



Catholic Books & Resources for Children and Families

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National Council of Catholic Women (www.nccw.org)



We have gathered this information which are favorite resources for your consideration. We invite you to use this when looking for gifts to family, friends or your parish. Share it with your faith community. Council groups may want to consider donating books to their parish if they have a lending library. Several of these organizations also publish catalogs you can order from. Some authors are known for the Catholic books they publish and can be found on more than one website. If a book is sold out on one site, it may be available on another.

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