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Local writer publishes second book

FORT WAYNE -- The *Catholic Prayer Book for Children*, edited and authored by Fort Wayne resident Julianne M. Will, has been published internationally by Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Inc.

Released in March, it already has topped the Catholic Book Publishers Association's children and youth best-seller list.

The *Catholic Prayer Book for Children* is a lifelong guide to formal as well as personal prayer. It includes the basics of the Catholic faith, the parts of the Mass, Scripture excerpts, prayers to saints and how-to's for the Rosary and the sacrament of reconciliation.

Unique to the *Catholic Prayer Book for Children* are the original prayers reflecting the concerns of today's young children, as well as encouragement and suggestions for developing a prayer relationship with God.

The hardcover version is an excellent, inexpensive gift for holidays or sacraments, while the soft-cover version is affordable for bulk purchase by parishes and schools. One of the many sources of inspiration for the *Catholic Prayer Book for Children* was a dog-eared prayer book the author received from her Catholic grade school to aid in prayer memorization -- and still refers to today.

Will grew up in the Fort Wayne area, attending St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Catholic grade school and Heritage High School. She graduated from Purdue University with a major in communications and a minor in psychology. She has worked as marketing and volunteer coordinator for the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society; copy editor for *The News-Sentinel*; reporter for the *Elbert County News* in Castle Rock, Colo.; copy editor for the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver; copy desk slot and Business Monday copy editor at *The News-Sentinel*; special sections manager at Fort Wayne Newspapers; and book editor and project manager at Our Sunday Visitor.

Now the presentation editor for OSV's flagship weekly national newspaper, Will also is a freelance editor, writer and graphic designer. She is the volunteer coordinator for the Fort Wayne Museum of Art's Club Art committee and a first-grade religious education instructor at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. Will lives in southwest Fort Wayne with her daughter.

Her first book, the *Catholic Encyclopedia for Children* with Ann Ball, was published in fall 2003.

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