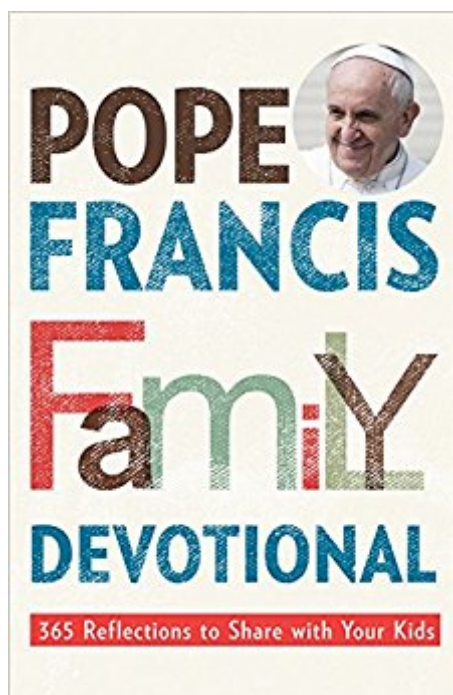


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Something I didn't realize at first: the book isn't actually written or published by Pope Francis. It's by Our Sunday Visitor and is a collection of quotes from Pope Francis. (That was probably obvious and

I just missed it). Anyway, it goes by date, January 1, January 2, and so on. Each day has a title, quote from Pope Francis, and a short, one or two paragraph discussion/reflection. Our family uses it at the supper table to teach and discuss. We've used other family and children's devotionals before, but this is our first specifically Catholic one, and we love it. I don't feel like we have to edit it or explain anything that is a little different from Catholic teachings. It's been appropriate for all of the age groups of our children, so don't have to edit anything in that way either. Overall, it's perfect for what we needed, it gives great Christian messages and teachings that are great for the whole family, Catholic or not.

I purchased this book with high hopes for a great devotional to share with my kids. I started it without them for a couple weeks to get a feel for how I should present it to them. Overall, I'm not impressed and haven't even shared it with my kids yet. The style the author uses is very...odd. There's nothing particular I don't like about it, but after almost every one of her interpretations, I feel let down. Like "that's it!? THAT'S what you got from this wonderful man's words!?" Personally, I'm Catholic and I almost feel like some of the interpretations are intentionally trying to gear the book toward Catholics and non-Catholics. I know you don't have to be Catholic to enjoy quotes from the Pope, but I was certainly hoping for more of a link to the Catholic faith. Some of the quotes chosen are also very plain and boring. Not a lot of them, but every few days I'm disappointed in such a bummer of a quote. There have been several that I love- which is very nice! -but those are often the ones that I feel letdown on her interpretations of them. I know you don't have to use the extra notes/interpretations provided, but if I were going to do that, I would rather buy a book with quotes only and no interpretations at all. It's an okay book. I'm glad I bought it because I really do like many of the quotes in the book, but I'm on the hunt for a better one to actually share with my kids. I will keep this one and maybe let them use it as they age, but for now I would rather something different.

We've been reading a passage every night since coming across the book a few weeks ago. The length of each passage by Pope Francis and the author's reflection is just right for this time slot & our household. It has served to ground us after hectic days and bring up topics that I'm not sure I could manage to bring up otherwise. I've noticed the bedtime routine has gone more smoothly because we look forward to this dedicated downtime. The book has single handedly improved our habits and our prayer life with its range of subjects.

An excellent collection of quotations, plus brief, accessible and down-to-earth reflections for each

day's quotation written by Ms. Cherico. She is more than the editor or compiler of these texts. She contributes her own experience in a way that is simple and unobtrusive, but also gives gentle guidance for our own considerations or family discussions.

Great starting place for discussions with varying ages of kids (mine are 8 to 13yrs old) on relevant topics & issues. Very pleased!

Nice, short daily reflections. Appropriate for 8 year olds and up, not younger.

Books were in great condition.

I have reviewed a lot of books in my four years as a reviewer...A LOT! I usually try and time the reviews around the content of the book, but I feel like I dropped the ball with the book I am reviewing today. The book is called Pope Francis Family Devotional, and as you can tell by the name, it is a one-a-day yearly devotional. The book begins with a brief introduction by the editor, Rebecca Cherico, where she explains that she compiled these pages with her own family in mind. She also tried to remember that all families are different and make this book suitable for people of various ages and at various stages of life. The book is just shy of 400 pages long and contains a single page devotion for every day of the year, including February 29th. Few devotionals pay attention to the leap day, so this is already a plus in my book. Each page is divided into two sections - an excerpt from one of Pope Francis' addresses/audiences and a reflection by the editor. Here is a short one as an example: There is no cross, big or small, in our life, which the Lord does not share with us. - Address, Way of the Cross, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 26, 2013 Reflection: God is with us. And God is good - all the time. When a cross seems too strange or too great to bear, remember this. He is always with us, until the end of time. Reading through this book is easy to do each day and one that I would recommend doing with your family. The words of Pope Francis are brief, but poignant, and the reflections are spot on! I encourage you to start your day with it and read it at breakfast time. If that doesn't work, end your day with it and read it before night time prayers. Get your children involved, learning more about their faith, and hearing the words of the Holy Father. Don't be discouraged that the year is more than half over. Pick up a copy and start the habit now, and then you can work on the book the rest of this year and all of next year. This book was provided to me by Our Sunday Visitor in exchange for an honest review.

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