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Discusses the growing population of Hispanic-Americans worshipping in the Catholic Church in the United States.

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Kids Explore America's Catholic Heritage - Young Writers Workshop - 2001-10-05

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Made doubly marginal by their gender and by their religion, American nuns have rarely been granted serious scholarly attention. Instead, their lives and achievements have been obscured by myths or distorted by stereotypes.

Fathers on the Frontier - Michael Pasquier - 2010

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Encounter Jesus! - Peter M. Doane - 2019-12-02
His Eminence Robert Cardinal Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Fire at Notre Dame cathedral. He said, "the Church is only of interest because she allows us to encounter Jesus. She is only legitimate because she passes on Revelation to us. When the Church becomes overburdened with human structures, it obstructs the light of God shining out in her and through her. The Church should be like a cathedral. Everything in Her should sing to the glory of God. She must unceasingly direct our gaze toward him, like the spire of Notre-Dame pointed toward heaven." Encounter Jesus! Transforming Catholic Culture in Crisis is a call to rebuild a Catholic culture that has wandered from her spiritual root system. In the West and the United States, the light that shined, starting in the Acts of the Apostles, has become dim and in some places extinguished. The specifics to what apostolic spirituality embodies will convict, challenge, and call the clergy, consecrated religious, and laity to take seriously what it means to be a catholic Christian. Just as architects design the rebuilding of the Notre Dame Cathedral, may this book serve as a blueprint for transformation in the culture of the church.

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Latin America - Quanta Cura Press - 2016-05-01

This book is about the geography and people of Latin America. We briefly summarize the "short list" of information students should know about the countries of Latin America - about its geography, people, religion, culture, politics, economy, wildlife and its influence on the rest of the world. We created this book for pre-school and elementary school kids in Latin America, interesting and useful resource for adults to use in filling in the gaps of their own knowledge, refresh their memories and catch up on changes to this region of the world. This book spans more than 500 years, starting with Spain's motive for coming to the New World (in the words of Christopher Columbus and Queen Isabella). This book begins with the rise of Catholic Culture in New Spain, and continues through the new rise of paganism manifest in recent "laws" giving "civil rights" to orangutans, and to nature, water and soil. This is a unique book that is militantly Catholic. This book recounts the glories of true Catholic leaders such as the great president of Ecuador, Garcia Moreno. This book treats of the Mexican Cristeros, their abandonment by their bishops and by Pope Pius XI, and their slaughter by the Masonic Mexican government. This book unabashedly celebrates the glories of Catholicism and the rich treasures bestowed on Latin America by the Catholic Church. Other text books, although intended for Catholics, often promote religious liberty and other modern errors. Such other books "sneak in" the secular creed of democracy and Masonic revolution. For example, the Standard pre-Vatican II Catholic textbook, Neighbors & Faith in Latin America, describes one Masonic revolutionary this way (in the words of Christopher Columbus and Queen Isabella): SimOn BolIvar was our great liberator. To us no man is greater. For these reasons, SimOn Bolivar is sometimes called the "sneak in" the secular creed of democracy and Masonic revolution. For example, the Standard pre-Vatican II Catholic textbook, Neighbors & Faith in Latin America, describes one Masonic revolutionary this way (in the words of Christopher Columbus and Queen Isabella): SimOn Bolivar was our great liberator. To us no man is greater. For these reasons, SimOn Bolivar is sometimes called the Goebel, et al., 1956, Winston & Co., Philadelphia, pp. 145-146. Besides such grave deficiencies, such text books about Latin America are completely outdated: In politics, for example, the country of Suriname did not even exist before 1975. That area was a Dutch colony; In economics, there have been dramatic changes, such as the aerospace industry now constituting 25% of the entire economy of French Guiana; And In religion, there is a dramatic (and continuing) apostasy from the Catholic Church which began in the 1960s (in the aftermath of Vatican II). This book uses color topography maps, to more clearly show the land's elevation. This book also uses large, rich color photographs to better display exotic animals of Latin America. This book uses current data on population, economic activity and much more. We did not include citations for our book's data, in keeping with the book's goal as primarily a school book. However, e.g., we make ample use of Pew Research data regarding Catholicism in Latin America, because Pew data often includes population percentages from the years 1910, 1950 and then in various years after Vatican II. This book uses the data and demonstrates the patterns which most text books ignore because those patterns demonstrate the wisdom of society's submission to Christ the King.

A Church in Crisis - Ralph Martin - 2020

The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism - James Buckley - 2010-10-18

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