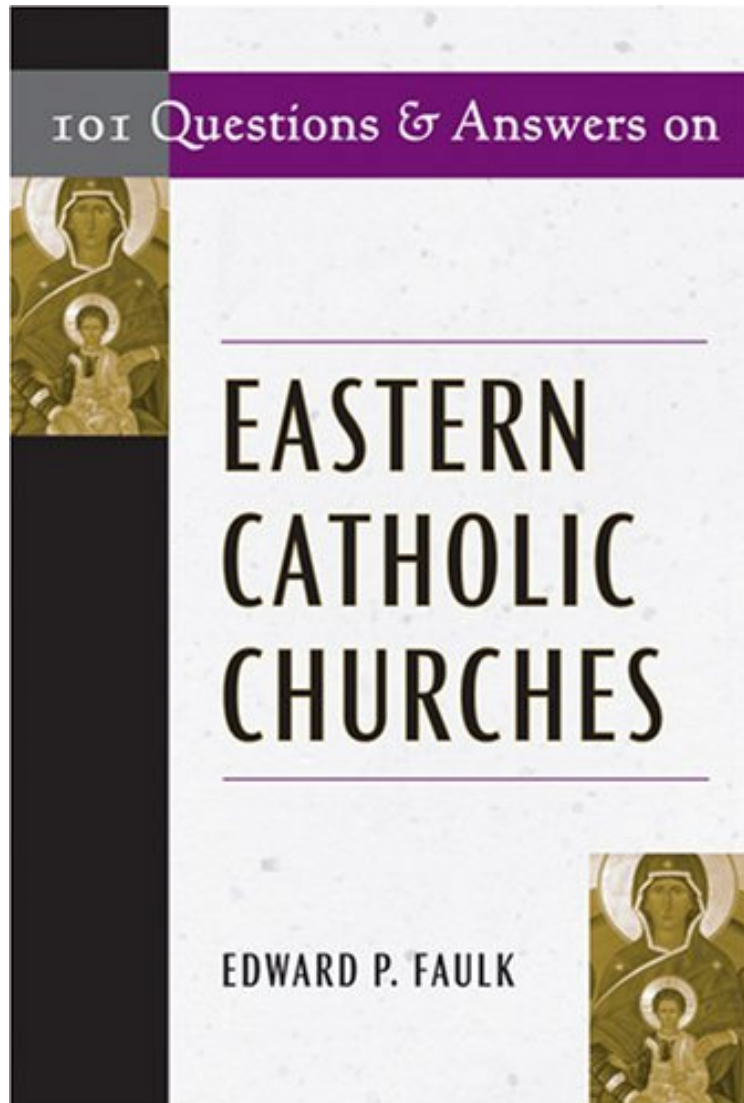


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relationship to the Vatican. Unfortunately, what little I knew is probably more than what the vast majority of Latin Rite Catholics know about their Eastern Rite brothers and sisters."101 Questions and Answers on the Eastern Catholic Churches" provides the background information to dispell the lack of education on this topic. The book surveys the wide variety of churches, explaining the different permutations from rite to rite, going over their historical development through the centuries, describing the various liturgical practices and theological approach, and dealing with the ecumenical issues. Although I had difficulty with author Edward Faulk's writing style (I sometimes had to read certain passages multiple times to understand exactly what he was saying), the fact that he swings both ways (he is a deacon in both the Latin and Melkite rites) makes him, perhaps, the only person truly qualified to write such a book. Deacon Faulk's wealth of knowledge and experience plus his affection for the subject make this a valuable resource.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE FOR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE EASTERN CHURCHESBy Steven H ProppAuthor Ed Faulk wrote in the Introduction to this 2007 book, "I'm going to assume that you [the reader] are probably a Latin or Roman Catholic... I'm also going to assume that you have some interest in the Eastern Catholic Churches. Of course, you could be an Eastern Catholic and are looking at this book for information about churches other than your own. There's also the possibility that you are reading this just to see what I have to say... I think this book can address all these issues." (Pg. 3)He explains, "Following the so-called East-West Schism of 1054, the Churches of the East retained the name 'Orthodox'... while the Church of Rome retained the title 'Catholic'... 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