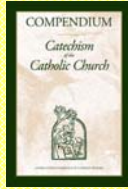


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Origin

- Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1992;
- International Catechetical Congress of October 2002;
- Commission of Cardinals, headed by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger.

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Benedict XVI - Intro

- Faithful and sure synthesis of the *Catechism*;
- Assist in making the *Catechism* more widely known and understood;

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- For every Christian: To awaken a new zeal for evangelization and education;
- For every Person: to know the Way of Life.

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Characteristics

- The close reliance on the *Catechism*;
- Dialogical (Q & A) format;
- Use of artistic images.

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Four Parts (Pillars)

- The Profession of Faith – *lex credendi*;
- The Celebration of the Christian Mystery – *lex celebrandi*;
- The Life in Christ – *lex vivendi*
- Christian Prayer – *lex orandi*

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Layout

- Divided by question numbers;
- CCC references in side margins;
- Saints quoted in green;

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Layout

- Common prayers in English and Latin;
- Formulas of Catholic doctrine;
- Ease of memorization.
