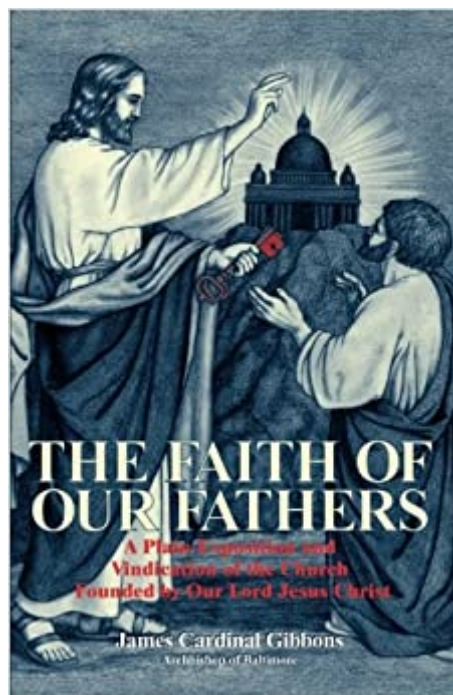




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# The Faith Of Our Fathers: A Plain Exposition And Vindication Of The Church Founded By Our Lord Jesus Christ



## Synopsis

Explains the basic tenets of the Catholic Faith and why we hold them. Delves into the historical background of virtually everything people find hard to understand about our Religion, such as priestly celibacy, sacred images, the Church and the Bible, the primacy of Peter, Communion under one kind, invocation of the Saints, etc. First published in 1876, when there was much anti-Catholic sentiment in the U.S., it sold 1.4 million copies in 40 years and has been reprinted many times since.

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James Cardinal Gibbons was a priest and archbishop of Baltimore from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. After hearing a sermon by Clarence Walworth, co-founder of the Paulists, he entered St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained a priest in 1861. He was known for his popular sermons, which he gave on diverse topics and applied to Christianity in general. Later he was ordained as a bishop of Baltimore in 1877, a position he held until his death. Some of his books include *The Faith of Our Fathers*, *Our Christian Heritage*, *The Ambassador of Christ*, and *A Retrospect of Fifty Years*. Father Gibbons died in 1921.

Must have for any one of the Christian faith that interacts with anyone of the Protestant faiths. Although the book was written in 1876, the common objections that many Protestants have to the Christian faith are addressed in straight forward language that is often easier to understand and

remember than official church teachings. It is the reviewers opinion that this is due to Protestant objections having changed very little since 1876 and the Christian Church having changed even less. This book is not a substitute for Holy Scripture; however, the author uses Holy Scripture to support his position. The 1800's language used is for advanced readers by modern standards and the words are used in a more literal meaning than what many modern readers may be used to.

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This popular 19th century work is a charming and persuasive defense of Catholicism by the Archbishop of Baltimore. Written in the effusive style of the era for the average literate person with some education, Archbishop Gibbons, for the most part, does not resort to citations of the Church Fathers, but rests his case on the Bible, history, logic and common sense. In doing so, I believe that he wrote the best work of apologetics ever produced by the American Church. As expected from a 130 year old book, some of his concerns, as well as some of the Catholic practices he felt the need to defend, are out-of-date. For instance, the Episcopal Church and its theology obviously had a much greater importance in immediate post-bellum American Christianity than it does today. Also, Catholic practices that were the subject of universal Protestant criticism in those days, like fasting, laying on of hands and anointing of the sick, are now widely practiced in Pentecostal/charismatic churches (while being widely ignored in Catholic ones!) On the flip side, raging modern controversies such as contraception, abortion and homosexuality were non-issues in the days of Archbishop Gibbons, as all Christian denominations were then united in condemnation of what were universally considered immoral. Still, in purely theological areas, the arguments will always remain the same, so the Archbishop's book is even more valuable today, in a time of unprecedented confusion and impotent leadership in the Church.

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Ok this book is so incredible!! Absolutely a must for anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of our History in the way. I highly recommend this book for every Christian. This will help you understand the Traditions we as Christian hold too. I would also recommend buying two be I guarantee their is a person in your life who will benefit from this book!!!!!!

This is an amazing book! Highly recommend, if you haven't read it! This books contains tons of bible

quotes, quotes from well know Christians from the first centuries, and many important events with dates. This book is truly an eye opener. I pray it starts to get re-printed in Spanish again; a must have for your library.

Fr. Gibbons traces the beginnings of the Christian Faith by examining the writings of the earliest Christians, referred to as the "Fathers of the Church". Originally published in 1876, it is beautifully written. For those considering joining the Catholic Church, or who just wonder why Catholics believe as they do, this book is for you. It answers a lot of questions that non-Catholics have about the Church.

This book has lots of great information about Catholicism from both an informative and apologetics prospective. It's old, but it's a classic. It doesn't replace the catechism, but rather is a highly accessible book on the Catholic Church we've inherited from a time gone by. It's also a great price!

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