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An endorsement of Francis Etheredge's *A Father-Catechist* as a resource for growth in the Catholic Faith

Reading the Collection of Articles, Prayers, and Experiences from the great Father Catechist Francis Etheredge has given me a lot of Joy. The title, "A Father-Catechist", shows the author's interest in a renewal of catechesis in the Church. In my priestly ministry, I have accompanied the members of the Neocatechumenal Way. I am thrilled by their love for the Church, catechesis and the vie for a solid Christian formation.

Francis Etheredge, through this book, gives us drops of wisdom from what he has learned and lived in the Church. In it, he challenges every Christian to make an in-depth return to the beautiful deposit of our catholic faith since Jesus Christ. Like a father, Francis takes up the vocation of helping us discover the truth in our faith.

The first paragraph that struck me was this: *My parents found it very difficult to pray with us and, in the end, abandoned it; however, they still prayed for their seven children and, I am certain, returning to the Catholic Faith at forty was a direct result of their prayers and the prayers of many other people.* (Chapter two)

In my case, my parents and godparents always invited us to pray and be very active in Church. Reading through this book, I understand the vocation of the parent as a teacher of the catholic faith. I recommend this book to all who want to understand, live and teach the catholic faithfully. I endorse this book as a *vademecum* for all.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,



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