

INTRO



How to Use This Series



By Gretchen Filz

Good Catholic is an online platform that presents the traditions and teachings of the Catholic faith in a dynamic combination of explanatory text, video commentary, and audio prayer—which you can read, watch, and listen to at your convenience.

The content is designed to be rich, challenging, and deeply rewarding. Absorb as much of the daily lessons as you can, however, *don't expect to grasp everything at once*. We recommend that you revisit this series multiple times to fully benefit from it. You will discover new insights each time you come back to the material.

We also recommend that you read the content slowly and journal throughout the series to record and retain what you're learning. Write down your thoughts, questions, and any insight you may receive from the Holy Spirit.

If you don't already have a journal, you may be interested in purchasing the one we have designed specifically for this series [here](#).

Every Good Catholic series is like embarking on a journey of learning, with each day's article building on the day before. After studying and praying with the material over the course of 40 days, our hope is that you will find yourself renewed and strengthened in your Catholic faith.

We encourage you to move through the series one day at a time, without skipping ahead or attempting multiple days at once. However, if you move at a slower pace? don't worry! You will greatly benefit from the series, even if you can only read each article as your schedule permits.

Remember, you have a full year to repeat *Thy Will Be Done* as many times as you wish.

What's Included

Thy Will Be Done is designed to give you the knowledge and encouragement you need to live with greater trust and abandonment in God's will for your life.

This series includes weekly articles and videos on the fascinating subject of "trustful surrender" and "self-abandonment" to God's will as found in the writings of great spiritual masters such as St. Francis de Sales, St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Claude de la Colombiere, Fr. Jean Baptiste Saint-Jure, and Fr. Jean-Pierre De Caussade.

The video commentary by Fr. David Miller complements the written content with penetrating insights, practical examples, and personal stories.

Each week's topic then concludes with a summary review of the major points covered, as well as a thoughtful reflection to help you absorb and apply the material to your own life.

After you read the article and watch the video each day, you can continue with a scriptural audio rosary that includes thoughtful meditations on each Rosary Mystery. A daily novena prayer concludes the daily content to ensure that this series will bear much spiritual fruit in your life.

Make Your Experience Richer

We invite you to join our private [Good Catholic Discussion Group](#) on Facebook where you can join in discussions with other subscribers who are taking this journey with you, and follow our [Good Catholic Facebook Page](#).

An Introduction to Your Hosts

Meet the Writers:

Gretchen Filz, O.P., is a Catholic content writer with an M.A. in Christian Apologetics. As a result of her studies in theology and philosophy at an Evangelical seminary, she discovered the truth of Catholicism and entered into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2011. A passionate convert and Lay Dominican, Gretchen lives out her vocation through prayer, study, teaching, writing, and engaging in a variety of apostolates. She is the editor of the popular Morning Offering devotional email and the lead writer on GetFed.com. Her articles have provided catechesis and inspiration for Catholics around the world.

Whitney Hetzel and her husband, James, have been married for 30 years. They have nine children ranging in age from 8 to 28. Whitney, who has been homeschooling for 25 years, is also an exercise enthusiast who enjoys blogging about health and fitness over at 9 Kid Fitness. But her real passion is discussing faith, family, and the challenges of putting one foot in front of the other on a daily basis, all of which she writes about at GetFed.com. Whitney has a B.A. in English and Journalism from Indiana University and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Saint Louis University.

Meet the Video Commentator:

Fr. David Miller is a priest for the Diocese of Charlotte, North Carolina. One of twelve children, he began discerning his vocation to the priesthood during his middle school years. Fr. Miller has a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother, and from 2000-2003 was a member of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary (the Marians of the Immaculate Conception) before entering seminary in his native Diocese of Charlotte in 2006. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2010, and currently serves as pastor of St. Dorothy Catholic Church in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Get to know Fr. Miller—watch the video below!

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Your Journey At A Glance

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Day 8: Find Peace & Happiness Through Surrender

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PART THREE: PRACTICING SURRENDER

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Day 36: Trustful Surrender in the Life of Jesus

Day 37: Trustful Surrender in the Life of Mary

Day 38: How to Make an Act of Abandonment

Day 39: The Week in Review: Life of Surrender

Day 40: Weekly Meditation: Life of Surrender

