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# Ecclesiology: The Church As Communion And Mission (Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series)



## Synopsis

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This series of books offers the history of Catholicism and explanations of it and its doctrines in a very clear, concise way. This one, in particular, took me back to college and high school history classes, and made all those big wars and other conflicts make a lot more sense than they did before I converted to Catholicism. Masterfully written!

Wonderful, informative, easy to read and understand. Brings much deeper understanding of our Catholic faith, its structure and mission.

Excellent reading. It provides an understanding of the church as the body of Christ which is one, holy, and apostolic and at the same time splintered, broken and sinful but brought to holiness through communion and sacrament.

Well written and easily understood and makes sense. I enjoyed reading it and have gained much from it, thank you

I was surprised by the easy reading style as well as the scope and depth of the topics covered. I actually looked forward to picking the book up again subsequent to any interruptions. I found some new insights as well as affirmation of some long held and am personally challenged, once again, by

the insights brought forth in this text. This challenge however brings with it a new visual lens at times as well as a better/different understanding and approach. Is it a must read, not necessarily; but is certainly a should read. Thank you. WVB

Catholic theology needs basic treatments of post-Vatican II theology that avoid the ideological battles that so often bedevil the church. This short book is an outstanding exposition of what the church is (communion) and is for (mission), particularly well-balanced and clearly written. I think it would be equally acceptable to someone like Pope Benedict and someone of a very different theological stamp like, say, me. Lay theology courses and seminary classrooms would benefit enormously from using this book as a basic ecclesiology text.

Great book, great price.

The book was required by an on-line course that I recently participated through the University of Dayton. The book was broad but yet concise on the Mission of the Catholic Church. I would recommend this book for those seeking a basic understanding of the Catholic Church's Mission in the world.

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