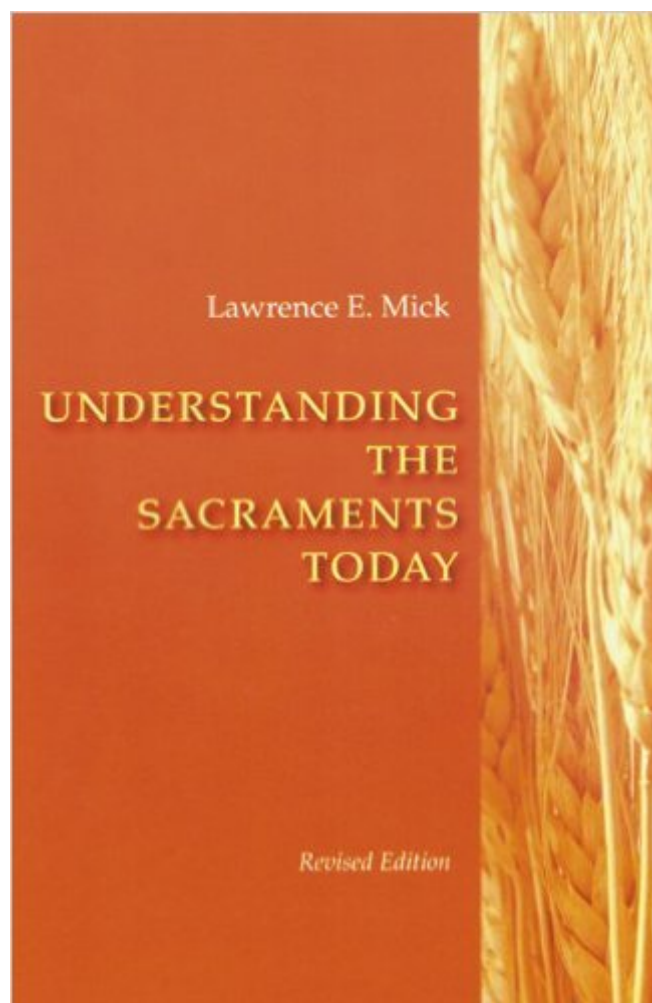


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# Understanding The Sacraments Today, Revised Edition



## Synopsis

The sacraments are at the heart of our life as Catholics, the way we celebrate together our continuing conversion and encounter with God. Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing, Marriage, and Holy Orders 'al are activities that require preparation to bring us to the fullness of our life in community and in Christ. Chapter by chapter, Father Lawrence Mick puts these core experiences into their historical and theological context, and illuminates the ways the sacraments bring us together as God's people. Ever conscious of the complex history of the church and its dynamic relationship to ritual, as well as the varied histories of human communities, *Understanding the Sacraments Today* is a book to be visited and revisited, a companion to the ongoing and repeated practices that nourish us. Lawrence E. Mick, a priest in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is a liturgical consultant and writer whose numerous books include *Living Baptism* and *Daly*, published by Liturgical Press. He has also been active in parish, retreat, and campus ministries.

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I used this book as a study guide for the sacraments in my parish for adult faith formation. It is a readable, generally balanced presentation of sacramental theology along with a very brief, but very informative history of each of the sacraments.

This well-written book gives excellent, readable coverage of the seven sacraments. It is accessible to new Catholics and those learning about the faith, while providing insight and context for those who have long experience with the sacraments. The writing is warm and personable. The

presentation includes sufficient history of each sacrament to give a sense of origin and development, while the emphasis is on the sacraments as experienced today and their meaning for us. A theme through the book is that sacraments are not just between the individual and God, but involve the church community as the Body of Christ.

Basic overview of the Sacraments with a focus on how Vatican II has refocused the Sacraments for today. Weak in liturgical texts and historical detail. Sometimes repetitious and sometimes editorial. Good book for the catechumen today. The better educated can find better.

This book was easy to read and flowed very well. Just about the right amount of information on the subject, then moved on to another subject. It opened, for me, the real reason that sacraments are a part of the community of the congregation. Community is to be grown and that does not mean just eating donuts and suppers together, but studying, educating your children and celebrating the sacraments on a continuous basis. The thrill of First Communion should occur each Sunday as the community celebrates the Mass and Eucharist.

I like Mick's style. It is concise, precise and to the point. Makes studying the "Sacraments", more worthwhile and fun. Will recommend this to any one who would like to learn more of our faith.

We read this book in my class, and it helped provide a balanced view. Our other book was the Adult Catechism (red). It was a great class on the sacraments. I enjoyed Father Mick and learned a lot about the history of the sacraments.

I am taking Catholic lessons and ordered this book to help with knowing the sacraments. It explains a lot more than I expected to find.

Easy to read. Has a lot of history about the development and changes in the sacraments since Christ. Has interesting commentary regarding current issues.

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