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## PART III

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The Psalms and Canticles in this section have been formatted as handouts for use by participants in Liturgies of the Word that can begin a catechetical session (see RCIA 81-89). When necessary, Psalms have been shortened to fit onto a single page. This ensures that the Liturgy of the Word is balanced in length among the first reading, Psalm or Canticle, and Gospel reading. The verses used in these shortened Psalms, and in the Canticles, are shown in the tables of contents below.

For each Psalm and Canticle, both a musical refrain and a refrain suitable for spoken response have been provided (in many cases, the musical refrain is also suitable as a spoken refrain). For the convenience of the catechist an Index of Sources for Sung Psalm and Canticle Refrains is provided, listing the widely-available hymn books from which the sung refrains have been selected.

In the following table of contents are listed the Psalms and Canticles suggested for use with each of the lesson plans in the companion *Catechist's Manual* in the ON THE JOURNEY series. Also included in this list are Psalms suggested for seasonal Liturgies of the Word that may, at the catechist's discretion, replace the Liturgy of the Word suggested for the lesson scheduled at that time. Seasonal Liturgies of the Word may also be used for special events for candidates, such as retreats, holy hours, and the like that are not devoted to any single lesson.

Following the table is a list of the additional Psalms and Canticles that have been included in this section to provide the catechist alternatives to those suggested. When necessary, these also have been shortened to fit each Psalm or Canticle onto a single page.



## PART VI

# Conversion Stories

This section contains twenty-one conversion stories by individuals who have entered the Catholic Church as adults in recent years. The intention of providing these stories is to give RCIA participants a clearer picture of how God's grace often works in people's lives when he calls them to the Catholic Church. Each is written to place emphasis on both the "how" and the "why" of a person's choice to follow Jesus' call to enter into the arms of Holy Mother Church.

The stories can be handed out at regular intervals throughout the RCIA process, or used to highlight specific issues, or even given privately to certain participants with whom there is a similarity in the details of a given story. The stories were chosen for the variety of responses of these individuals to God's call.

- A Future and a Hope**, by Joe Allison  
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## PART IV

# Litanies and Other Prayers

This section contains a small selection of prayers that are particularly suitable for use in a catechumenal setting. All are formatted for responsorial use as handouts. There are many others that could have been chosen, but those included here are given simply to provide RCIA leaders with a few other options besides the Psalms and Canticles for group prayer, retreats, and other opportunities to engage RCIA participants in the rich traditions of prayer in the Church.

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## PART V

# Lives of Saints

This section contains seventy-five lives of saints, blessed, and venerables. They are written specifically with RCIA participants in mind — explaining certain things in greater depth, and drawing out certain themes having to do with conversion, dealing with sin, deepening one's prayer and devotional life, handling adversities, and other aspects of holy lives that would be particularly edifying or helpful to those considering becoming Catholic.

The selection of these particular saints and other holy men and women is not intended to suggest that others are less applicable to a catechumenal situation. Instead, the intention is to present a suitable cross-section of our elder brothers and sisters in the faith, so that participants can gain a feel for the universal Church and the blessed variety of divine callings and heroic human responses.

These stories focus less upon the actions or deeds of a given person, and more upon the ways God called each of them, and the difficulty and beauty of each one's struggle to attain genuine sanctity. The stories can be given out on or near a feast day or as a means of giving emphasis to a certain teaching. Of course, as with the rest of this *Participant's Book*, RCIA leaders may opt to use these handouts weekly, less frequently, or not at all. This section is supported by several indexes that list the saints in alphabetical order, by feast day, by various biographical categories, and by century of death.

### Declaration:

*In accordance with the decree of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that in speaking of events, prodigies, and revelations in this work, we wish to accord them no other authority or belief than that which is usually given to narratives resting on merely human evidence and we in no way presume to pronounce on their authenticity or supernatural character, or to anticipate the judgment of the Holy See and the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints, to which we unreservedly submit.*

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