



# Pop goes CATHOLICISM Resource Sheet

# Facebook

## Media Information

URL: facebook.com

**Info:** Founded Feb 4, 2004, FB began its existence as a tool for students in schools, first colleges, to connect.

### Description

Facebook is a social network which allows people and organizations to share whatever is happening in their lives - from anyone on Facebook to only select individuals, although most share with their 'Friends,' those with whom they have connected. With a Facebook account you are encouraged to add Friends, post status updates (a short message about whatever is going on at that moment), pictures, video, etc. and in general communicate with others in whom you are interested.

## Faith Connection

Have you noticed that when it comes to Facebook, there are people who dive in and start participating to the fullest (posting tons and passing around quizzes and generally figuring it all out) and then there are people who know next to nothing about it but pretend to (talking about its pitfalls without even being a part of it)? Then there are people who get an account, learn how it works, but just sit on the sideline watching without ever posting anything? The Church is a lot like Facebook in this way. There are people who know next to nothing about Catholicism, but talk about its downsides. There are folks who dip their toe in (maybe come to Mass once in a while but that's it). And then there are the Catholics who really dive in and get involved, volunteering for ministries, learning about all the ins and outs of how things work.

## Discussion Questions

1. How involved are you in the Church?
2. To be active on Facebook, you have learn how it works. How well do you know how the Church works?
3. Compare your participation on social networks with that in the Church.
4. How could you combine your social networking with your Church life?

## Related

### Scripture:

Mark 4:1-23  
1 Corinthians 12

### Catechism:

#806  
#1784

