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## **Imprimatur Granted for the *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, Catholic Edition***

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has granted an imprimatur for the Catholic Edition of the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) Bible translation. The *NRSVue, Catholic Edition* is now approved for publication and “permitted for private use and study by the Catholic faithful.”

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA (NCC) owns the rights to NRSVue, as well as the Revised Standard Version (RSV) and their derivatives. Friendship Press, the publishing arm of the NCC, manages the NCC’s Bible translations.

With the imprimatur, the *NRSVue, Catholic Edition* is available for publishing partners to license and publish in print and digital formats. Those interested in securing a license for the *NRSVue, CE* should contact Riggins Rights Management at [NCCcopyright@rigginsrights.com](mailto:NCCcopyright@rigginsrights.com).

“This is an important milestone for the NRSVue translation, which we and our publishing partners have eagerly awaited,” said Brian Sigmon, CEO of Friendship Press. “We are grateful to the USCCB for their thorough review and ultimate approval of the *NRSVue, Catholic Edition*.”

Dr. Hugh Page Jr., chair of the NCC’s Bible Translation and Utilization Committee (BTU), said, “I am delighted that the *NRSVue, Catholic Edition* has received the imprimatur from the USCCB. Such ensures even wider engagement of this update as well as the intellectual and spiritual riches contained therein. We are deeply grateful to the USCCB for its careful review and endorsement.”

The text of the *NRSVue, CE* will be the same as the base text of the NRSVue for those books regarded as Scripture by both Catholics and Protestants. The Catholic Edition will include the Deuterocanonical books of the Old Testament in the Roman Catholic canonical order.

The NRSVue was released in 2021 as a major update to the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), published in 1989. The translation prioritized meticulous research and sound biblical scholarship to deliver the highest quality and most accurate English-language Bible translation. The NCC partnered with the Society of Biblical Literature to initiate the review and update of the text.

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