

Sample Pulpit Announcement

Below are sample pulpit announcements for
The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) podcast.
Feel free to customize them as you see fit.

Example One (New Year's Resolution)

Hello, my name is _____ and I am excited to share an exciting New Year's resolution with all of you. As we make plans to better ourselves, the area often lost or forgotten is our faith life. The best way to start the year off right is to make the commitment to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day. This year, beginning on January 1st, we have the opportunity to join hundreds of thousands of Catholics in listening to *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. Some of you might be familiar with *The Bible in a Year* podcast released two years ago. *The Catechism in a Year* will be just like that but rather than reading the entire Bible, we will read through the second most important book for Catholics: *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The *Catechism* isn't just a reference book—it's a work rooted in Scripture that discusses and explains the fundamental teachings of our faith. *The Catechism in a Year* podcast reveals the good, true, and beautiful teachings of the Church Christ founded. There is no better way to begin a year. Each daily episode will be 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to while going on a daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, or driving into work. Popular Catholic priest Fr. Mike Schmitz will guide us through the entire *Catechism*, offering encouragement and insight as we go so that we can clearly understand Church teaching and live it out daily.

To join me in this journey through the *Catechism*, visit AscensionPress.com/CIY. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube. You can also come find me at the back of the Church after Mass, pick up a flyer, or check the bulletin for more information.

Thank you so much for your time. I encourage you to give God a chance to grow with you this year. God bless you all!



Example Two (From a CIY Fan)

Hello, my name is _____ and I am here to share with you a very exciting opportunity for us to learn about our Catholic faith and transform our relationship with the Church. This is through *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This podcast, launching January 1st, will take us through the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Fr. Mike will offer encouragement and insight on the readings as we go to help us clearly understand Church teaching and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day.

Maybe you've only ever read parts of the *Catechism*, or maybe you aren't familiar with this book at all. Regardless of your current knowledge of the *Catechism* or our faith, this podcast will help you learn more and grow closer to God. The *Catechism* discusses and explains the teachings of the Catholic Church, a Church founded by Jesus Christ over 2,000 years ago. It's rooted in Scripture and because we'll be reading it in podcast form, it is easy and accessible. Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to while driving into work, going on your daily walk, or drinking your morning coffee. The podcast is completely free and available on all major podcast apps and YouTube.

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Thank you so much for your time. I encourage you to join me on this journey.

God bless you all!

Example Three (From the Pastor)

I would like to announce a special opportunity we have as a parish to grow in our faith and learn more about the Catholic Church's teachings. On January 1st, Ascension will be launching their *Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* podcast. This podcast consists of daily 15-20 minute episodes of popular Catholic priest Fr. Mike Schmitz reading through the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and offering insight and guidance as you go.

The *Catechism* is an important book that explains and discusses the fundamental teachings of our faith. Having it in podcast form makes it easy and accessible to read. With social media and technology permeating our lives, it is nice to see it used for good, and this podcast will bring many Catholics closer to Christ. I would like to personally invite you to consider joining the hundreds of thousands of your brothers and sisters on this journey.

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Example Four (For Both *The Bible in a Year* & *The Catechism in a Year*)

Hello, my name is _____ and I am here to share with you two very exciting opportunities we have as a parish to learn about our faith and grow in friendship with Christ.

One of these opportunities is through *The Bible in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This is a daily podcast that goes through the entire Bible while Fr. Mike offers insight, prayer, and commentary on the readings. Released in 2020, this was the #1 Apple Podcast for two years in a row—reaching millions of people around the world. Maybe you’ve always wanted to read the Bible cover to cover but didn’t know where to start or got stuck in Leviticus. This is the solution. Catholics from all over the world have experienced the transforming power of God’s Word from this podcast and have felt a deeper and closer connection to God and the Catholic Faith.

The second opportunity I’m here to share with you is another podcast called *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This is being released for the first time on January 1st, 2023. Similar to *The Bible in a Year*, this podcast will go through the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Faith* and Fr. Mike will act as our insightful guide throughout the journey. Maybe you aren’t familiar with the *Catechism* and maybe you think the *Catechism* is just a reference book — it’s not! This is God calling you to learn more about our Faith. Through this podcast, you’ll discover a new love and clear understanding for what we believe as Catholics and why we believe it.

Both of these podcasts are completely free! Each of the daily episodes are about 20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to them while going on a daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, driving into work, or however you like. All you have to do is click “play” and allow God to transform your life day by day.

If you’re interested in either of these free Catholic podcasts and you want to join them, you can visit AscensionPress.com. You can also find me in the back of the Church after Mass or check out the bulletin for more information. Please pray about these opportunities and give God a chance to grow with you this year.

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