



## A Short List of Useful Websites

### General Catholic

<http://www.vatican.va> -- The official website of the Vatican

<http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc/index.htm> -- The complete text of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* conveniently indexed on the Vatican's website.

<http://www.usccb.org> -- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: The mission of the USCCB is to support the ministry of bishops with an emphasis on evangelization, by which the bishops exercise in a communal and collegial manner certain pastoral functions entrusted to them by the Lord Jesus of sanctifying, teaching, and governing.

<http://www.ewtn.com> -- EWTN Global Catholic Network airs family and religious programming from a Catholic point of view in English and Spanish. Providing more than 80% original programming, EWTN offers inspiring talk shows, entertaining children's animation, exclusive teaching series, live coverage of Church events, and thought-provoking documentaries.

<http://www.opusdei.org> -- The official website of the Personal Prelature of Opus Dei. It was founded by Saint Josemaría Escrivá. Opus Dei fosters the search for holiness and apostolate among all who live in the word whatever their state in life or position in society.

<http://starharbor.com/santiago/devotions.html> -- Information about popular Catholic devotions.

<http://www.masstimes.org> -- Mass Times is a non-profit website that allows traveling Catholics to locate Mass times and information for Catholic Churches around the world.

### Apologetics, Research, and Public Policy

<http://www.catholic.com> -- "Catholic Answers" is a lay-run apostolate of Catholic apologetics and evangelization dedicated to serving Christ by bringing the fullness of Catholic truth to the world. We help good Catholics become better Catholics, bring former Catholics "home", and lead non-Catholics into the fullness of the faith.

<http://www.politicalresponsibility.com/voterguide.htm> -- This "Voter's Guide for Serious Catholics" will help you cast your vote in an informed manner consistent with Catholic moral teaching. It is distributed by "Catholic Answers".

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen> -- "The Catholic Encyclopedia" proposes to give its readers full and authoritative information on the entire cycle of Catholic interests, action and doctrine.



<http://www.catholicapologetics.org> -- “Catholic Biblical Apologetics”: This website seeks to present the biblical basis for the origin and development of the Roman Catholic Church.

<http://www.mercatornet.com> -- *MercatorNet* strives to reframe ethical and policy debates in terms of human dignity, not dollars and cents or political calculation. We place the person at the centre of media debates about popular culture, the family, sexuality, bioethics, religion and law.

<http://www.firstthings.com> -- *First Things* is published by The Institute on Religion and Public Life, an interreligious, nonpartisan research and education institute whose purpose is to advance a religiously informed public philosophy for the ordering of society.

<http://www.acton.org> -- The mission of the Acton Institute is to promote a free and virtuous society characterized by individual liberty and sustained by religious principles.

### **Catholic Publishers**

<http://www.scepterpublishers.org> -- Publisher of Catholic books, pamphlets, and videos which encourage Christians to live their faith in the ordinary circumstances of their lives.

<http://www.ignatius.com> -- Ignatius Press publishes and distributes Catholic books, magazines, videos and music; it is the primary publisher in the U.S. of Pope Benedict XVI's books.

<http://www.pauline.org> -- The Daughters of St. Paul and the employees of Pauline Books & Media are called to offer a fruitful announcement of the Word of salvation in the midst of the challenges in the present changing social-cultural and ecclesial context so that every man and woman of good will can encounter the Word that saves: Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life.

### **Marriage and the Family**

<http://www.frc.org> -- The Family Research Council champions marriage and family as the foundation of civilization, the seedbed of virtue, and the wellspring of society. FRC shapes public debate and formulates public policy that values human life and upholds the institutions of marriage and the family. Believing that God is the author of life, liberty, and the family, FRC promotes the Judeo-Christian worldview as the basis for a just, free, and stable society.

<http://www.familylifecenter.net> -- Family Life Center International is a non-profit organization that supports and promotes traditional family life. We believe that society can only be renewed through strong, moral families. We provide resources for Catholic marriage and family life, marital communication, help for hurting marriages, Catholic parenting, Catholic home schooling, parenting teens, child discipline, Catholic singles, Catholic courtship, Catholic relationships, and Marriage preparation.



<http://www.retrouvaille.org> -- The Retrouvaille (“Rediscovery”) program provides tools to help couples put their marriages in order again -- to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. It consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months.

<http://www.maritalhealing.com> -- The mission of the Institute for Marital Healing is to strengthen Catholic marriages and families by educating spouses, marital therapists and clergy about common causes of conflicts in marital self-giving and effective approaches to alleviating such conflicts.

### **Human Sexuality and Life Issues**

<http://www.theologyofthebody.net> -- This website is dedicated to the promotion of Pope John Paul II’s revolutionary and life-transforming message of hope which counteracts societal trends that urge us to view the human body as an object of pleasure or as a machine for manipulation. John Paul II offers a beautiful alternative vision of sexuality in his *Theology of the Body* and other earlier works including *Love and Responsibility*. He encourages a true reverence for the gift of our sexuality and challenges us to live it in a way worthy of our great dignity as human persons. His theology is not only for young adults or married couples, but for all ages and vocations since it sums up the true meaning of the human person.

<http://www.ccli.org> -- The Couple to Couple League is an international, Catholic, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and teaching fertility awareness (Natural Family Planning) to married and engaged couples. CCL is the largest NFP provider in the United States.

<http://onemoresoul.com> -- One More Soul is a non-profit organization dedicated to spreading the truth about the blessings of children and the harms of contraception.

<http://www.nrlc.org> -- National Right to Life is the largest nationwide network of pro-life people dedicated entirely to protecting human life.

<http://www.couragerc.net> -- Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones.

<http://www.ncbcenter.org> -- The National Catholic Bioethics Center works to achieve its mission of defending the dignity of the human person in health care and the life sciences through educational programs, publishing, consultation and research.

