

**RENEW International** has taken the four parts of the *Catechism* and developed this *Why Catholic?* series. It includes four elements:

**Catechesis:**

- Easy-to-understand explanations of Catholic faith
- Complete with direct quotes from the *Catechism* and Scripture
- Clarifies moral teachings

**Connection:**

- Promotes more thoughtful living
- Helps to develop a “thirst” to more fully understand God
- Presents mature faith within the context of Catholic teaching

**Community:**

- Offers a process that makes parish life a place for faith formation and whole parish catechesis
- Draws people together in prayer and in a common bond for truth and meaning

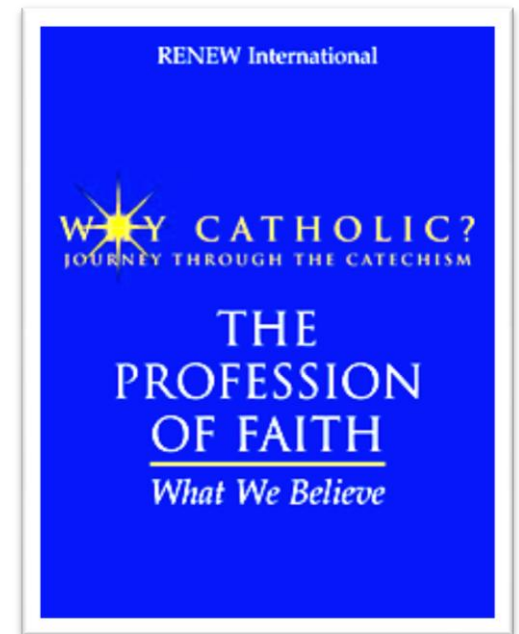
**Commitment:**

- Fosters a discipline in prayer
- Encourages service to others
- Inspires a deeper commitment to passing on the faith

**Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes**

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**WHY CATHOLIC?  
Journey through the Catechism**



*A Comprehensive Faith Formation Process For Adults to Explore Their Catholic Faith*

**CONNECT the richness of  
our Catholic faith to  
everyday Life!**

**Begins February, 2010**

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that the Cathedral will begin an adult faith formation process, *Why Catholic? Journey Through the Catechism* as a vehicle for adult disciples to explore the richness of the Catholic faith and apply it to their lives.

Solidly based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, and Sacred Scripture, *Why Catholic?* is a dynamic adult faith formation program for the renewal of parish life.

I encourage your participation in this program and the opportunity it offers to internalize and share your faith.

May God's blessings be with you.

*Fr. Steve Dublinski*  
Fr. Steve Dublinski, Rector

**Why Catholic?** helps adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their everyday life.

**Why Catholic?** offers a way to reach out to inactive and/or unchurched Catholics.

**For the weekly 1-1 1/2 hr. session:**

- Opening and Closing Prayer
- Exploring the *Catechism*
- Scripture: Pondering the Word
- Sharing Our Faith Questions
- Living the Good News

**Book 1 THE PROFESSION OF FAITH  
What We Believe**

Twelve sessions corresponding to Part One of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

- Session 1: Desire for God
- Session 2: God's Revelation: Tradition And Scripture
- Session 3: Faith: I Believe, We Believe
- Session 4: The Trinity
- Session 5: The Mystery of Creation
- Session 6: The Incarnation
- Session 7: The Public Life of Jesus
- Session 8: The Paschal Mystery- Jesus' Death & Resurrection
- Session 9: The Holy Spirit and the Church
- Session 10: One Church with Diverse Roles
- Session 11: Mary, Mother of Christ, Mother of the Church
- Session 12: We Believe in Life Everlasting

**Study sessions of Books 2-4 of WHY CATHOLIC? will continue in the fall of 2010.**



**Small Faith Sharing Groups**

Check preferred day(s) and time:

Monday       Tuesday  
 Wednesday       Thursday  
 Friday       Saturday

I prefer to meet:

mornings       afternoons  
 evenings

I am willing to facilitate a group (Training provided)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participants will need to purchase a WHY CATHOLIC? book that costs \$12.**

**RETURN THIS FORM BY  
JANUARY 15**

**To: 1115 W. Riverside Ave.  
Spokane, WA 99201**

Please detach and return to Parish Office