

The Official 365 Day Reading Plan for The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Welcome to *The Catechism in a Year* reading plan used in Ascension's podcast: *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)*!

In 365 days, Fr. Mike Schmitz will read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, providing explanation, insight, and encouragement along the way. Find out more about *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* and how to listen at <u>ascensionpress.com/civ.</u>

About the Catechism

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, compiled in 1992 at the request of Pope Saint John Paul II, presents the essential beliefs of the Catholic Faith, how those beliefs fit together, and why they matter today. Like a blueprint, the *Catechism* reveals the foundation and structure of the Church that over 1 billion Catholics across the world call home. The *Catechism* proposes answers to the most profound questions of life—where did I come from, what is my purpose, and where am I going?

The Foundations of Faith Approach

The *Catechism* contains 2,865 numbered paragraphs (*CCC* #'s) organized into four parts (often called "pillars"). Ascension's *Foundations of Faith* learning system assigns each part of the *Catechism* a color to help readers keep track of all the teachings that make up a pillar. These colors reveal the organization and logic behind the teachings within each part.

Those colors are:

Teal	Part One: The Profession of Faith (What We Believe)
Red	Part Two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery (How We Worship)
Green	Part Three: Life in Christ (How We Live)
Purple	Part Four: Christian Prayer (How We Pray)

About the Reading Plan

The reading plan for Ascension's *Catechism in a Year* podcast follows the carefully laid out structure of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The plan includes the color-coding and user-friendly naming conventions of Ascension's *Foundations of Faith* approach to help listeners easily grasp this structure and understand where they are in relation to the text as a whole.

How to Use the Reading Plan

On the left side of the reading plan, you'll find each day's episode numbers, (1-365). In the podcast's daily episodes, Fr. Mike will read a sequence of *Catechism* paragraphs (CCC paragraph numbers), which can be found in the furthest right column of the reading plan.

The three colored columns in the middle of the reading plan are intended to help listeners see where they are in their journey through the *Catechism* according to the part (darkest shade of a color group), section (lighter shade of the color group), and chapter (lightest shade of the color group). A movement to a new color group signifies a movement into a new part of the *Catechism*.

Throughout the year, there will be four special introductory episodes featuring special guests who will join Fr. Mike in introducing the four parts of the *Catechism*. These introductory episodes are included in the 365-day count.

Thank you for joining us on this journey! We can't wait to get started!

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