

## **One Faith, One Story**

The best testimony to our faith comes about through the witness of a life lived in and for Jesus Christ. During the Year of Faith, we place before our eyes those who have allowed the Gospel to transform their ordinary lives into something beautiful for God.

Following is a list of books that tell the story of faith of those who, throughout the ages, bore great witness to the joy of faith in Christ. The stories present diverse people, young and old, rich and poor, and from all states of life who demonstrate the great power of following Jesus Christ. We hope to use the monthly book as an adult faith formation opportunity for our parishioners. These books have been chosen to complement the 12 Articles of Faith, which will be studied monthly during the Year of Faith.

### **October 2012: Introduction to Creed: I Believe (the virtue of faith)**

**St. Bakhita: from African Slave to Servant of the 'Good Master'**

By Ann M. Brown, New Hope Publications

The story of Bakhita, a girl freed from physical and spiritual slavery to become a child of God. The material in this booklet was taken from Bakhita's biography, and includes words from the Saint herself. (40 pages)

Purchasing information – We have these available for \$4.00.

### **November 2012: Article 1: I Believe in God the Father**

**Edith Stein: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

By Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, Our Sunday Visitor

Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was a brilliant professor, and intellectual, a philosopher, a feminist, and a Jew. She was also a convert, a contemplative nun, a martyr of the Holocaust. Now she is a saint of the Roman Catholic Church. The author shows how this complex woman, her culture, and the pivotal period of history in which she lives and dies can lead Catholics to holiness today.

Purchasing information – [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) \$11.00

### **December 2012: Article 2: I believe in God the Son**

**St. Gianna Molla by Pietro Molla, Ignatius press**

This is the inspiring story of a canonized contemporary woman. Gianna Molla (1923-1962) risked her life in order to save her unborn child. Diagnosed with uterine tumors during her fourth pregnancy, she refused a hysterectomy that would have aborted the child, and opted for a riskier surgery in an attempt to save the baby. Herself a medical doctor, Molla did give

birth to the child, but succumbed to an infection. A unique story, co-authored by her own husband, with his deeply moving personal insights of the heroic witness, love, sacrifice and his of his saintly wife.

Purchasing information – [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com) \$10.00

### **January 2013: Article 3: The Incarnation**

**A Memory for Wonders: A True Story**

By Mother Veronica Namoyo De Goulard, PCC Ignatius Press

Here for the first time is a captivating autobiography of a French girl raised in the wild Moroccan frontier by her communist parents who fled France and vowed that “no one would speak to her of God and influence the development of her mind with oppressive superstition.” At the age of three, upon witnessing the overwhelming beauty of a sunset after a violent sirocco sand storm, she gained the certainty that this beauty was created, and that there was a God. Lucette, now Mother Veronica Namoyo, is an Abbess and foundress of two flourishing monasteries in Africa.

Purchasing information – [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com) \$11.00

### **February 2013: Article 4: The Passion and Death of Christ**

**Padre Pio: Man of Hope** by Renzo Allegri, Ignatius Press

Beatified on May 22, 1999, Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968) was a Capuchin monk and mystic whose life was marked with miracles and wonders, but who said that his only desire was “to be a poor friar who prays.” In this intimate biography, you will see the results of his humble Capuchin’s prayers and discover for yourself the Source of his great hope.

Purchasing information – [www.ignatius.com](http://www.ignatius.com) \$13.00

### **March 2013: Article 5: The Resurrection of Christ**

**Come Be My Light: The Private Writings of the Saint of Calcutta**

By Blessed Theresa of Calcutta, Doubleday

During her lifelong service to the poorest of the poor, Mother Teresa became an icon of compassion to people of all religions. This collection of letters she wrote to her spiritual advisors over decades, sheds light on Mother Teresa’s interior life in a way that reveals the depth and intensity of her holiness for the first time. She emerges as a classic mystic whose inner life burned with the fire of charity and whose heart was rested and purified by an intense trial of faith, a true dark night of the soul.

Purchasing information – [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) \$13.00

**April 2013: Article 6: The Ascension of Christ**  
**Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: An Ordinary Christian**  
By Maria De Lorenzo, Pauline Books and Media

Athlete, handsome, and always good for a laugh, Pier Giorgio Frassati was the charismatic leader of a band of rowdy friends. He smoked, pulled pranks, relished extreme sports, fiercely debated politics into the night... and secretly gave away his wealth to help the poor. An inspiring biography that captures his spirit: *An Ordinary Christian* explores the adventuresome personality and forthright love of a man who succeeded in wresting holiness from everyday life.

Purchasing information – [www.pauline.org](http://www.pauline.org) \$10.00

**May 2013: Article 7: The Second Coming of Christ**  
**Kolbe** by Br. Francis Mary Kavelage, FFI, Ignatius Press

This most in-depth book yet on the life and work of the great modern martyr of charity and Marian Saint, Maximilian Kolbe, whom Pope John Paul II called “the Saint of our difficult century.” Missionary, theologian, writer, publisher, founder of Marytown, Marian mystic, and martyr of charity in Auschwitz, the reader will see why Kolbe will soon be regarded as one of the greatest saints in Church history, truly a man for all times.

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