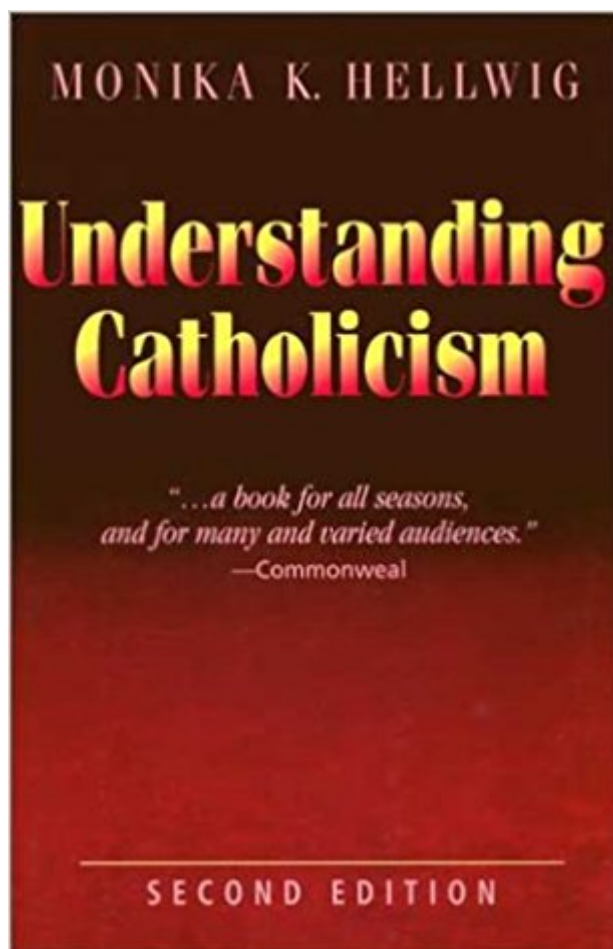


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## Synopsis

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This truly excellent book treats the Catholic doctrines, places them in their historical setting and sets forth their contemporary meaning. -- Spirituality Today  
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Renowned Catholic theologian Monika K. Hellwig is executive director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. She was for many years a professor of theology at Georgetown University. She's the author, co-author, or editor of eighteen books, including The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia. Her most recent book for Paulist Press's is Guests of God. Dr. Hellwig lives in Silver Spring, Maryland.

As a person of another religion wanting to learn about Catholicism, I genuinely appreciated the author's "down-to-earth" approach and her choice of content. For these reasons, I recommend this book highly.

"Understanding Catholicism" by Theologian Monika Hellwig is a must read for anyone who desires a

truthful tutorial on what Roman Catholics believe. Monika Hellwig, who recently was called home by God, is recognized universally as one of the finest modern day Catholic theologians. Monika has the gift of writing about complex subjects in an easy to read style. Very often news accounts of Catholicism fail to provide a true insight of what practicing Catholics believe. Monika Hellwig's book sets the record straight in a highly readable manner.

Thirty years ago I did a survey of Catholic theology teachers to identify what texts they used in Introductory Courses. The first edition of Monika Hellwig's "Understanding Catholicism" was the top selection of over 50% of the respondents. Her revised edition is even better. The only thing I could have wished for is more recent books in her chapter bibliographies.

Readable and very helpful

This book is helping me in my studies to help people come out of this satanic cult religion

The author's audience seems to be those in academia. I found this book hard to read because the author did not spur or hold my interest. Her references require the reader to pick up another book to see what she is referring to - Such as the Catechism of the Catholic Church or the Bible. You must have a good understanding of both books to understand her viewpoint. Honestly, I found this book to be quite dull. I will give the book the benefit of the doubt and I will re-read this book again another day. I admit, I came away with a couple of nuggets of information that will be useful in my journey.

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