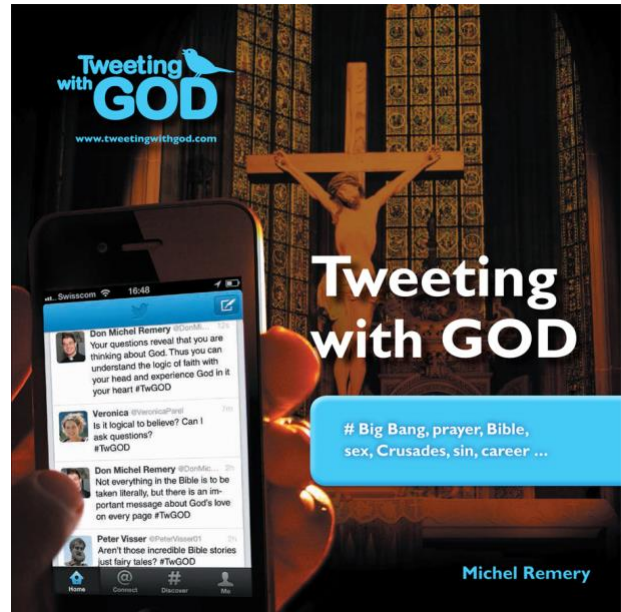


Tweeting with God (Fr. Michel Remery)

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Fr. Remery's book, *Tweeting with God*, was a pleasantly surprising addition to the already vast offering of catechetical works we have in the Church. Father's approach—short answers to common questions regarding the faith and its relation to modern life. I did not expect much from the book. I thought it was going to be a superficial explanation of important questions. It was, however, an intelligent and engaging discussion of important issues.



Father addresses head on difficult questions such as euthanasia, abortion, and other life and morality issues. At the same time, he delves into a variety of interesting biblical (“What is the structure of the Old Testament?”), doctrinal (“Is Jesus really present in the Eucharist?”), and historical questions (“Why was the Church so cruel to Native Americans?”). This wide-ranging approach does not come across as a scattershot approach to catechetics, but as an attempt at a comprehensive discussion of the burning questions that today’s faithful have about the Church and its teaching.

The book is divided into several topical sections:

- Part One: The nature of God
- Part Two: The Church
- Part Three: Prayer and Sacraments
- Part Four: Faith and Ethics

These four sections logically divide the various discussions and often mirror the Catechism’s structure as well. The structure of Father’s presentation results in a readable and engaging discussion of the many topics in the book.

Tweeting with God is a modern approach to difficult and complex catechetical questions and, in that way, is an ideal gift for a young person seeking to know more about the Faith. Although the content is appropriate for all ages, Fr. Remery's approach would appeal specifically to high-school and college students seeking to learn more about core Catholic teachings. Indeed, it could be used as a textbook for youth groups and as a supplement to parish religious education classes.

The best aspect of Tweeting with God, for me, is its wealth of citations in each section. Not only does each section provide cross-references to other relevant sections, the book references the Catechism, the YouCat, and other works for readers who seek a fuller explanation of the topics discussed. Readers can explore the book's topics in as much depth as their time and interest allows.

I highly recommend this book, particularly for youth groups or those looking for gift ideas this Confirmation season.

This review provides an honest discussion of the book. In return for this review, the author received a complimentary review copy of the book.

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