



English Martyrs Catholic Church



Confirmation 2019: Essential sources

Never in history has it been easier to find out about the infinite riches of Holy Mother Church. Here are 10 essential sources.

1.	A catechism is a summary or manual of Christian doctrine. There are many. Become familiar with these three as a start: (1) The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2) The catechism for young people: Youcat (3) The 'Penny' Catechism – short & perfect	www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM www.rosebankcatholicchurch.org.za/web/docs/YOUCAT.pdf www.olvrc.com/reference/documents/Penny.Catechism.pdf
2.	We all need a good dictionary. The Faith is a magnificent edifice of truth leading us to Truth Himself. If we are to defend the Faith, we need to know what we are talking about.	www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/dictionary
3.	Bishop Robert Barron -Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. Sermons, talks, articles covering the great riches and the splendour of the Catholic Faith. Start here...	www.wordonfire.org Start with search for Confirmation
4.	Download this magnificent app to your phone and you have got the whole treasury: the great prayers, the great books, the readings of the day.	https://www.ipieta.com/
5.	The Venerable Fulton Sheen No one explains the Faith more beautifully and clearly. Thankfully, his talks and films are all preserved.	On Youtube...start here and let the Holy Spirit take you on.... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sr_57fD6Ado&t=254s
6.	Alongside prayer, spiritual reading is essential to deepen and strengthen your faith. All the classics are here. Start with The True Devotion the Blessed Virgin Mary by St Louis Marie de Montfort – you will never recover.	http://www.traditionalcatholic.co/free-catholicbooks/
7.	Dr Peter Kreeft is a philosopher who converted to Catholicism from Calvinism. Converts often have a deeper reverence for and love of the Faith because they have had to discover for themselves what many of us cradle Catholic take for granted. He explains the deepest mysteries beautifully and with great clarity.	http://www.peterkreeft.com/home.htm
8.	Apologetics online. This wonderful series of short talks by Brother Joseph Mary goes through all the big questions that you will be asked as you defend the Faith. In 3-5 minutes you get a deep understanding of the big questions and the great mysteries of our glorious Faith.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8sn5xfhTi4
9.	'The True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary' by St Louis Marie de Montfort. This is the most beautiful and moving and life-changing spiritual classic. "All the gifts, virtues and graces of the Holy Ghost are distributed by Mary, to whom she wishes, when she wishes, the way wishes and as much as she wishes."	www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSfPRP4fyzo&t=6s
10.	The lives of the saints. There are countless books and videos on the great heroes and heroines of the Faith. Why not start by finding out about the saint you are named after and the saint whose name you are choosing for confirmation. These short films are the perfect introduction. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vq6UuLqLK7o&list=PLscPZAue5RQPxXEdROizXIcVOuKI8yVv4	