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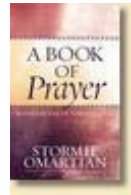
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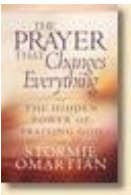
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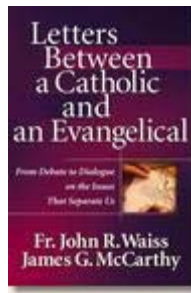
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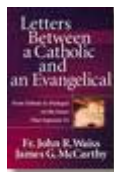


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This book presents a unique collection of correspondence between two friends who have spent many hours discussing their faiths—one a Catholic priest, the other an evangelical minister. Their candid dialogue illustrates how we can talk about opposing beliefs without resorting to criticism that is mean-spirited, sensationalistic, or inaccurate.

The result is a one-of-a-kind, balanced presentation of six key issues including how a person becomes saved, who the teachers and rulers of the church are, and what it takes to get to heaven.

The fresh insights bring clarity and respect to both sides of the ongoing dialogue between Catholics and evangelical Christians, and readers will benefit by being able to make their own informed conclusions about the differences.



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Excerpt

John R. Waiss

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Father John Waiss is a Roman Catholic priest ordained in 1987. A member of Opus Dei since 1977, he has served as chaplain at Opus Dei centers near Stanford University and the University of California, Berkeley. He presently serves at Tilden Study Center near UCLA. Father Waiss has an M.S. in mechanical engineering and completed seminary studies in theology and doctoral studies in philosophy.

James G. McCarthy



James G. McCarthy is the founder and director of Good News for Catholics, Inc. A former missionary to Ireland, Jim is producer/director of the popular video *Catholicism: Crisis of Faith* and author of *The Gospel According to Rome*, *Conversations with Catholics*, and *What You Need to Know About Roman Catholicism*.

Visit James G.'s website: www.gnfc.org

A Word from the Author

"It was a challenging call to engage Jim, an Evangelical who specializes in converting Catholics, in a dialogue over what divides Catholics and Evangelicals. But if I truly believe that Catholicism is true, how could I pass up such an opportunity to witness to the Truth—Christ—and to answer as forthrightly and charitable as possible Jim's questions—questions that many non-Catholics have regarding our beliefs. But at the same time I challenge Jim, and all Evangelicals, to address the challenges that Scripture poses to their own beliefs as well. May charity, truth, and unity prevail...God's spirit is willing, although our flesh is weak."

—**John R. Waiss, Author of *Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical***

Editorial Reviews

"I found it helpful, thought-provoking, and ultimately affirming. ***Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical*** delivers real dialogue and should help anyone evaluating the beliefs in either camp."

—**CBA Marketplace**

"Catholic priest Fr. John R. Waiss and evangelical minister James G. McCarthy have put together a unique and extremely valuable resource for all Christians in the form of their new book, ***Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical***. The book presents their correspondence through letters and e-mail on key issues about which Catholics and Protestants disagree. They tackle such questions as whether God's Word is found in Scripture alone or Scripture plus tradition; who has authority to teach and rule in the church; how people are initially saved and what it takes for them to make it to heaven; what communion means; and how Christians should relate to Mary, angels, and saints.

Throughout each of the book's more than 400 pages, Fr. Waiss and McCarthy talk candidly and insightfully to each other, backing up their positions with lots of prayer, thought, and research. Yet, when they write to each other, their ultimate goal isn't to have the satisfaction of winning the other over to a particular interpretation. Instead, it's to use the dialogue to discover more about what God Himself reveals about his Son and His Church. Rather than allowing pride or anger to disrupt this process, they continually invite God to give them His grace for their efforts and remain committed to seeking Him

with open minds and hearts. They clearly enjoy a genuine friendship that can serve as an excellent model for the relationships God wants all Christians to have."

—**Crosswalk.com**

"**Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical** is an informative exploration of some of Christendom's rifts while demonstrating the value of a respectful theological fencing match."

—**Star-Telegram**

"Waiss & McCarthy have been friends for many years, and that loving friendship is very evident in the letters they exchanged on these issues. Though they may not always agree, they never argue, and always share their views with a Christlike humility. For the Protestant Christian who wishes to have a better understanding of what separates their beliefs from those of their Catholic brethren, there's no better place to start than **Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical.**"

—**Singing News**

Reader Reviews

"In John 17, Our Lord prayed for Christian unity. It has long been my opinion that the current scandalous division of the Body of Christ owes much to misunderstanding. **Letters Between a Catholic and an Evangelical** clarifies the issues which divide Christians, and gives the Holy Spirit a tool He can use to bring us together."

—**Robin Bernhoft, MD, Chairman, National Parents Commission; Radio & Television Host**

"Fr. Waiss clearly explains the standard Catholic teachings (he is no 'pick and choose' Catholic or cleric), while co-author, Jim McCarthy articulates, as a former Catholic and a devout Bible Christian, many of the major positions of Evangelicals. I have ordered multiple copies of this exciting, new text. In the field of higher education I meet many Catholic and Evangelical students, faculty, and staff on an informal basis. If they have an intellectual curiosity about what unites and what divides Catholics and Evangelicals I will lend them a copy."

—**Gerald H. Maring, Ph.D., Professor, Washington State University**

"Being raised a Baptist, I grew out of religion and into a desire to sincerely know the truth and although I don't have half as much knowledge as either Jim or John the book really helped me to see the similarities in the very basics, for the most part, and watch the beliefs go two different and opposite ways. People have to ask the right questions to get the Catholic view of salvation or they will think we believe the same doctrine. This book shows how the right questions were asked to find out some of the deeper beliefs in Catholicism. I really enjoyed the book. I have been looking for something like this for a long time and it met all my expectations. It was awesome and very informative for me."

—**Jeff**

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