

FOREWARD

This book comprises a series of teachings and articles on the Catholic Faith suitable for people desiring to become Catholic Christians whether they be unbaptised or belonging to another Christian denomination.

It is also suitable for Catholics who have been away from Church for some time and want to return to the practice of their faith.

Practising Catholics who feel a need for a refresher course in their faith are also encouraged to participate in the sessions.

One's entry into the Catholic Church is sometimes referred to as a Journey in Faith. Bearing this in mind practising Catholics are encouraged to accompany prospective converts on their faith journey.

Most of the talks are in the form of single page hand-outs distributed to each participant towards the end of each session. Feel free to photocopy the material. Questions (not included in booklet) may be given out following the talk to help facilitate discussion. Each session should begin with a prayer and short

Scripture passage and end with a prayer. At the conclusion of the course each participant will be given a free book containing all the talks.

I hope you find the contents of this book suitable for launching a course on the catholic faith in your parish. I have tried to ensure that the papers are as short, simple and straightforward as possible. The 'bullet point' lay out should also help you.

I hope that those who use this book (St Vincent's own publication) are pleased with the help it gives in improving their understanding of the Catholic Faith and leading to a deeper commitment to the person of Jesus, our living Lord.

God bless you all
Fr Paddy Walsh