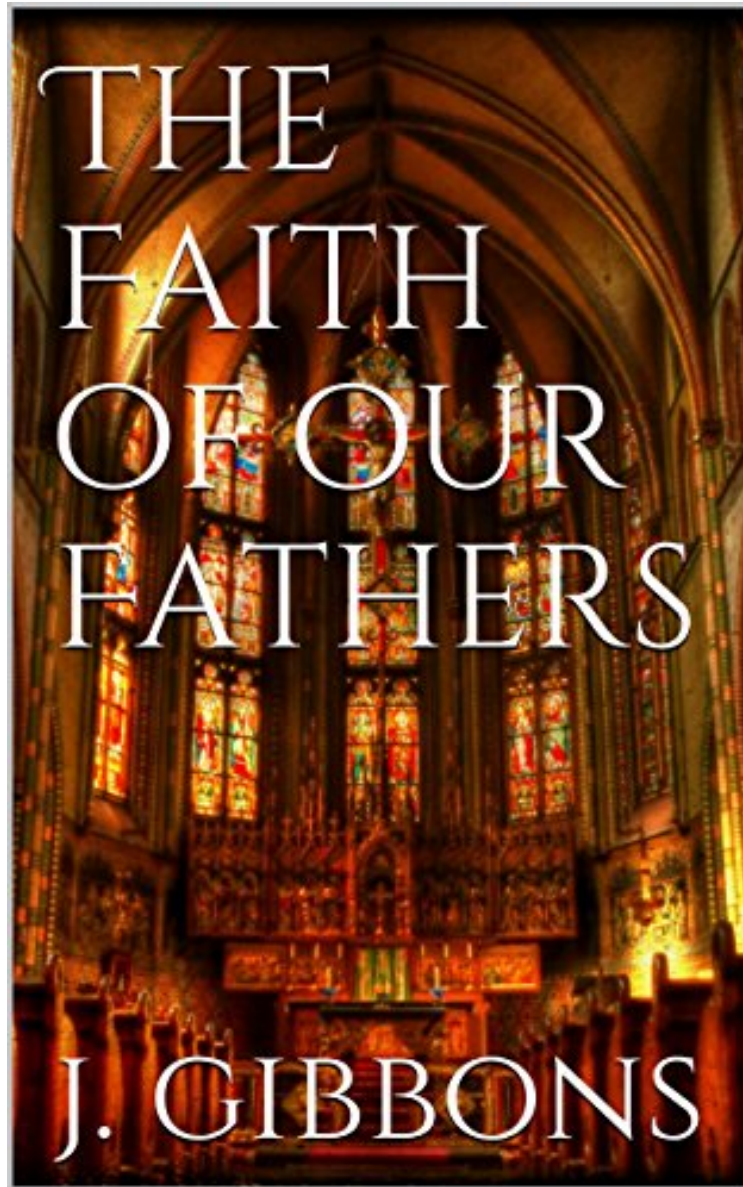


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Von James Gibbons : The Faith of Our Fathers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Faith of Our Fathers:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Catholicism without threatening the non-Catholic reader.Von Frederick A. CostelloCardinal Gibbons documents the talks he gave to mixed groups of Catholics and non-Catholics in Virginia and North Carolina. The talks explained the

faith, its Biblical basis, and the supporting rationale in a way that is thorough yet palatable for non-Catholics. In replying to the common criticisms raised by non-Catholics, Cardinal Gibbons might well be responding today. The criticisms have persisted. The non-Catholics apparently ignore the replies. Because the book is so friendly, it can be safely and productively given to non-Catholics, especially those interested in the Catholic faith. To determine if you need to read the book, consider how you would (1) explain what the Church teaches concerning the following topics; (2) demonstrate the Biblical basis for the teaching; and (3) describe the logical basis for the belief.

1. There is but one God, but three persons in this one God.
2. The true church of God must be: 1. One 2. Holy 3. Apostolic 4. Universal (catholic) 5. Perpetual
3. The Church teaches infallibly.
4. God appointed the Catholic Church to be the custodian and interpreter of the Bible.
5. God appointed St. Peter the first Pope and continues the leadership of the Church through his successors.
6. The Pope teaches infallibly.
7. The Pope's temporal power is suitable.
8. Invoking the help of the saints is appropriate and beneficial.
9. Honoring the Blessed Mother and asking for her intercession is appropriate and beneficial.
10. Statues are beneficial to our practice of the Catholic faith.
11. There is a place called Purgatory and our prayers for the dead help those in Purgatory.
12. The Catholic Church is the most tolerant of all other religions and non-religions (such as atheism), the Inquisition notwithstanding.
13. Each of the seven sacraments are outward signs, instituted by Christ to give grace.
14. The seven sacraments are important, and some necessary, for our salvation.
15. Receiving Holy Communion under one species is sufficient.
16. The Mass is a divinely commanded sacrifice.
17. The vestments and setting of the Mass, including the church building and its adornments, are appropriate.
18. Indulgences are appropriate and beneficial for both the living and the dead.
19. The celibate, male priesthood is an important part of the Catholic faith.
20. Marriage is forever.

Those of you who have been schooled in Catholic apologetics will recognize that no time is given to the historicity of the Bible or Jesus' claim to divinity. In reading the book, you will discover some of the changes that have occurred in the Church since 1876, almost all of which have come after Vatican II but not because of Vatican II. For example, we now use a lower-case C for Catholic in the Creed. We no longer use Latin, despite the arguments Cardinal Gibbons uses for retaining Latin. We no longer have Mass every day because we skip the Mass of Holy Saturday. Many prayers no longer are assigned indulgences. Even the meaning of "100 days indulgence" has changed.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. H.L. Mencken praises "Faith of Our Fathers" Von Ein Kunde In the 1946 second edition of "Treatise on the Gods", critic H. L. Mencken cites the Cardinal's book as a reference, and said "The best exposition of Catholic doctrine is probably 'The Faith of our Fathers,' by the late Cardinal Gibbons (110th ed., New York, Kenedy, 1945)" Mencken, whose praise of clergy was rare, wrote "The old hierarchy, with such men as Monsignors Gibbons and Ireland at the head of it, was discreet, shrewd, farseeing and enormously influential. It lifted the Church out of obscurity and impotence among us, and made it powerful and respected. More presidents than one sought the counsel of Cardinal Gibbons: he was a man of the highest sagacity, a politician in the best sense, and there is no record that he ever led the Church into a bog or up a blind alley. He had Rome against him often, but he always won in the end, for he was always right." [American Mercury; Clinical Notes; December 1924]

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Kurzbeschreibung Perhaps this is the first time in your life that you have handled a book in which the doctrines of the Catholic Church are expounded by one of her own sons. You have, no doubt, heard and read many things regarding our Church; but has not your information come from teachers justly liable to suspicion? You asked for bread, and they gave you a stone. You asked for fish, and they reached you a serpent. Instead of the bread of truth, they extended to you the serpent of falsehood. Hence, without intending to be unjust, is not your mind biased against us because you listened to false witnesses? This, at least, is the case with thousands of my countrymen whom I have met in the brief course of my missionary career. The Catholic Church is persistently misrepresented by the most powerful vehicles of information.

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Synopsis Being a plain exposition and vindication of the church founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ. The object of this volume is to present, in a plain and practical form, an exposition and a vindication of the principal tenets of the Catholic Church. It substantially embodies the instructions and discourses delivered by

Rev. Gibbons before mixed congregations in Virginia and North Carolina. His chief aim was to bring the truths of the Catholic faith to our separated brethren, who generally accept the scripture as the only source of authority in religious matters, and he endeavored to fortify his statements by abundant reference to the sacred text.