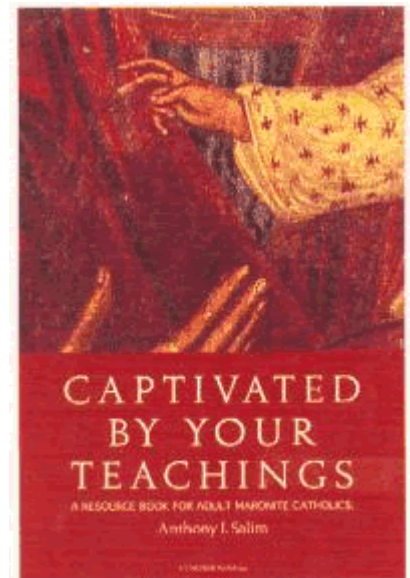


**Captivated By Your Teachings:
A Resource Book For Adult Maronite Catholics**

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1. This book is not only for Maronite Catholics but for all people who want to know more about one of the rich Traditions of the Catholic Church. There are many ways to be a Catholic. When people think of Catholicism, they too often think that the Tradition of Roman Catholicism is the only way that Catholics live out their faith commitment. However, this couldn't be further from the truth. There are in fact many Catholics whose spiritual, liturgical, historical, even disciplinary Traditions are closer to the Eastern Traditions of the Church and the Eastern origins of Christianity.
2. Fr. Salim has written a pastoral text that explains for the general reader how the Catholic Faith is expressed in one of these ancient Churches, the Syriac-Marionite Catholic Church. With theological roots in ancient Antioch, third most important city in the Roman Empire, and organized in defending the pivotal teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, Maronite Catholics take their name and heritage from St. Maron, a monk and holy man of Syria of the fifth century. Fr. Salim has explored how this Eastern Church, which has never separated from communion with the See of Rome, is renewing itself in light of its proper sources and after the Second Vatican Council. A must for anyone seeking to expand his or her knowledge of what it means to be fully Catholic today.



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