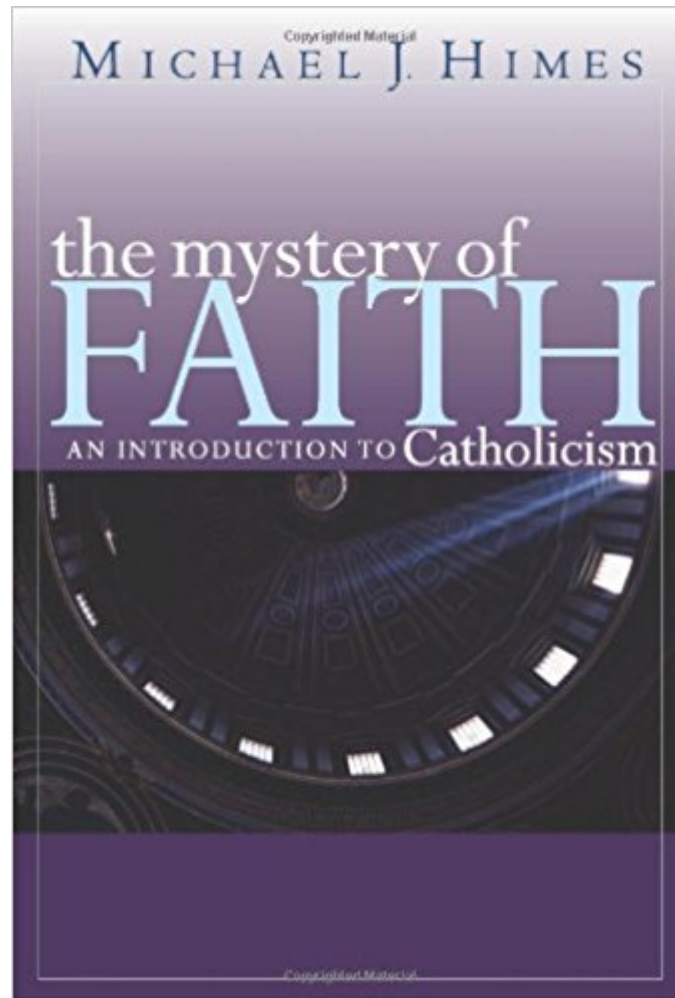




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# **The Mystery Of Faith: An Introduction To Catholicism**



## Synopsis

In his familiar, conversational style, Father Himes invites the reader to consider ten basic truths of Catholicism. Beginning with discussions of Trinity, Grace, the Incarnation and Salvation, Himes moves into an exploration of Church as the continuing presence of Jesus Christ in the world today. After discussing what Baptism and the baptismal commitment really involves, he focuses on Eucharist, showing the importance of the sacrament for personal growth and for the building of community. After discussing the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders, Himes explores the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation in the Christian community, and concludes with a discussion of the great gift to the church that we know as tradition. Based on Father Himes's popular video series, *The Mystery of Faith*, this book includes questions for reflection and discussion at the conclusion of each chapter. An excellent resource for small groups or parish learning communities seeking to revitalize and deepen their understanding of basic Catholic beliefs.

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REV. MICHAEL HIMES holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Chicago. He has taught at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (Huntington, New York) and the University of Notre Dame. Currently he is on the faculty of Boston College.

Drawn from a video production based on the author's book of the same name, this audio is like an undergraduate course--intellectually rich, dry, and sometimes funny. The author/narrator is a self-contained, experienced cleric who delivers his reflections sometimes as an offering, sometimes

as a gentle admonition, and always with the tone of someone with full authority over his teachings. The 10 current issues he covers are the Trinity, grace, incarnation, salvation, church, baptism, the Eucharist, sacraments of vocation, reconciliation, and tradition. Useful to all thinking people, these concise lessons are all satisfying and grounded in the Church's tradition of thinking and reflection. T.W. Â© AudioFile 2005, Portland, Maine-- Copyright Â© AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

Himes does a great job at putting some complicated religious terms in ways that anyone can read and understand. Anyone, whether they are christian or not can read this book and have a basic understanding of what Grace is or what Sin is etc. to a catholic. Each chapter is labeled with a single word and that is the topic that is going to be delved into in great detail for the next 10-15 pages. He uses down-to-earth language so nothing seems difficult or complex but you come away with a great knowledge of what it means to have faith. It's a wonderful book to introduce someone to writings of faith because it gives a background for all the topics central to catholicism

Clear, precise, practical, engaging, reflective, common sense language, accessible any level of learning and a refreshing approach to a rich historical and spiritual tradition. Granted written for those who are considering joining the Catholic community, it is worth reading for any Christian to make sense of profound concepts in a approachable manner. The chapter concluding reflective questions provide a pause to savor and consider the previous chapter alone or in conversation.

Came in perfect condition!

great resource for RCIA

perfect.

Not the easiest faith ebook to follow. The author takes the listener through several points of faith to ponder, sometimes losing the listener in the complexity of the message he tries to convey. However, after thoughtful reflection, one comes to the realization of the author's message. I recommend it for those seeking a new paradigm, a deeper understanding of their Catholic faith journey or presenting their Catholic faith to others in a new light. A great reading/listening once one gets over the "What is he trying to say?" hump, it all becomes so clear.

I was recommended Fr. Himes' book by a priest at Boston College while I was exploring my spirituality, and although I'm not religious, I found the book extremely enlightening. The book is deeply theological, but the book is written in such a way that even a person who doesn't know much about theology can understand and learn from it.

The author makes the complexities of faith and belief easy to understand and uses a style that is accessible and a joy to read. This is the kind of book I like coming back to over and over for insight and inspiration.

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