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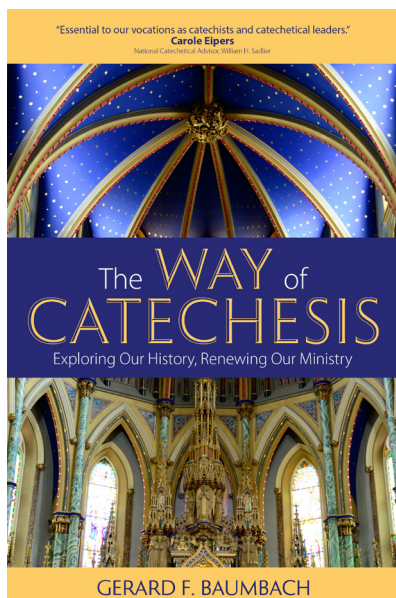
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BAUMBACH EXPLORES CHURCH HISTORY TO RENEW CATECHETICAL PERSPECTIVE



The Way of the Catechesis
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By **Gerard F. Baumbach**

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NOTRE DAME, Ind.—Drawing on more than forty years of experience as a catechist, parish DRE, textbook publisher, and founding director of the Echo Program at the University of Notre Dame, Gerard F. Baumbach explores contemporary catechesis in light of its history. *The Way of the Catechesis* offers a renewed and timely perspective on the vital ministry of catechesis at a pivotal moment in the work of New Evangelization.

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