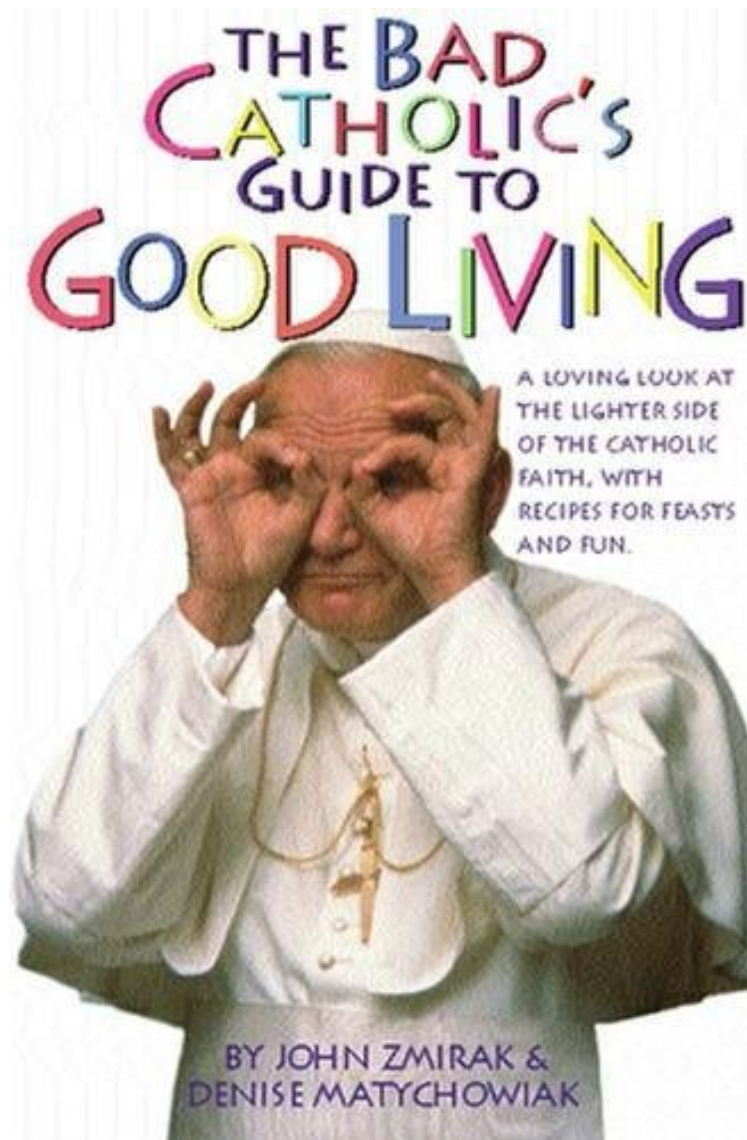


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John Zmirak, Denise Matychowiak : The Bad Catholic's Guide to Good Living: A Loving Look at the Lighter Side of Catholic Faith, with Recipes for Feasts and Fun before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Bad Catholic's Guide to Good Living: A Loving Look at the Lighter Side of Catholic Faith, with Recipes for Feasts and Fun:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Light hearted, though occasionally a little hard core for some. By Simon Chow Nicely packaged as you can see from the cover. It does have a nice, light conversational tone, especially around saint's stories and Church history - sorely needed given the usual formal and inaccessible tone of most Catholic tomes. I'd hesitate a little on giving it to some newbies or lapsed Catholics - whom I presume are meant to be a key audience - because it is a bit hard core in parts - such as seriously recommending you invite your friends and a priest to a dinner party and then suddenly suggesting everyone does confession. There's also a few recipes in there which for me aren't very useful. Overall, it's a nice accessible way of boning up on Church history and teachings. 37 of 37 people found the following review helpful. Good Food, Good Laughs, Good Theology! By Bob Davis I was hooked on this book by page three, and by page seven had decided that it was going to be my Christmas gift to my pastor, priest friends, fellow deacons, and more than a few others! It starts out with an introduction by Pope Alexander VI, one of the better Borgia popes, who died in 1503 and, according to the introduction, currently resides in the Seventh Terrace of Purgatory. That gives the reader a clue as to the sense of humor John Zmirak and Denise Matychowiak will inflict upon the reader! The book is organized chronologically, and includes feast days both great and obscure. Just about every one includes suggestions for a celebratory meal or other, occasionally twisted, but always fun, way to observe the day. Sprinkled throughout are informative pieces on the sacraments, and any mention of Catholic practices and beliefs is, if humorous, always accurate. It's not often you'll find yourself laughing out loud at a "cookbook", as I did at the Dallas airport, but if you love the Church, and you love to laugh, and you love to eat, this book is definitely for you!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. and very funny, for Catholics who can laugh at themselves. By AGA lighthearted way to learn a lot about the cultural traditions of the faith! It's irreverent, incorrect, and very funny, for Catholics who can laugh at themselves. There's a recipe for every feast day, and information connecting the festivity to its saint or theological significance. I learned a lot and look forward to living the liturgical year in a more fruitful way with it as a companion.

Jump right into this hilarious new book on enjoying and celebrating Catholicism in a whole new way. Both a comical read, as well as an indispensable resource for observing the Feast Days of the Saints, *The Bad Catholic's Guide to Good Living* is for anyone who is interested in celebrating the history and humor behind the Catholic faith.

From the Back Cover "The book is outrageous... What rescues it is that it is not based on a sophomoric parody of Catholic exaggeration, but on a clear love for the sheer facticity of Catholicism." -- Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete, theologian and author, former president of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico, and professor at the John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family. "Silly some of the time, respectful most of the time and hilarious all of the time, even the squirrel recipes sound delicious and will have me driving slower thru the red states, chumming for low cost snacks on the two lane all the way to Mardi Gras." -- Mario Batali, chef, host of *Molto Mario*, *Mario Eats Italy*, and *Ciao America* on the Food Network, author, *The Babbo Cookbook*. "The ideas outlined here for food and fun are zany, sophisticated, and delightful! How many guides to seasonal cooking urge their readers to flambé chickens, smother squirrels, put antidepressants in the punch bowl and sell indulgences? Not nearly enough, if you ask me." -- Georges Brigue, proprietor, *Le Perigord*, NYC, which opened April 1, 1964. About the Author John Zmirak is an editor, a journalist, a college teacher, and a political commentator. He is the author of *The Bad Catholic's Guide to the Seven Deadly Sins* and the coauthor of *The Bad Catholic's Guide to Good Living*; *The Bad Catholic's Guide to Wine, Whiskey, and Song*; and *The Grand Inquisitor*. He has contributed to *Investor's Business Daily* and the *National Catholic Register*. He lives in New York City.