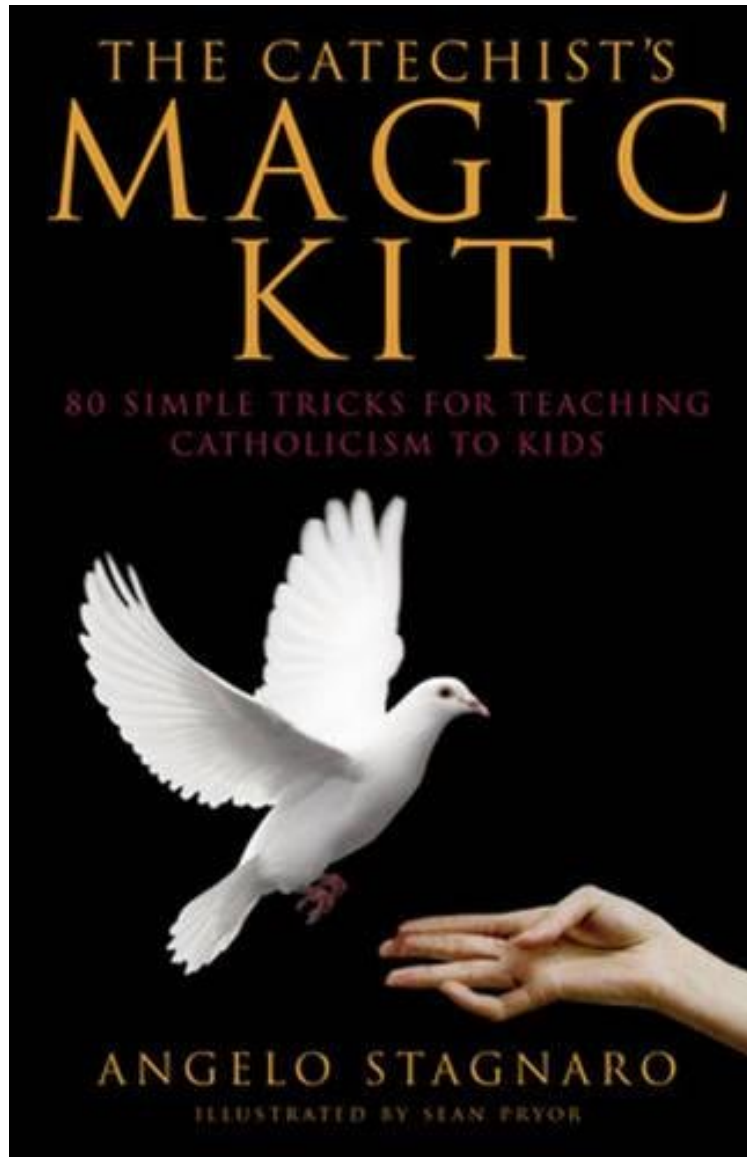


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Simple magic tricks for teaching spiritual truths to children are explained in precise detail in this distinctive compendium. The lessons faithfully follow the catechism of the Catholic Church, but many of the tricks can be used or adapted by teachers from other Christian denominations and other religions. Each trick is presented on a two-page spread and fully explicated by text and sequential illustrations. Magic tips for better performance are interspersed among the tricks, which are done with inexpensive household items such as cards, rope, tape and utensils. All aspects are clearly addressed, including what equipment is needed, what the audience sees, how to perform the trick effectively, and which Bible verses to discuss with each trick. The strongest element of this book is the explanation of the theology and spiritual truths that underlie each trick in a simple and inspiring way. The mysteries of faith can be difficult to impart verbally to a young audience, and children can become restless and inattentive in a classroom setting; but this dynamic method of teaching religious principles is sure to capture their attention while reinforcing the catechism.

"Angelo Stagnaro's book explains, not only the construction and performance of each of the magic tricks and its presentation, but also has extensive Biblical and classical literary references to the religious lessons each effect represents. If spreading the word by entertainingly presenting the important concepts of Catholicism is your goal, (and I can't think of a better one), this well-written volume should be at the top of your list." Mark Wilson, Magic International