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#### Review

*Good News* gives Christians of today a clear guide on how to reach out to people and disseminate the truth about life. The many personal stories about how human beings opened their souls to the Lord's calling have one implicit element in common: McCloskey's extending himself to meet and understand human beings as they are. God does the conversion, but McCloskey has helped open minds and hearts by an apostleship based on prayer, knowledge about his faith, example and courage. -- *Alejandro Antonio Chafuen*

A great priest and a great writer combine on a great topic, the path to Rome - now that's a great idea! As one who tread that path some years ago, I can not think of a more important subject. Hopefully, this book will inspire others to follow that path. -- *William L. Saunders*

Fr. John McCloskey is an expert apologist and evangelist. With patience, wisdom, compassion and wit he has helped many people come into joyful full communion with the Catholic Church. Here he applies the same gifts to the task of teaching others the art of winning converts. *Good News* is a fresh, practical and readable manual for the New Evangelization, and should be devoured by all those involved in sharing their faith. --*Fr. Dwight Longnecker*

In this tour de-force, one of America's foremost writers and a well known priest evangelist, provide a theologically rich and a pastorally wise guide for Catholics to fulfill the Lord's command "Make disciples of all nations" Mt. 28:19. The personal stories provide thrilling moments of how God works through the evangelizer and in the converted. For priests and laity this thoughtful, joyful and practical book is a must! --*Bernard Dobranski*

There is no more articulate believer in the power and majesty of the Catholic Church than Fr. C. J. McClosky. Any sincere searcher for Truth who is attracted to Christian - particularly Catholic - faith, will want to read this book. Agree or disagree with Fr. McCloskey's unequivocal perspectives, his assertive witness provides much food for thought. --*Wesley J. Smith*

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