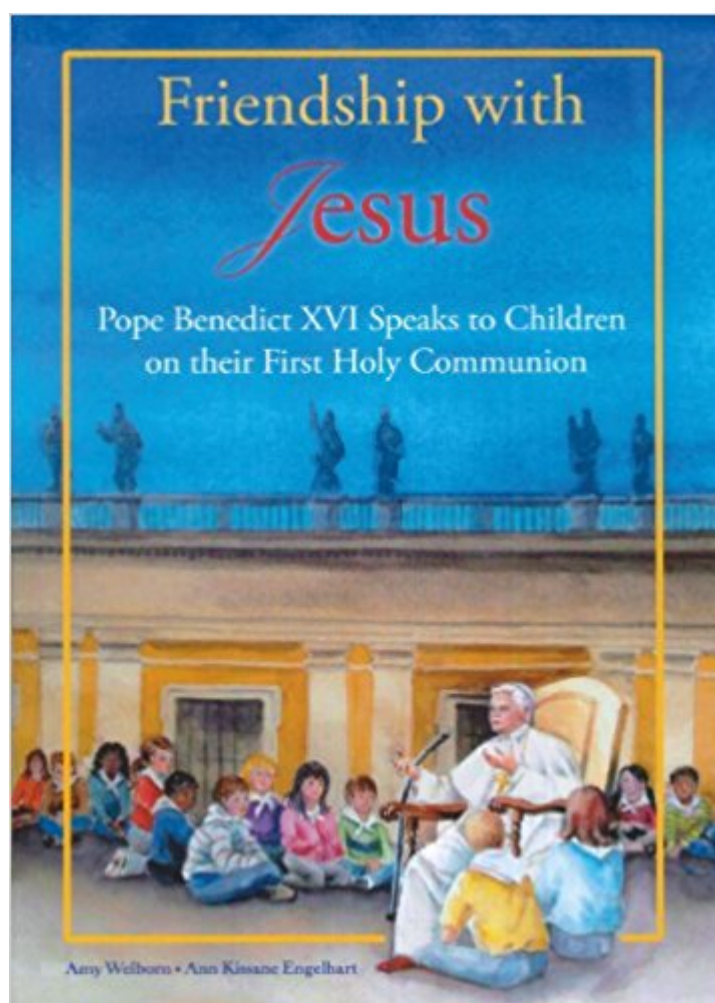


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Friendship With Jesus: Pope Benedict XVI Talks To Children On Their First Holy Communion



Synopsis

To receive Jesus in Holy Communion is to enter into a lifelong friendship with him. In this beautifully illustrated book, Amy Welborn, well-known author and blogger, introduces Pope Benedict's profound yet simple answers to various questions put to him by children in Rome who had recently made their First Holy Communion. Pope Benedict's answers, and the children's wonderful questions concerning this very important spiritual occasion in their young lives, provide inspiring text for this beautiful gift book for First Communion.

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Customer Reviews

Pope Benedict XVI (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) is widely recognized as one of the most brilliant theologians and spiritual leaders of our age. As Pope he authored the best-selling *Jesus of Nazareth*; and prior to his pontificate, he wrote many influential books that continue to remain important for the contemporary Church, such as *Introduction to Christianity* and *The Spirit of the Liturgy*.

Friendship with Jesus is an illustrated hardcover by Amy Welborn. Amy is no stranger to children's books, and this book does not disappoint. The book begins in a narrative style. Children in Rome had an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, and they got to ask him questions. This book records

some of the questions the children got to ask the Holy Father. Topics included Pope Benedict's First Communion, Confession, the Real Presence, and the importance of Sunday Mass to name a few. The questions just make sense, and you can see any child asking the same questions that these children did. I especially loved the section on the Real Presence. A child asked how can we know that Jesus is present in the Eucharist if we cannot see Him? Pope Benedict compared it to electrical current. We can't see it, but we can see and feel the effects. We cannot physically see Jesus like His apostles could, but we see His presence in the lives of His followers. Each question page is flanked by a picture page done in a watercolor style by Ann Engelhart. As a big fan of Pope Benedict XVI, my child(ren) will definitely be receiving this book before their First Communion. I highly recommend it. Be sure to check out the companion to this book by the same author and illustrator combo called Be Saints!

This book is the perfect gift for a child's first communion. The questions the children ask and the Pope answers are good for both the child and the parents to read. It also adds a sense of humanity and realism to "the Pope." Sometimes I think he may seem unreal or untouchable to the kids and this book shows his love and patience with kids. Highly recommend this book!

This is an awesome book. It reads like a story, and has a page size picture next to a page of text. After the story is set up, each page is a question from a child, the Pope's answer, a question for the reader to ask himself and a bible quote. It sounds like a lot, and it is very rich, but it is in language a child receiving their First Eucharist can understand. It illustrates the love Pope Benedict XVI has for the children of this world and Christ's message in a very understandable format. The questions are definitely those that a typical child would ask. The answers are straight forward.

this book was wonderful - well written and well illustrated. I highly recommend gifting it to anyone, and especially children who have received First Holy Communion. excellent explanation of the Eucharist, Mass, Confession, and Adoration - simply put and understandable. we are grateful for its printing!

I like the format of this book very much and the pictures are very suitable for a curious child. The fact that Pope Benedict is actually answering questions put to him by children who are about to make their First Communion is very appropriate. I bought this as a present for my ten year old grandson who has just made his first Communion.

This book has exceptionally beautiful watercolor paintings. The conversations between Pope Benedict and the children are special as well. I gave my son this book in anticipation of his first communion. He loves it and appreciates it especially because we just said goodbye to Pope Benedict, and this book is a lovely keepsake to remember him by as our Holy Father.

I was a bit nervous about buying this book for my son's First Communion, as we are traditional Catholics, but I am so glad I did. My son loved the book, we loved the discussion questions, and the illustrations are beautiful. I highly recommend it.

I bought this book to help me explain the concept of the Eucharist to my second grade faith formation class next year. It absolutely met and exceeded my expectations! I love the beautiful illustrations and that the questions and answers were from real children and the pope emeritus. Great book!

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