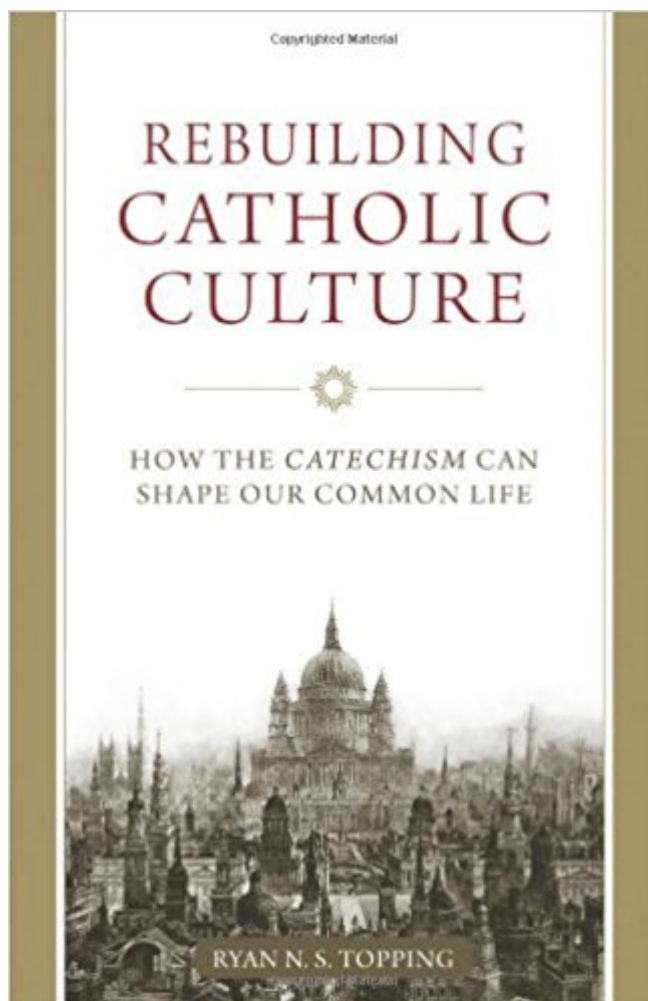


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# Rebuilding Catholic Culture



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I really enjoyed this book, but I agree with some of the other reviewers that the author waits too long in the book to offer his prescription for rebuilding Catholic culture. His insights into Catholic culture's decline are fascinating and sometimes quite surprising. I particularly enjoyed his thoughts on church architecture. However, based on the title I expected a more in depth treatment of how the culture of

the Church can be reinvigorated. All in all a solid read however.

This book lives up to all the recommendations and more. I can't tell you how many times I found myself saying YES! Our Catholic faith is being bombarded from the secular world in every direction, Mr Topping has incredible insight. I highly recommend this to everyone who seeks the truth.

We currently reading this book for our St Jerome discussion group. Excellent topics. Well written. Based on the Catholic Catechism .

Not only are Topping's arguments well formed and prescient. His prose are truly a delight to read. Not many authors can really pull off Chestertonisms, but he does.

to be read by any catholic with a mind!

While some of the content is aimed more at the clergy, especially bishops and cardinals, I found this a clear statement of all the key problems that face the Church, but with practical solutions. In some cases, even the ideas, if you can accept them, are cures in themselves. It remains to be seen whether enough of us can put them into practice, before it's too late.

Our traditions and teachings move us toward God and Heaven. Read this book and then read the catechism. Trust this author's advice and move in the direction of understanding your Catholic faith. TRUST THE CHURCH and move forward. HIS Kingdom will be done....

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