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The Faith Of Our Fathers (Illustrated)



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Synopsis

â ” A Classic â ” Includes Active Table of Contents â ” Includes Religious Illustrations Perhaps this is the first time in your life that you have handled a book in which the doctrines of the Catholic Church are expounded by one of her own sons. You have, no doubt, heard and read many things regarding our Church; but has not your information come from teachers justly liable to suspicion? You asked for bread, and they gave you a stone. You asked for fish, and they reached you a serpent. Instead of the bread of truth, they extended to you the serpent of falsehood. Hence, without intending to be unjust, is not your mind biased against us because you listened to false witnesses? This, at least, is the case with thousands of my countrymen whom I have met in the brief course of my missionary career. The Catholic Church is persistently misrepresented by the most powerful vehicles of information. Aeterna Press

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Customer Reviews

Must have for any one of the Christian faith that interacts with anyone of the Protestant faiths. Although the book was written in 1876, the common objections that many Protestants have to the Christian faith are addressed in straight forward language that is often easier to understand and remember than official church teachings. It is the reviewers opinion that this is due to Protestant objections having changed very little since 1876 and the Christian Church having changed even less. This book is not a substitute for Holy Scripture; however, the author uses Holy Scripture to support his position. The 1800's language used is for advanced readers by modern standards and the words are used in a more literal meaning than what many modern readers may be used to.

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This popular 19th century work is a charming and persuasive defense of Catholicism by the Archbishop of Baltimore. Written in the effusive style of the era for the average literate person with some education, Archbishop Gibbons, for the most part, does not resort to citations of the Church Fathers, but rests his case on the Bible, history, logic and common sense. In doing so, I believe that he wrote the best work of apologetics ever produced by the American Church. As expected from a 130 year old book, some of his concerns, as well as some of the Catholic practices he felt the need to defend, are out-of-date. For instance, the Episcopal Church and its theology obviously had a much greater importance in immediate post-bellum American Christianity than it does today. Also, Catholic practices that were the subject of universal Protestant criticism in those days, like fasting, laying on of hands and anointing of the sick, are now widely practiced in Pentecostal/charismatic churches (while being widely ignored in Catholic ones!) On the flip side, raging modern controversies such as contraception, abortion and homosexuality were non-issues in the days of Archbishop Gibbons, as all Christian denominations were then united in condemnation of what were universally considered immoral. Still, in purely theological areas, the arguments will always remain the same, so the Archbishop's book is even more valuable today, in a time of unprecedented confusion and impotent leadership in the Church.

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Ok this book is so incredible!! Absolutely a must for anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of our History in the way. I highly recommend this book for every Christian. This will help you

understand the Traditions we as Christian hold too. I would also recommend buying two to be I guarantee there is a person in your life who will benefit from this book!!!!!!

This is an amazing book! Highly recommend, if you haven't read it! This book contains tons of bible quotes, quotes from well known Christians from the first centuries, and many important events with dates. This book is truly an eye opener. I pray it starts to get re-printed in Spanish again; a must have for your library.

Fr. Gibbons traces the beginnings of the Christian Faith by examining the writings of the earliest Christians, referred to as the "Fathers of the Church". Originally published in 1876, it is beautifully written. For those considering joining the Catholic Church, or who just wonder why Catholics believe as they do, this book is for you. It answers a lot of questions that non-Catholics have about the Church.

This book has lots of great information about Catholicism from both an informative and apologetics perspective. It's old, but it's a classic. It doesn't replace the catechism, but rather is a highly accessible book on the Catholic Church we've inherited from a time gone by. It's also a great price!

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