

How to Choose & Use Catholic Internet Sites

(adapted from Sister Caroline Ceverny, SSJ)

- What is the address?
- Who owns the site?
- Is the site well-constructed? Is it easy to navigate?
- When was the site created?
- What is the underlying mission of the organization?
- Who is the source or author?
- What is the quality and depth of the material?
- Is this reliable Catholic teaching?
- Is it fact, opinion, story or interpretation?
- Is the material plagiarized or has copyright law been followed?
- What are you looking for? Why are you at the site?

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An Internet Instruction Activity

- Locate a good web site or several sites, related to a unit of instruction
- Develop an activity requiring students to use the site(s)
- Assign the activity to be completed during the week
- Have students share their work, questions, & new insights at the next class

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CHECK OUT SISTER CAROLINE'S WEB SITE:

Faith Quest – a virtual pilgrimage to the Holy Land:

<http://www.cyberfaith.com/weblinks/landjesuswalked.html>

(P.S., this is a great site to have students use for the above Internet Instruction Activity)

Good Catholic Web Sites

“OFFICIAL SITES:

www.usccb.org - the United States Catholic Bishops' web site

www.vatican.va - The official Vatican site

www.catholicnews.com - Catholic News Service – the latest current news and events

PUBLISHER SITES THAT DO MORE THAN JUST SELL BOOKS

(does not include text-user only password-protected sites)

<http://www.mhschool.com/benziger> - Benziger - site accompanies Christ Jesus the Way text: chapter activities & prayers for students, family connection and resources, resources and catechist formation (English & Spanish) - also

<http://your.harcourtreligion.com> - Harcourt – site accompanies Faith First text: activities, games for K-8, resources for DRE's, parents (English & Spanish), and catechists

<http://www.spiritandsong.com> - OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) - site offers latest releases by favorite Catholic artists, plus online radio, prayers, event listings and more. Great resource for youth music.

<http://www.osv.com> - Our Sunday Visitor – online magazine with many resources for catechesis

<http://www.pflaum.com> - click on Family Pages links for PS-8, and Entire Family for resources. Signup for free password is necessary.

<http://www.faithfirst.com> - RCL (Resources for Christian Living) – site accompanies Call to Faith text: stories, games and activities for K-8, resources for DRE's, parents, and catechists

<http://www.webelieveweb.com> - Sadlier – site accompanies We Believe text: text-related online student activities & games for K-6, resources and background reflections for catechists, family reflection: “This Week’s Liturgy”

<http://www.cyberfaith.com> - Sadlier’s faith formation site – great resources and links for spirituality, liturgy & evangelization

<http://www.blestarewe.com> - Silver Burdett Ginn Religion – site accompanies Blest Are We text: activities and faith formation for Grades 1-8; resources, formation for catechists, parents and all pastoral leaders.

OTHER GOOD CATHOLIC RESOURCES ON THE WEB

<http://www.americancatholic.org> - American Catholic.org - from St. Anthony Messenger Press: resources, articles, seasonal activities, and more

<http://www.intratext.com/X/ENG0015.HTM> - Catechism of the Catholic Church – searchable

<http://www.catechistsonline.com> - Catechists On Line – site by master catechist and author Dr. Joseph White (with Anna White) – resources, current issues, idea exchange, and more great stuff for catechists

<http://www.catholiccatechist.org> - free printable resources, message board for sharing – members only area available with more

<http://www.intratext.com/X/ENG0159.htm> - General Directory for Catechesis – searchable

<http://www.sijcomputers.com/cruzblanca/hermanoleon> - Hermanoleon Clip Art - free, downloadable clipart for the liturgical year, sacraments, etc. texts are in Spanish – the art needs no translation!

<http://illinoisearlylearning.org/tips.htm> - Illinois Early Learning Project Tip Sheets – for preschool, K – those on social-emotional development and family are good for catechetical sessions

<http://www.ipj-ppj.org/index.html> - Institute for Peace and Justice – formation and resources for Catholic social justice teaching

<http://www.lectionary.com/Readings> - Readings for Mass – by year and date

<http://www.religionteachersjournal.org> - Religion Teachers Journal – site to support the magazine: contains articles, lectionary resource, prayers, a sharing area etc.

<http://www.osv.com/teachingcatholicyouth> - Teaching Catholic Youth from Our Sunday Visitor: resources for teachers, catechists and parents

<http://www.zenit.org/english> - Zenit - a news service from Switzerland specializing in news about Rome and the Church around the world – subscribe to newsletter for daily updates