



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I am pleased to write on behalf of Father Robert Barron and his new CATHOLICISM Film Series and comprehensive Study Program. This new faith formation program presents a rich, multimedia experience of the Catholic Faith that is both contemporary and faithful to the Church's Tradition. It will fit well with the Church's emphasis on the New Evangelization and the Archdiocese's Strategic Planning.

The CATHOLICISM Series will be released globally on TV, DVD, CD and the Internet in the fall of 2011. The Study Program will include this series, plus a comprehensive study guide and parish support materials. Random House (Doubleday) will publish a 300-page book that Father Barron has written based on the ten-hour series to accompany the curriculum. To learn more about Father Barron's CATHOLICISM Series and Study Program, please visit www.CatholicismProject.org.

The CATHOLICISM Series is designated to enhance and support the Church's mission of catechesis and evangelization. The ten-part DVD series is filmed in stunning, high-definition cinematography in over 50 locations in 15 countries. Throughout the journey, Father Barron explains what Catholics believe and why — and illustrates the richness of the Church's global culture, the incomparable beauty of its art and architecture, and the depths of the Faith.

The CATHOLICISM Study Program resources Sacred Scripture, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the writings of the Church's spiritual masters. The curriculum and online resources may be used for individual or group study, providing an indispensable tool for catechesis and the RCIA.

Please help me share this gift with the Church and your parish, school or seminary. You may visit www.CatholicismStudy.org and consider helping in these ways:

1. Pre-order the Study Program for your parish, school or seminary in March at the WOF web store.
2. Encourage parishioners (students, etc.) to pre-order the CATHOLICISM DVD Series for their families and sign up for a Fall Study Program in your parish.
3. Host a one-hour screening of the CATHOLICISM Series or sign up for a Webcast to learn about the Study Program.

I am grateful for your support of this new initiative to bring others to Christ and to respond to Our Lord's call to "make disciples of all nations." I am grateful also to Father Barron and share your pride in one of our priests whose work is of great benefit to the Church in our city and churches.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago