

BOOK REVIEW

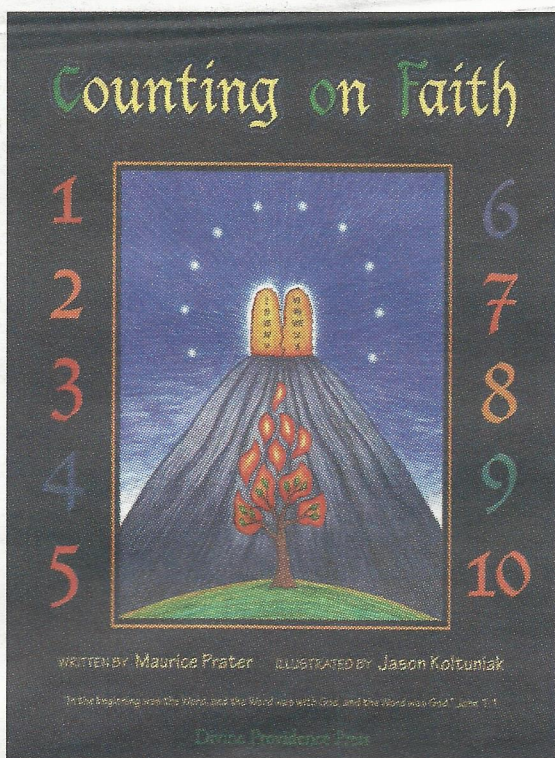
*Counting on Faith* by Maurice Prater; illustrations by Jason Koltuniak; Divine Providence Press, 2014; soft cover, 26 pp., \$9.95; ages up to 7 years.

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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Children can learn to count, while gaining knowledge in their Catholic faith, through the assistance of Maurice Prater's scriptural counting book, *Counting on Faith*.

Featuring vibrant, detailed illustrations by Jason Koltuniak, this delightful picture book depicts one God, two of every animal on Noah's Ark, the three members of the Holy Family and so on, up to the 10 Commandments, which are featured on the book's cover.

With a nihil obstat and imprimatur from Bishop David D. Kagan of Bismarck and an endorsement from Cardinal Timothy Michael Dolan, archbishop of New York, this is definitely more than your average



book for beginning readers or little ones who will enjoy having it read to them as they visually take in the pictures.

A list of scriptural references and definitions of some of the bigger words, located at the back of the book, are an added plus for *Counting on Faith*. It all adds up to a great experience for very young Catholics.

This book is available at Catholic book stores in San Antonio and the Catholic

Word Publisher Group sales department at 1(800) 932-3826 or [www.catholicword.com](http://www.catholicword.com), with school and parish discounts offered.

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