



## FATHER ROBERT BARRON

Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian. He is also the founder of the global media ministry Word on Fire, which reaches millions of people by utilizing the tools of new media to draw people into or back to the Catholic Faith. Cardinal Francis George, Archbishop of Chicago, has described him as "one of the Church's best messengers."

Father Barron is the creator and host of [\*CATHOLICISM\*](#), a groundbreaking, award winning documentary series about the Catholic Faith. The series has aired across the country on PBS and EWTN, and has been seen and broadcast in parishes, universities, schools and media outlets throughout the world. The documentary received a Christopher Award for excellence. In 2013, Father Barron and Word on Fire also released the follow-up documentary [\*CATHOLICISM: The New Evangelization\*](#).

Father Barron currently serves as the Rector/President of Mundelein Seminary University of St. Mary of the Lake. He was appointed to the theological faculty of Mundelein Seminary in 1992, and has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame and at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. He was twice scholar in residence at the Pontifical North American College at the Vatican.

Ordained in 1986, he is a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Barron received a Master's Degree in Philosophy from the Catholic University of America in 1982 and a doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Institut Catholique de Paris in 1992.

Father Barron works with NBC News in New York as an on-air contributor and analyst. He is also a frequent commentator for the *Chicago Tribune*, FOX News, CNN, EWTN,



Our Sunday Visitor, the *Catholic Herald* in London, and Catholic News Agency.

He has published numerous books, essays, and DVD programs and his articles on theology and the spiritual life appear frequently online and in numerous journals.

Father Barron has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad, including the Pontifical North American College at the Vatican and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

**WORDONFIRE.ORG** - Father Barron's website launched in 2000, which currently draws over 1 million visitors a year from every continent. The site hosts daily blog posts, weekly articles and video commentaries, and an extensive audio archive of over 500 homilies. Father Barron's homilies are used widely by tens of thousands of visitors each month.

**TV** - *EWTN (The Eternal Word Television Network)* and CatholicTV broadcasts Fr. Barron's DVDs to a worldwide audience of over 150 million people.

**RADIO**- Since 1999, Fr. Barron's weekly *Word on Fire* program has been broadcast in Chicago (WGN) and throughout the country (Relevant Radio - 950 AM Chicago) to 28 million listeners in 17 states. Father Barron also is a regular commentator on the "Busted Halo Show" on the Sirius satellite radio network based in New York.

**DVDS** - Fr. Barron's DVDs are used as powerful faith formation tools in universities, schools, churches and homes around the country. The series includes [\*Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues\*](#); [\*Conversion: Following the Call of Christ\*](#); and [\*Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness\*](#).

**YouTube** - Father Barron has produced over 350 online video commentaries which have received over 9.5 million views worldwide. The videos have made him the most popular

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Catholic evangelist on YouTube. These weekly, high-quality productions include brief and lively theological reviews of contemporary culture, including movies such as [No Country for Old Men](#), [Apocalypto](#), and [The Departed](#); books like *God is Not Great*; and TV shows like The Discovery Channel's *The Jesus Tomb*, the HBO series "[The Sopranos](#)", "[Rome](#)" and more.

**BOOKS** - Father Barron's numerous books and essays serve as critical educational and inspirational tools for seminarians, priests, parishioners and young people worldwide. His published works are also central to the numerous retreats, workshop and talks that he leads around the country.