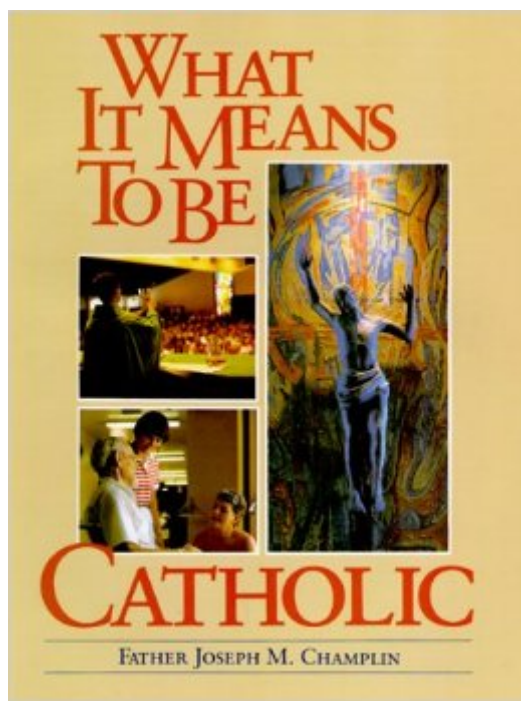


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# What It Means To Be Catholic



## Synopsis

In this beautifully illustrated and photographed book, best-selling author Msgr. Joseph Champlin explores the major teachings and observances of the Catholic tradition: history, worship, prayer, sacraments, faith, moral issues, community and more. Each of the 12 chapters opens with a true story that highlights a common challenge of everyday life. Using these incidents as a springboard, Msgr. Champlin shows how the Scriptures, the Mass and the Sacraments, and the resources and guidance of the Church help us to live a fulfilling, grace-filled life.

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Fr. Champlin provides an excellent "beginners" overview of the important aspects of Catholic faith. While this is not intended to be a theology text book and does not address any issue in depth, our parish has found it to be the perfect resource for persons in the Pre-Catechumenate stage of Christian Initiation. The colorful illustrations and very readable text are attractive and inviting. The articles lend themselves well to discussion questions that draw on the life experience of the participants. It provides the Inquirers enough background to introduce them to the church and stimulate questions without overwhelming those without previous instruction with excessive theological jargon. For use in the Pre-Catechumenate - this book is PERFECT.

Monsignor Champlin has done an extraordinary job describing in a straight-forward, easily-understood manner what it means to be "Catholic". Great refresher for those of us who have

been Catholic all our lives or for someone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

This booklet does a creditable job laying out the Catholic Faith. It's an interesting format for most of us in this visual age. Perhaps those who have not been attending regularly should review this magazine format to see what they have been missing.

I've made this book available for several years for people who are inquiring about the Catholic Faith with the thought of possibly becoming Catholic. It gives a great overview of the experience of being Catholic and inspires further thought and questions. It's very "user-friendly," easy to understand and with attractive pictures. I recommend it for those working with RCIA in their parishes and for anyone who wonders about what it means to be catholic and why catholics do certain things.

Excellent material for the Pre-Catechumenate phase of RCIA. Just enough information to provide the "overview" encouraged by the Rite.

great explanation of what a convert needs to know about various aspects of the Catholic religion.  
also good for one returning to the faith.

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