**Dr, Anto Amarnad cmi, Creative Catechesis: A Creative and Psychosocial Approach to Faith Formation, A Source Book for Today's Catechesis, Bangalore: Dharmaram Publications, 2000, pp. iv+300. Rs. 160.00, US$ 18.00. ISBN: 81-86861-25-4.**

The Church, at the beginning of the third millennium and with its unprecedented change and transformation, needs new ways of sharing her faith. Being the Sacrament and Instrument of salvation, she has immense challenges and issues to square up. The dreams and aspirations of the entire human family demand from her a greater creativity and a deeper commitment. Catechesis is one of her effective ministries to fulfil her task of leading the humanity towards the brighter horizons of Christian discipleship. Therefore, a faithful and creative catechesis must sponsor an integrated vision that fulfils the inherent mission of the Church.

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