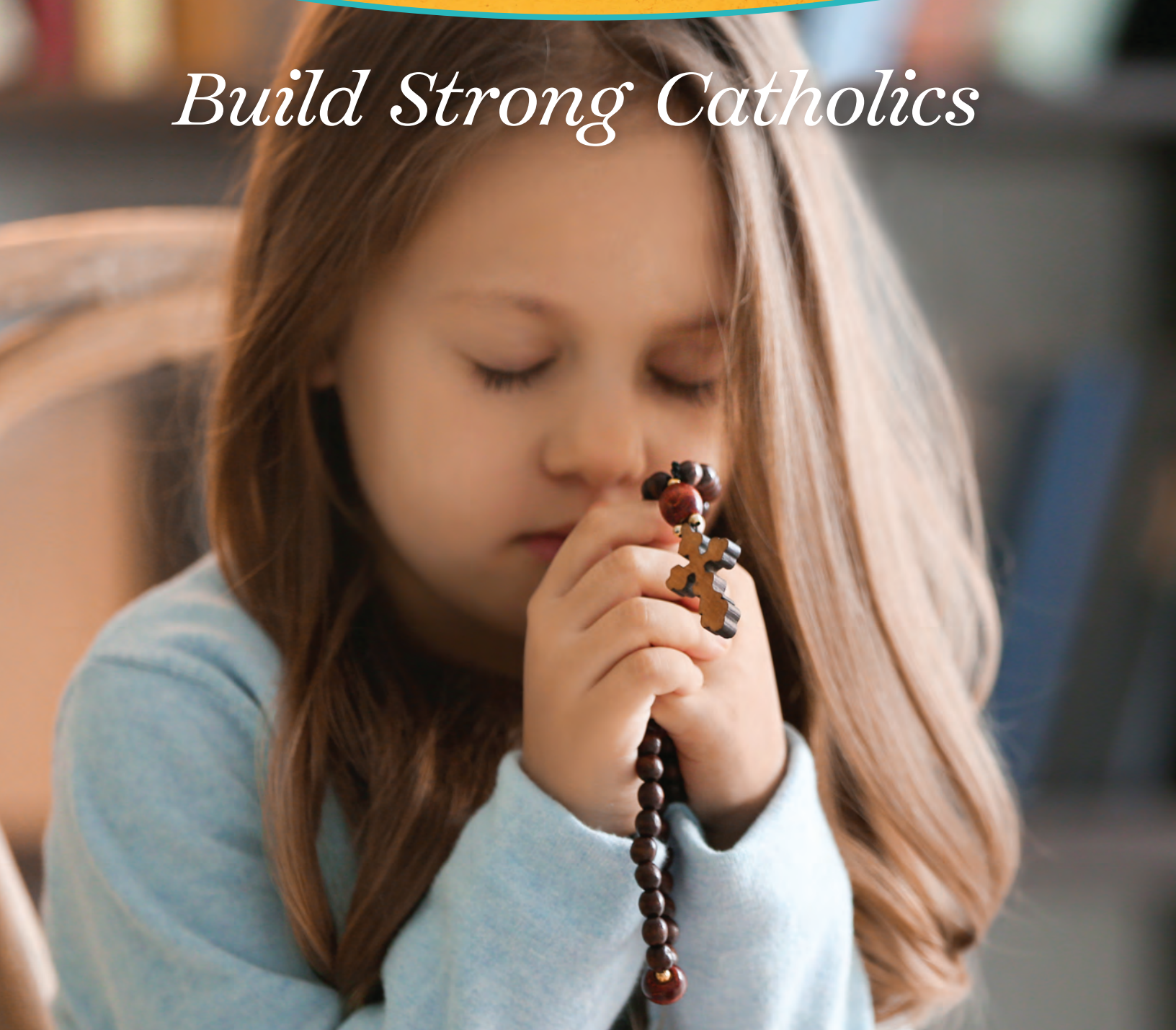




# WORD *of* LIFE™

*Build Strong Catholics*





# *A New Vision for Catechesis in Parishes and Schools*

You know the challenges facing our Church. Rather than lament particulars, we propose to begin with what can be done. Authentic catechetical renewal requires new catechetical models that help children, parents, teachers, and catechists discover their authentic Catholic identity and reinvigorate fruitful participation in the Church's life and mission.

The Church needs new catechetical resources to not only provide faithful teaching, but also be able to explain why the faith is relevant in our modern culture. The Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press have joined together for exactly this purpose.

Introducing **Word of Life**: A multifaceted, PreK–8 curriculum with the most complete tool kit ever to call children, parents, teachers, and catechists to conversion and transformation in Christ.

## Forming the Human Person

What makes Word of Life unique and impactful is its approach to the “formation of a Christian mentality” (*Directory for Catechesis*, no. 71), and how it creates “a coherent doctrinal vision that can be used as a reference in life” (*ibid.*, no. 80).

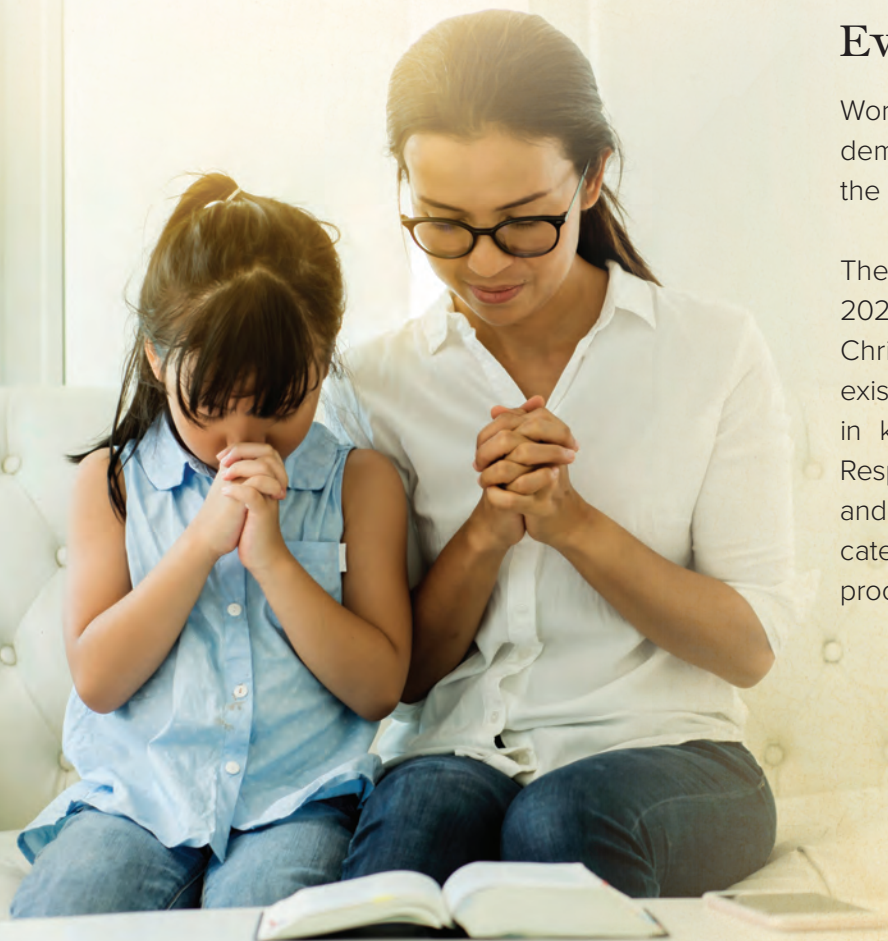
This new initiative is a rediscovery rather than a reinvention. Word of Life unites a faithful articulation of the faith as it is presented in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with, when necessary, esteemed sources in the living tradition of the Church to form a presentation of faith that is meaningful, practical, and intelligible for modern students.



## Evangelizing Catechesis

Word of Life brings together faith and reason and demonstrates how the truths of the faith speak to the human heart.

The Word of Life K–8 curriculum responds to the 2020 *Directory for Catechesis* and its call to help Christians “give a complete meaning to their existence, educating them in a mentality of faith in keeping with the Gospel” (*Directory*, no. 77). Responding to the needs of contemporary culture and those of modern man requires an “evangelizing catechesis.” This catechesis centers on an initial proclamation of the *kerygma*.





Grades K to 5 available Summer 2022  
Grades 6 to 8 available Summer 2023

Through four golden catechetical threads, Word of Life provides a vision *with* answers.

**1. Salvation History**

Proclaims God’s presence in history, His plan for mankind, and our place in that plan.

**2. Christian Anthropology**

Reveals the dignity of every person and our identity in Christ.

**3. Heroic Virtue and Character Formation**

Presents an integrated approach to virtue and living as a person of character who is transformed by grace.

**4. Learning through Discipleship**

Inspires students to live as committed disciples of Christ.



**Word of Life Core Components:**

- Parish and School English and Bilingual Editions
- Print and Digital Student Texts and Teacher Manuals
- Engaging online student interactions
- Numerous video and digital media enhancements for use in the classroom and at home
- Multilevel Teacher and Catechist Formation
- Parent and Family Faith Formation
- Provides flexibility for various catechetical models

“*The new evangelization in which the whole continent is engaged means that faith cannot be taken for granted, but must be explicitly proposed in all its breadth and richness. This is the principal objective of catechesis, which, by its very nature, is an essential aspect of the new evangelization. “Catechesis is a process of formation in faith, hope and charity; it shapes the mind and touches the heart, leading the person to embrace Christ fully and completely. It introduces the believer more fully into the experience of the Christian life, which involves the liturgical celebration of the mystery of the Redemption and the Christian service of others”.*

**St. John Paul II**

*Ecclesia in America*, no. 69,  
quoting *Propositio*, no. 10



Word of Life presents a **truly evangelizing catechesis** that explains who we are as human persons, what our purpose in life is, why the faith is relevant in our modern culture, and how to live a truly integrated life of virtue through the grace offered by the Church. Most importantly, catechesis must effectively call children, parents, teachers, and catechists to true conversion and transformation in Christ.

“ *Why a new religious education series? Because with the combined strengths of the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press, we are confident we can provide catechesis parents can fully trust with pedagogy that supports both teachers and parents—along with unparalleled resources and supplemental materials.*”

**Fr. Fessio, S.J.**  
Editor and Founder  
Ignatius Press

**Learn more about our new vision of catechesis for parishes and schools. Call Word of Life at 855-967-3720 or visit [wordofliferies.org](http://wordofliferies.org) and schedule an appointment with one of our curriculum specialists.**



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