

## is for Eucharist A Catholic ABC



Claudia Cangilla McAdam Illustrations by Anna-Maria Crum

## Dedication

With love for my grandson Finnean, whose beautiful faith strengthens my own —C.C.M.

With thanks to Claudia, whose friendship and faith are an inspiration —A.L.C.



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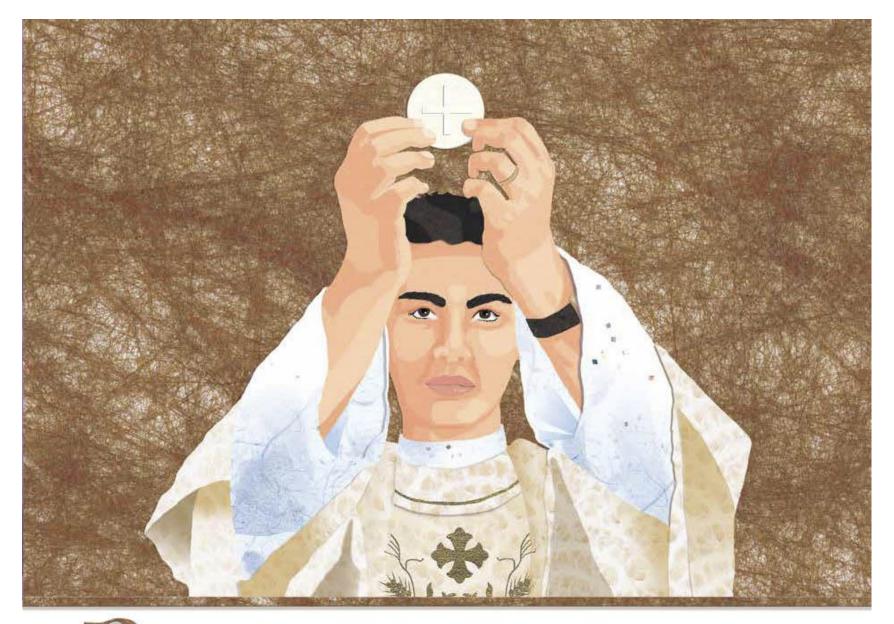


ur Catholic faith is a cherished gift, Given by Jesus to you and me. Rich in beliefs, traditions, and truths, So many treasures from A to Z!



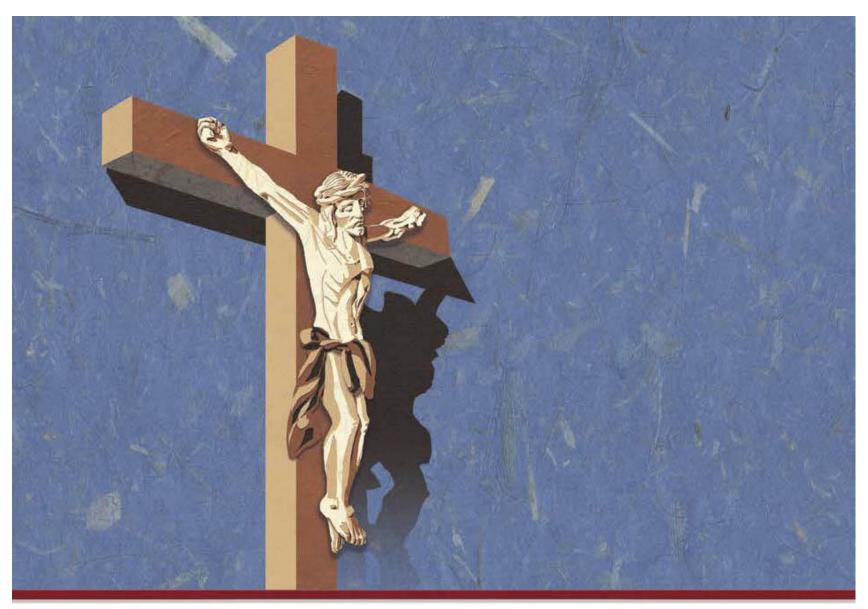
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At Lent, they're smudged upon your head



3 lessed Sacrament

The Body of the Lord, once bread



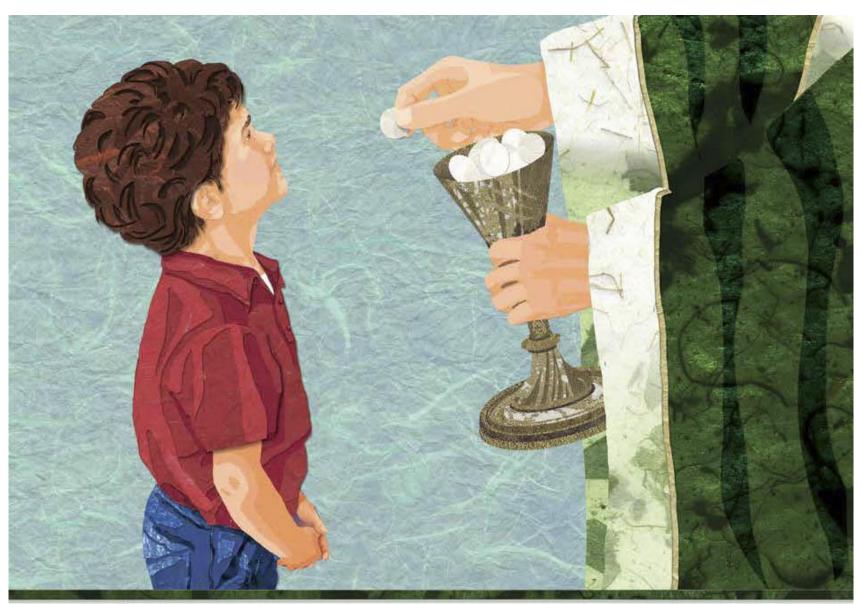


The cross on which our Savior died



 $\mathbf{D}_{\mathsf{eacon}}$ 

Ordained to serve at Father's side



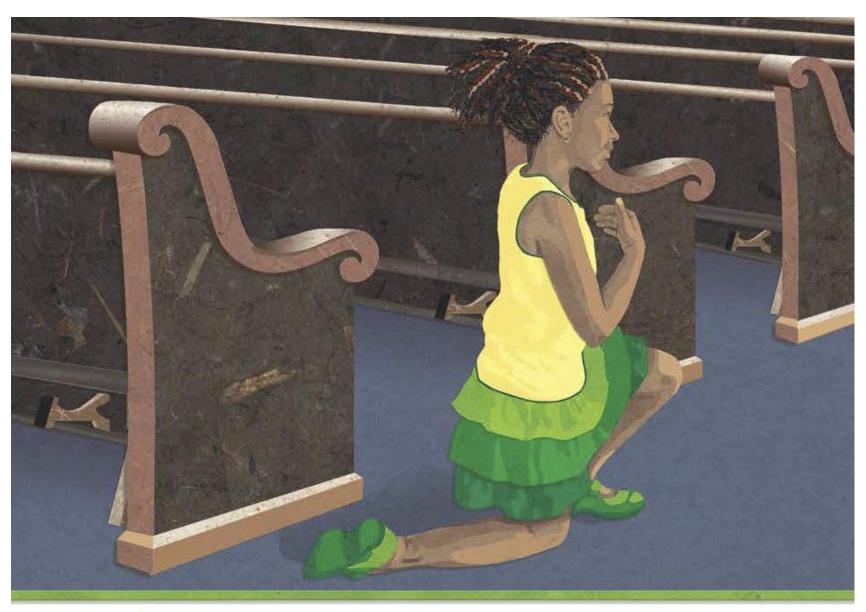
E ucharist

A sacred feast; thanksgiving meal





To give up things with great appeal



6 enuflect

To honor God on bended knee



l oly Spirit

Third Person of the Trinity



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Sweet scents lift pleas to God above



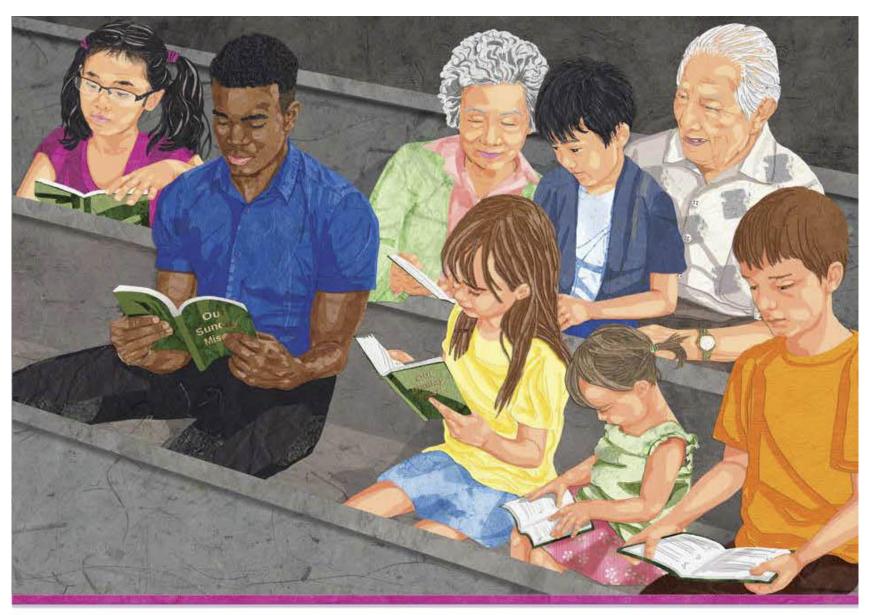


Redeemer King who died for love



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Means "Lord have mercy" in the Greek



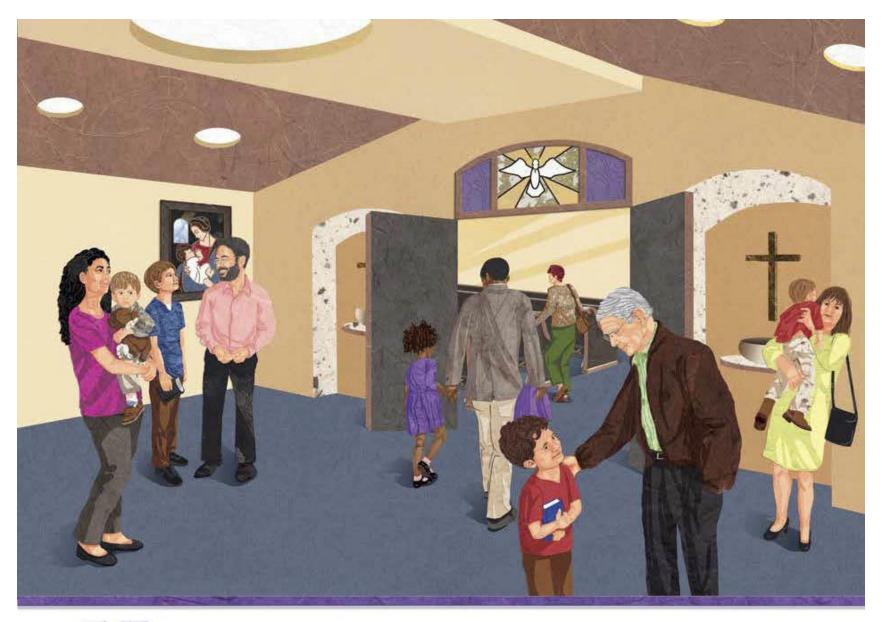
L iturgy

Works of worship and words we speak



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Christ's mother, pure and free from sin



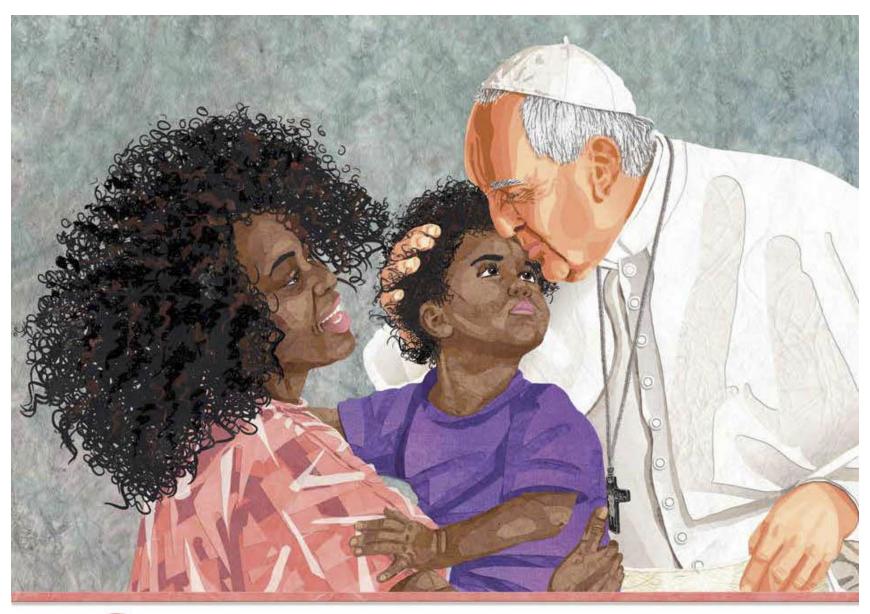
 $\mathbf{N}$  arthex

Church entry space; it's just within



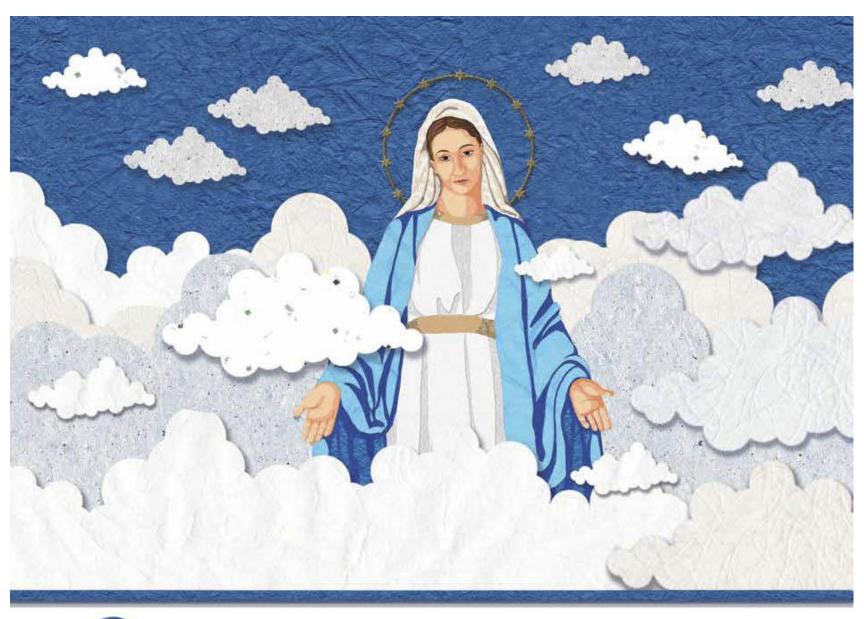
Original Sin

First parents' failure marks us all



Pope

Church leader who hears Spirit's call



ueen of Heaven

Our Blessed Mother's royal name



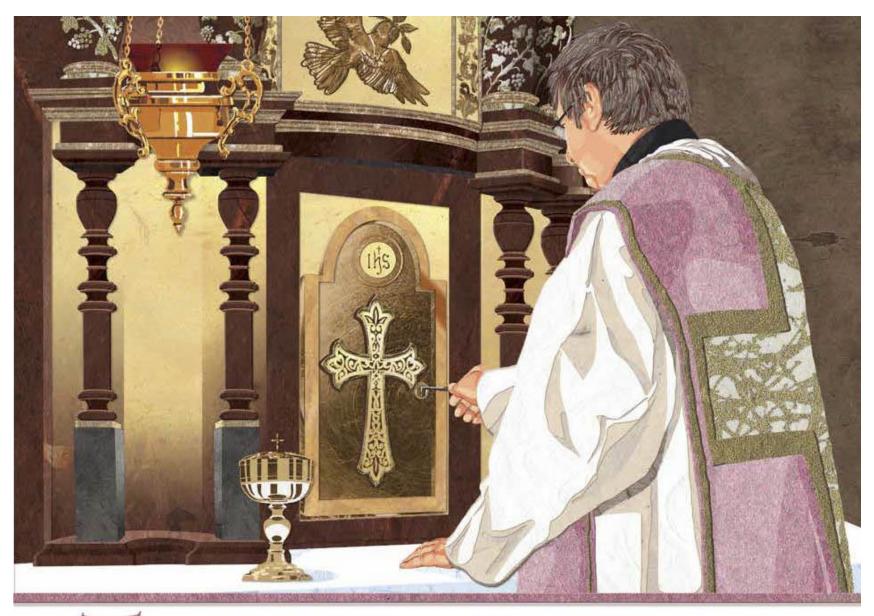
Rosary

Beaded prayers that we proclaim





Outward signs of inward grace



abernacle

Eucharistic dwelling place



**U**niversal

This word explains what "Catholic" means



Vestments

Priests' robes in reds, whites, purples, greens





The blood of Jesus, sacrificed



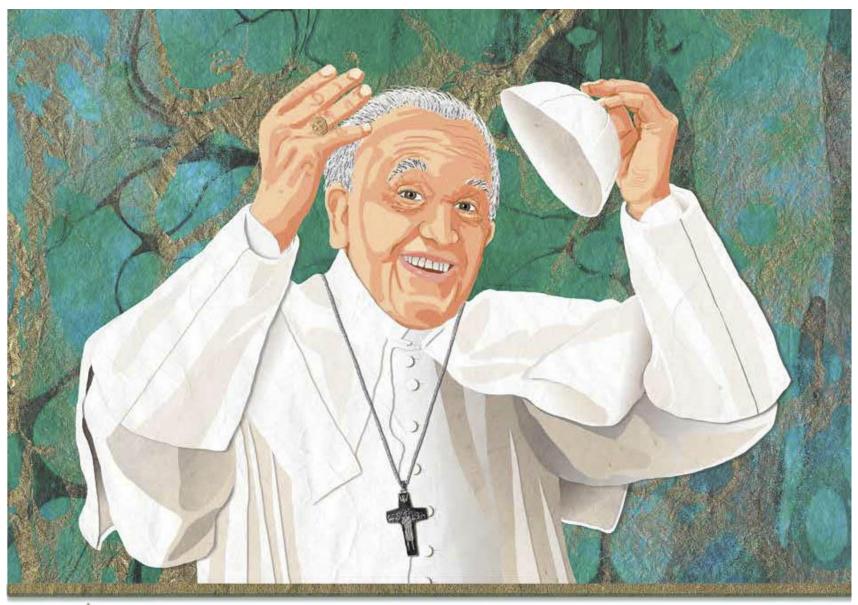


First letter of Greek word for "Christ"



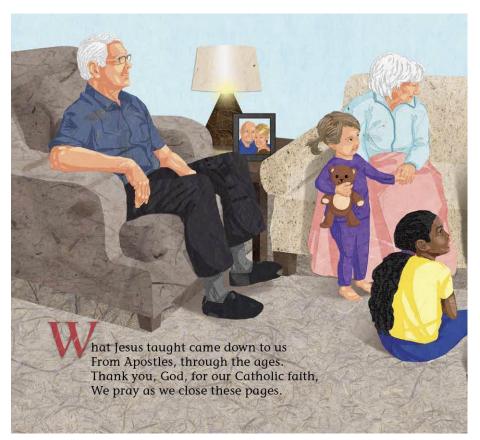


God's holy name, from way back when



ucchetto

A round cap worn by clergymen





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## **Author's Note:**

Claudia Cangilla McAdam is an award-winning children's author and a lifelong Catholic. She has penned two dozen books, most of them for youth. Claudia holds a master's degree in theology, and her works invite young readers and their families to explore the beauty of the faith. "E" is for Eucharist is her second alphabet book. The first was about the state of Colorado, where she and her husband live not far from their children and grandchildren.

For a free Discussion and Activities Guide for "E" is for Eucharist, visit www. ClaudiaMcAdam.com. You'll find fun stuff to do, you can investigate more "Catholic things" for various letters, and you'll learn additional bits of information about the items included in this book. For example, did you know that priests' vestments come in more than the four colors listed on the "V" page?

If you look closely, you'll find one of the illustrations in this book shows vestments in the color "rose." That color is only worn on two days during the whole year. Do you know which days those are? What does that color symbolize? Those answers are in the Discussion and Activities Guide!

## Illustrator's Note:



Anna-Maria Crum started writing and illustrating her stories when she was seven years old. Today she's an award-winning illustrator and the author of 22 grade school readers.

The illustrations in this book were done using a new technique she calls "digital cut-paper." Anna-Maria carefully selects handmade art papers for their color and texture. She scans the papers into the computer and then creates shapes using the selected papers in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator. She further enhances the illusion of depth by adding cast shadows and layer masks.

One of the illustrations in this book has almost 600 layers! Can you guess which one it is? For the answer, go to www.annamariacrum.com. There is also a downloadable activity sheet there where kids can assemble their own artwork using a type of paper collage reminiscent of the ones in this book.