

Gay "marriage" —— why not?

James Cavanagh

So-called gay "marriage" is one of the "hottest" topics today, and promises only to get hotter. This talk will explain why gay "marriage" is a contradiction in terms, and will give you some basic tools with which to refute arguments favoring gay "marriage."

Confession: Not Just a Laundry List

Aimee Milburn Cooper

Confession, rightly understood, is a powerful spiritual practice that deepens over time. Combined with prayer, it is the indispensable tool for opening the soul to grace and making it a true tabernacle for the Eucharist and dwelling place of the Trinity.

Introduction to the Catechism

James Cavanagh

A super-condensed presentation of "Symphony". If you wanted to learn about the Catechism but weren't sure where to start, this class is for you.

Evangelization Basics

Aimee Milburn Cooper

A condensed version of "Principles of Evangelization." This talk will outline the basic elements of the Catholic Gospel message.

To schedule a class or talk
Please call **303-715-3260**



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The mind has been imbued with the first elements of that faith which works by love. It endeavors by purity of life to attain unto sight, where the pure in heart know that unspeakable beauty, the full vision of which is supreme happiness.

St. Augustine (354-430)

“GUARDING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH IS THE MISSION WHICH THE LORD ENTRUSTED TO HIS CHURCH”

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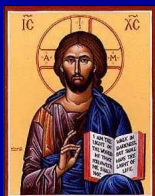
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Christ the teacher

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am meek and humble of heart.”

- Matthew 11:29

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CLASSES

(Eight weeks, \$40/participant.
Minimum class size: 10)

A Quick Journey through the Bible

James Cavanagh

A Quick Journey through the Bible is the “tip of the iceberg” in the Great Adventure Bible series published by Ascension Press. This thoroughly Catholic Bible study gives a complete overview of salvation history from Genesis through the establishment of the Church in only *eight weeks*. **Quick journey** serves as a “stand alone” introduction to the Bible, or as the foundation for subsequent Bible studies. (Includes workbook)

Principles of Evangelization:

Understanding the Catholic

Gospel message

Aimee Milburn Cooper

All “gospels” are *not* the same. This fact is proven by the thousands of Protestant sects and churches that have arisen since the Reformation. Each one claims to preach the Gospel, but there’s only *one* Gospel (Gal 1:6-9) which the Catholic Church has preserved in its fullness for two thousand years. What is the Catholic gospel message? If someone asked you, could you explain it to them?

This class will equip you “to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15).

“THIS IS ETERNAL LIFE, THAT THEY MAY KNOW YOU, THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST WHOM YOU HAVE SENT.”

JOHN 17:3

“A Symphony of Faith”

Understanding the Catechism

James Cavanagh

John Paul II described the new Catechism of the Catholic Church as a “symphony of faith.” But many Catholics are put off by the size of it. This *basic* introduction will enable you to use the Catechism with confidence and pleasure. (+ \$20 for *Catechism*)

“Hidden Treasure”

Understanding Vatican II

James Cavanagh

We’ve all heard about the “spirit” of Vatican II. But what was it really? What did the Council actually say about the Mass; the role of the laity; Sacred Scripture; other religions? Find out the answer to these questions and *more*.

Lectures

(1-2 hrs. * * * Free)

“The Dogma is the Drama”

James Cavanagh

The crisis of modernity can be characterized as a conflict between fundamental beliefs about the meaning of life and the nature of goodness, truth and beauty. This talk will explain how the beliefs of the Catholic Church, summarized in the Creed we recite every Sunday, is the most exciting and revolutionary idea ever proposed.

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