

**Suggested Reading  
For Family Catechesis  
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1. *Celebrating Faith. Year-round Activities for Catholic Families:* Mary Cronk Farrel. 2005. [St. Anthony Messenger Press](#).
2. *Gather in My Name: Whole parish events and "Question of the Week" bring people of all ages together to celebrate, learn about and share their faith throughout the liturgical year. Materials are free and available online Ready for downloading.* [William H. Sadlier](#).
3. *Generations of Faith Project: John Roberto. Resources and materials to assist parishes create life long faith formation.* [Generations of Faith](#)
4. *Handbook for Success in Whole Community Catechesis:* Bill Huebsch. 2004. [Twenty-Third Publications](#)
5. *Heritage of Faith. A Framework for Whole Community Catechesis: 2004.* Jo McClure Rotunno. Jo Rotunno offers an intergenerational approach for drawing together all ages and stages of a parish community into a faith journey of ongoing learning and conversion. [Twenty-Third Publications](#)
6. *Keeping Faith First. A Resource Supporting the Whole Community of Faith: Sr. Project Editor: Steven M. Ellair.* [Whole Community Catechesis](#)
7. *Kitchen Table Gospel: Seasonal menu of family activities, lessons, prayer experiences and outings.* [Benziger](#).
8. *Lent and Easter in the Domestic Church: Advent and Christmas in the Domestic Church.* Catherine and Peter Fournier. 2002. These are illustrated books full of wonderful activities for children and families to help better understand and celebrate the Liturgical seasons. They are large-sized spiral bound volumes and the perfect book to help families learn together and share traditions of the season. Filled with activities, saints' celebrations, crafts. [Ignatius Press](#).
9. *Making God Visible. Parenting Young Children:* Cathleen O'Connell ChestoImpact Series. Faith-Sharing Booklets for Small Faith Communities (many

topics). [RENEW International](#), 1232 George Street, Plainfield, N.J. 07062-1717  
888-433-3221

10. *On Good Soil: A tool for parish catechetical renewal in the spirit of the General Directory for Catechesis.* [Benziger](#).
11. *People of Faith. Generations Learning Together: Information on thematic presentations for whole community catechesis.* [Harcourt Religion](#)
12. *Prayer Services for Parishes: Karen Berry, O.S.F. This book is designed to be a resource book for parishes. It provides prayer services for all kinds of occasions, seasons and program. Each service can be expanded, as needed, through the creative ideas of parish staffs. Each prayer provides a springboard for opening people to the action of God in the church community. Each set of prayers could spark ideas for other prayer topics. 2005.* [St. Anthony Messenger Press](#).
13. *Seasonal Celebrations. Faith Formation for the Whole Community: Three Complete Planning Guides - One for Each of the Three Liturgical Year Cycles. This resource gives outlines for age-appropriate break out groups after the "assembly" gathering of all ages together.* [Silver Burdett Ginn](#) *Sunday by Sunday: Joan Mitchell, CSJ. Editor. Lectionary-based program for use with small Christian communities, whole community catechesis or adult faith sharing programs.* [Good Ground Press](#). St. Paul Minnesota. 1-800-232-5533.
14. *Whole Community Catechesis. Bringing it all Home: (articles by several authors) 2004. These short and practical articles touch upon all aspects of what is called "whole community" or total parish catechesis.* [Harcourt Religion](#)
15. *Whole Community Catechesis in Plain English: Bill Huebsch. 2002. The author presents ideas and suggestions for a step-by-step process for implementing this catechetical model: linking liturgy and catechesis, making Christ the center of catechesis, focusing on the household, organizing assemblies.* [Twenty-Third Publications](#)
16. *40 Ways for 40 Days: A Family Guide Through Lent: Takes some of the traditional components of Lent and offers arrange of activities, prayers, and rituals to involve the whole family. Also available in Spanish.* [Ligouri](#)