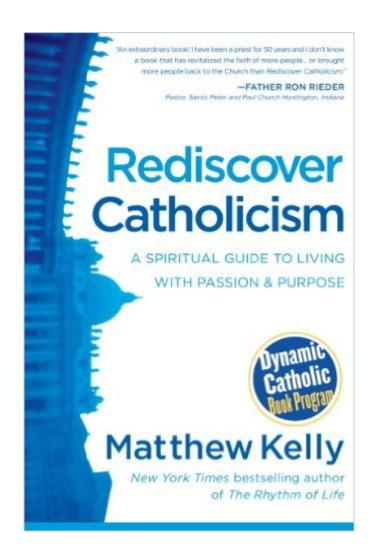


Rediscover Catholicism





Synopsis

Over the past 20 years, Matthew Kelly has seen more of the world than most presidents and more of the Church than most bishops. Now, in this unique and timely book, he proposes that Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his or her full potential. With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of myths that surround the rejection of Catholicism today and provides a profound and practical vision of what will lead the Catholic Church to thrive again in the future. Rediscover Catholicism is quickly becoming the most read catholic book of our times. From the spellbinding opening story, Kelly grips his readers and takes them on a life-changing journey to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

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Customer Reviews

Matthew Kelly has gotten straight to the heart of the matter in his book Rediscover Catholicism: as a whole, the fire is missing from our parishes. Kelly tenaciously addresses the issue of Catholic evangelization. This key element directly affects the vitality, spirituality, and fate of the faith we love. His words encourage us to take back our spiritual heritage, to live our faith richly. His point that Protestants have taken sole claim to Christian evangelization is painfully true. His comment that the Mass can be seen as uninviting is important. As Kelly explains, the Holy Mass is not designed to be an outreach program. It is designed to be an intimate worship of our Holy God. Protestants have mastered the art of outreach, and that is why ex-Catholics are flooding into Protestant churches. The Protestant community is meeting people where they are--by providing coffee bars, hosting seminars, and having live worship bands rock outdoor picnics. These events are appealing and in

comparison make our beautiful Catholic parishes seem out of touch. Like Kelly, by no means do I believe this makes the Mass irrelevant. I simply think it means we need to take note of what brings people in, and then provide solutions to people's mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs outside the Mass. The Christian trend away from the Mass is sad and ironic, because the Catholic Church is responsible for the evangelization of nearly the entire world and the spread of modern medicine, public education, the preservation of Holy Scripture, and the promotion of human rights. But despite this spiritual legacy, Kelly's description of today's generation as disengaged and un-disciplined is dead on. Society at large is driven by consumption.

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