

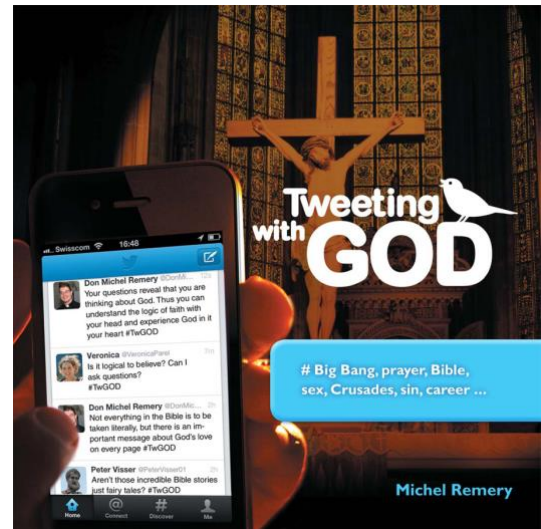
Review: Tweeting with God

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If the idea of learning theology from something like BuzzFeed appeals to you, you'll love *Tweeting with God*.

The idea is simple. A Dutch priest, Fr. Michel Remery, asked young people to tweet him questions about the Church, and he answered.



Each spread of this fat, square book is one of 200 such exchanges. A short, blog post-type explanation and a photo illustration accompany it, along with charts, timelines, graphs, and citations for further reading in YOUCAT, the Bible, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The questions are all real questions from real young people, not questions a priest or youth minister thinks young people would ask. They range in subject from feasts to Church history, living a Christian life to dying a Christian death, and all manner of subjects in between.

Text is broken up into four categories, each introduced by a bishop. In the American edition they are Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York; Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco; Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles; and Bishop James Conley of Lincoln, NE.

Being released in 10 languages in many countries around the world (with introductions by local bishops), the book is designed for an international, digital generation. There's a free app (#TwGOD) available on iTunes and Google Play to go along with it. Users will find the texts of the Mass, a collection of prayers; more information on all 200 tweets; and a SCAN feature for users who own the book. It will also send users a "continually changing selection of interesting Tweets" and a way to connect to YOUCAT, the youth-oriented introduction to the Catechism.

A book version of a website or social media stream, *Tweeting with God* provides a reliable, entertaining, and non-threatening introduction to the Catholic Church for teens and anyone who enjoys even few quick minutes a day on Facebook.

But if you don't know what BuzzFeed is, you might want to give this book to someone else. Or get some young people to show you how to use it.

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Remery, Michel. *Tweeting with God*, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2015. Available at its own website here and at bookstores everywhere.

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