ story is being marginalised in Western countries.

You may have heard that there will be some changes to what we hear and say at Mass. Mass will remain the same, but some of the words will be different.

Written by Paul Turner, a priest of the diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, this booklet provides a brief yet deep explanation of how and why the prayers and responses of the Mass are changing. It will help you understand these new words so that you will be able to participate at Mass when the translation is ready to use.


Every day many children lose someone close to them - a parent or grandparent, brother or sister. Nothing can take away the pain of loss, but there is a great deal that a caring adult can do to avoid the long-term distress which can be caused by hidden fears and anxieties. This book is for anyone who wants to help a child who is coping with grief - parents, teachers, nurses, doctors and friends.

**SOMETHING FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND CATECHISTS etc**


The Bible describes God in many different ways: God is light; God is joy; God is wisdom. God is the beauty that fills the earth and the rock we stand on, the promises we live by and the fire that purifies us. This volume offers a collection of these images, presented in simple language that young readers can easily understand.


Teaching faith-based education is a challenging and sensitive issue in Australia’s 21st century multicultural society. With an increasing number of faith and belief systems becoming more prominent in educational sectors, it is vital that pre-service and practising teachers are equipped to teach effectively faith and belief systems to school children. Multiculturalism is inherently challenging because of its various component belief and value systems, and children need to know what they believe and why they believe it. It is a sobering realisation that, potentially, each faith and belief system is only one generation away from extinction.


Since the early 1960s, music fans have found Bob Dylan spirituality fascinating, and many of them have identified Dylan as a kind of spiritual guru. This book, written by a scholar who is a long time fan, examines Dylan's mystique, asking why audiences respond to him as a spiritual guide.


Written by Maureen A. Kelly and based in part on Paul Turner’s book for adults, *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts,* this resource explains the changes in the Mass texts at a very simple level so that children who have already learned the parts of the Mass, the prayers and responses, and have received first Holy Communion will understand the changes in the texts and be able to respond at Mass.


This resource is the companion teaching edition to What’s New about the Mass. It is designed to help teachers in Catholic schools and catechists in parish religious education programs teach children about the changes in the Mass texts.
The pages of the children's edition are reproduced in this teaching edition, and teacher's hints are provided in the margins. All of the necessary lesson plans have been provided, making it easy for all teachers and catechists to explain the revised prayers and responses. This teaching edition has also been written by Maureen Kelly and is based in part on Paul Turner's adult booklet, Understanding the Revised Mass Texts.


Written by Maureen Kelly, this booklet is for teenagers in seventh through twelfth grades. It is the perfect resource to help teens understand the changes in the Mass texts. Based in part on Paul Turner's Understanding the Revised Mass Texts


This resource is the companion teaching edition to What's New about the Mass for Teens. It is designed to help teachers in Catholic schools and catechists and youth ministers in parish religious education programs teach teens about the changes in the Mass texts. The pages of the teen's edition are reproduced in this teaching edition, and teacher's hints are provided in the margins. All of the necessary lesson plans have been provided, making it easy for all teachers and catechists to explain the revised prayers and responses.


This book is for people involved in publishing material online – that is, people who make material available on a network to be viewed, and perhaps also to be downloaded and/or printed. It is primarily for people who are responsible for determining what material is made available on a website, but most of the discussion applies equally to other forms of online publishing. The book will also be of interest to other people involved in online publishing, including website designers, writers, artists, songwriters and Internet service providers.


A practical guide to copyright obligations for educators about the use of text, still images and notated music. It covers photocopying, scanning, downloading from the internet, emailing and publishing online. It includes answers to many common copyright questions from educators.


Teaching about the Sacraments breaks out of its traditional mold with Handbook of Sacraments for Today's Catechist. This quick-reference guide for today's catechist includes activities as well as instruction, and fills the need for an energetic, complete, and easy-to-understand exploration of the Sacraments.
PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Carlstrom, Nancy White. (2002). *Glory*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. With words that sing and colors that spill joy across the pages, author Nancy White Carlstrom and illustrator Debra Reid Jenkins celebrate creation and the way every creature praises God. Whether winged or finned or furry, each creature — by being and doing what it was made to be and do — gives glory to the Creator. And children do this too, especially because they have hearts and minds that can delight in and learn about all the rest of creation.


Guadagno, Geraldine. (2010). *Saint Joseph*. Strathfield, NSW: St Pauls Publications. St Joseph is the quiet saint. As husband of the Virgin Mary and protector of Jesus from birth to childhood, Joseph was a good, just man, who did what God asked him to do, without question. This is Joseph’s story. A beautifully illustrated book for children (ages 6 to 8) which tells the story of St Joseph, especially at the time of the birth and infancy of Jesus.

Ladwig, Tim. (2000). *The Lord’s prayer*. Grand Rapids: MI.: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. The beloved words of The Lord’s Prayer serve as the text for this remarkable book, in which Tim Ladwig illustrates how the words of this ancient prayer can have real meaning in our lives today. In Tim’s paintings, a young girl and her father spend a day together helping an elderly neighbour. The love and guidance the child experiences in her relationship with her dad reflect the heart and will of our Heavenly Father in concrete ways children of all ages will understand.


Van den Abeele, Veronique. (2006). *Still my Grandma*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Younger Readers. Camille and her grandma have a special friendship. They have sleepovers, bake chocolate cupcakes together, go out shopping, and giggle at old photographs. But one day Grandma forgets Camille’s name. Then she can’t remember where to put her shoes. Camille learns that her grandma is sick, but “not the kind where you cough and blow your nose.” Grandma has Alzheimer’s disease, which is what makes her do strange things. And even though Grandma has to move out of her house and rely on nurses to care for her, Camille finds a way to continue their special traditions. With charming, sensitive illustrations, this story gently introduces young readers to the realities of Alzheimer’s disease, and reminds them that love is more powerful than any illness can be.

Vander Zee, Ruth. (2007). *Eli remembers*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Younger Readers. Year after year, Eli watches the solemn lighting of seven candles at his family’s celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. On such a happy occasion, his parents and grandparents always seem sad, and Eli can’t understand why. Then one year Eli travels to Eastern Europe to learn more about his family history. There, he learns how the candles represent his family’s connection to the Holocaust in Lithuania, and how remembering his ancestors can help heal years of grief and shame.

**CDs**

**AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

*John Burland, 2011*

*And With Your Spirit* - Songs for Deepening Children’s Understanding of the Mass is a collection of catechetical songs that assist in deepening children’s understanding of the Mass and its revised texts. It can be used for Sacrament preparation, religious education in parishes and schools, and in the home. The collection includes Scripture and Catechism of the Catholic Church references for each song, a variety of musical styles, instrumental backing tracks and the voices of children. It addresses the following Mass parts:

- Greeting/Sign of Peace/Concluding Rite
- Penitential Act
- Gloria
- Profession of Faith
- Eucharistic Prayer Dialogue
- Sanctus
- Acclamation of Faith 1
- Acclamation of Faith 3
- Lamb of God
- Music Book is available.

*NB: These songs are catechetical and are NOT appropriate to be used as an alternate Mass Setting during Eucharistic Celebrations.*

**Justice + Praise**

*Emmanuel Worship 2009 (+Book)*

This courageous album proclaims a message of justice side-by-side with songs of personal and corporate worship. *JUSTICE + PRAISE* challenges the listener to examine their own lives in the light of Christ’s example:

1. Earth Sings Out
2. Jesus Justice
3. Everything
4. Our God Will Reign
5. Praise Comes
6. Above the Broken
7. Thank you
8. Rain Down
9. King of All
10. Come to the Lord
11. All the Nations
12. Amazing God
13. You Are

**Rivers**

*Rivers* is the exciting Mass setting just produced by emmanuelworship. Faithfully presenting the texts of the revised Roman Missal, this setting offers a fresh approach that is set to capture the attention of the contemporary Church.

RIVERS was composed with the ‘general modern parish’ in mind, aiming to be user-friendly as possible for a wide audience.

- *CD of the recordings*
- *CD ROM: featuring Backing Tracks / Lyrics for data Projection / Music Book in PDF format / Extra Charts in male/female specific keys / Liturgy Planner + Introductory Video*

1. Kyrie – Long
2. Kyrie – Short
3. Gloria
4. Gospel Acclamation
5. Holy
6. Memorial Acclamation 1
7. Memorial Acclamation 2
8. Memorial Acclamation 3
9. Amen 1
10. Amen 2
11. Lamb of God

**Rivers Youth: contemporary Youth Mass Setting**

*Rivers Youth* is the exciting Mass setting just produced by emmanuelworship. Faithfully presenting the texts of the revised Roman Missal, this setting offers a fresh approach that is set to capture the attention of the contemporary Church. Engaging yet prayerful, relevant yet reverent, expressive as well as contemplative

RIVERS YOUTH was written specifically with young people in mind, an ideal choice for High Schools, Youth Masses, Diocesan youth events and outreach situations.
* CD of the recordings
* CD ROM: featuring Backing Tracks / Lyrics for data Projection / Music Book in PDF format / Extra Charts in male/female specific keys / Liturgy Planner + Introductory Video


**DVDs**

**BUDDHISM** (Essentials of Faith Series)
Buddhism follows two main traditions - one from India and the other from Tibet and other cultures where Buddhism spread. All share the idea that life, as sensed by humans, is an illusion and that by emptying the mind of all extraneous influences the essential spirituality within can be discovered. Discover the essence of one of the world’s most popular and exported religions.
Level:-Junior Secondary  Duration:- 23 min  Year:- 2005

**CATHOLIC BASICS FOR KIDS. WHAT IS THE BIBLE? WHAT IS A SACRAMENT? WHAT IS THE CHURCH? A TOUR OF OUR PARISH CHURCH [DVD]**
This DVD includes four special Ikonographics programs especially for primary school-aged children:

**What Is the Bible?** (16 min.) Father Jack explains the Bible as God’s Word for our daily lives and the story of God’s unending faithfulness and friendship with us.

**What Is a Sacrament?** (11 min.) Father Jack explores sacraments as signs and symbols of the sacred that help us remember and celebrate our most important faith stories.

**What Is the Church?** (12 min.) Father Jack explores different ways we understand Church, as well as the meanings of home church, parish church and world church, challenging us to become a faith community that continues to imitate Jesus.

**A Tour of Our Parish Church** (12 min.) Father Jack invites young people to tour the church with older students as they learn the names and discover the meaning of the objects of our Catholic faith that help us remember and celebrate God’s presence. A wonderful resource for children and parents involved in sacramental preparation.
Level:-Middle Primary +  Duration:- 16 min: 11 min: 12 min : 12 min  Year:-1999

**CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF ADVENT AND LENT [DVD]**
**Advent: Celebrating the Season** (Grades 3-8, 15 min.)
The season of Advent begins a new Church year. During the preparation time of Advent, we are invited to change and grow more like Jesus. During these four weeks, we prepare for Jesus’ coming in our daily lives as we wait together for the fullness of light to come into our world at Christmas.

The custom of the Advent wreath is the focus of this DVD. In the light of the Advent wreath, we remember, live and hope for the one who has already come. We warm our hearts to live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. The simple Advent wreath tells the story of a people yesterday and today who yearn for more light in their life.

This program also includes other Advent activities and traditions such as the Jesse Tree, an Advent Friend, Straw for a Crib and an Advent House to help young people appreciate the spiritual dimension of the Advent and Christmas season.
**Lent: Celebrating the Season** (Grades 3-8, 18 min.)

We begin our journey through the season of Lent by being marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross on our forehead with these words: "Keep Lent and turn to God with all your heart."

This DVD explores customs, traditions, prayers and ways we can keep Lent as we walk together on the path to Jerusalem, preparing for the new life of Easter. During these 40 days, we pray, we fast, we do good works, we remember.

We are invited to deepen our understanding of Lent as a time to turn to God and to look at the way Jesus lived his life. This program challenges us to speak of Jesus in our lives today. As we choose ways to become more like Jesus, we continue our walk with others through these days of Lent, the events of Holy Week into the Easter Resurrection.

**CREATION**

a deeply moving and inspirational story of how Charles Darwin created one of the most explosive ideas in history and became one of the greatest scientists the world has ever known. Starring Academy Award winner Jennifer Connelly as Charles Darwin’s deeply religious wife, Creation depicts one man’s heart-wrenching war between science and love. Darwin (Paul Bettany) is a warm and loving family man with revolutionary ideas who must evaluate the potentially devastating and irrevocable effect they could have – on both society and within his beloved family.

**CHRISTIANITY** (Essentials of Faith Series)

The first major schism in Christianity was 1000 years ago when Roman and the Orthodox communities went their separate ways. 500 years later at the Reformation the Protestant churches divided off from the Roman Catholics. Over the centuries since then the Protestants have splintered into numerous dominations and sects. "Essentials of Faith" looks at the core values and discovers that, despite the different traditions of worship and historical rivalries, a common belief in the Bible, the Creed and the Trinity survives.

**DE-STUFFING CHRISTMAS** (Compass)

Many Australians have traditionally engaged in an orgy of spending in the lead-up to Christmas, lavishing huge amounts on gifts for family and friends. But for some, it’s gone too far. Tired of what they see as rampant materialism, more and more Australians are buying goods at ‘Fair Trade’ markets. Others are turning to gift catalogues with a difference. They’re opting for presents of pigs, cows, toilets and seeds, and in the process helping some of the world’s poorest people. This Compass Christmas special examines three different initiatives from the buying to the receiving as far away as Oecussi in East Timor.

**DUST ECHOES** (ABC / Deakin University)

An animated children’s series based on Dreamtime stories originating in northern Australia. Four stories: The Wagalak Sisters - use the contents of their dilly bags to create the landscape. The Be - a prankster uses song and dance to help him become part of a new family. Namorrodor - a shooting star transforms into a terrifying spirit creature. Morning Star - signifies the cycle of life. The stories are infused with modern, youthful creativity and spirit, whilst maintaining their authentically indigenous origins.
GALLIPOLI
the compelling story of friendship and adventure between two Australian soldiers in 1915 - they cross continents and great oceans, climb the pyramids and walk through the ancient sands of Egypt to join their regiment at the fateful battle of Gallipoli. The echoes of history blend with the friends compelling destiny as they become part of a legendary World War I confrontation between Australia and the German allied Turks. Level: PG  Duration: 107 min  Year: 1981

THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE
We are all searching for answers to the most basic questions: Who are we? Why are we here? Do we really matter? In a world fraught with hostility and violence, an altruistic group of young men endeavour to understand the true essence of the human spirit by visiting forgotten souls such as homeless New Yorkers, Peruvian orphans and isolated Ghanaian lepers. By spotlighting heart warming stories from around the world, this uplifting documentary shows viewers that every single person, no matter his or her lot in life, is beautiful. Features insight and commentary from spiritual leaders and philosophers including: Anna Halpine, Dr. William Hurlbut, Rabbi Simon Jacobson, Dr. Alveda King, and Rev. Richard Neuhaus. Level: PG  Duration: 90 min  Year: 2008

ISLAM (Essentials of Faith Series)
Very soon after the death of the Prophet fourteen hundred years ago political divisions within Islam separated the Shi'a and the Sunni. Over the centuries while the Five Pillars of Islam (the belief in one God, praying five times a day, fasting, giving to charity and going on pilgrimage) have remained intact, many cultural influences have shaped the way in which Islam is observed. In some cultures and traditions women for instance are entirely covered, in others women simply have to dress modestly and often do so in the fashion of the day. An absorbing look at this complex world religion. Level: Junior Secondary  Duration: 23 min  Year: 2005

JUDAISM (Essentials of Faith Series)
Judaism is expressed in a range of forms - from the ultra orthodox, who believe in following the detailed rules of the faith, to those on the reformed wing whose observance of dietary laws, dress code and Sabbath observance is much more relaxed. All however share a single identity as Jews which has been sharply focussed in the last century by the horrors of the Holocaust and the ongoing Middle Eastern struggle. A clear examination of an important religion. Level: Junior Secondary  Duration: 23 min  Year: 2005

OH MY GOD
In every corner of the world there's one question that can never be definitively answered yet stirs up equal parts passion curiosity self-reflection and often wild imagination: "What is God" Three years in the making shot across 23 different countries Oh My God explores this age-old question. Featuring Hugh Jackman, Seal, Ringo Starr, Sir Bob Geldof, Princess Michael of Kent, David Copperfield and Jack Thompson, Oh My God is an amazing journey that will inspire educate and enrich your understanding of Man's relationship with God. Level: PG  Duration: 98 min  Year: 2010

THE SHIPPING NEWS
After tragedy strikes, Quoyle moves with his daughter from upstate New York to his ancestral home in a small Newfoundland fishing village. With a job at the local newspaper and developing romance with a woman who lives with her own demons, Quoyle is transformed by this place of magic, beauty, and hardship. In a compelling story based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, Quoyle's past melds with his present in an inspirational journey of self-discovery and second chances. Level: M  Duration: 107 min.  Year: 2002
STATIONS OF THE FOREST
Following the format of The Stations of the Cross this prayerful resource laments the stages in the death of a part of God’s Creation, the rainforests. It incorporates issues related to rainforest destruction: extractive industries, loss of biodiversity and climate change.
In the International Year of the Forests, it invites you to reflect on our place in the Australian landscape in a similar manner and take hope-filled action. A booklet accompanies the DVD, providing the script, an agenda for meetings, a reflection for each of the Stations, and prayers.
Ideal for senior students and adult groups.
Level:- Adult Year:- 2011

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Animated)
An epic story retold for today’s families THE TEN COMMANDMENTS features stunning 3D CGI animation with narration by Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley and the voices of Christian Slater as Moses, Alfred Molina as Ramses and Academy Award nominee Elliott Gould as God.
What makes this version of The Ten Commandments unique is that it highlights Moses' family, both real and extended, on this long journey. Filled with high adventure, the miraculous, and a gentle sense of humour, The Ten Commandments showcases Moses, the reluctant prophet, who was the only man in Biblical history to see the face of God and call him "friend".
Level:- G Duration:- 88 min. Year:- 2007

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