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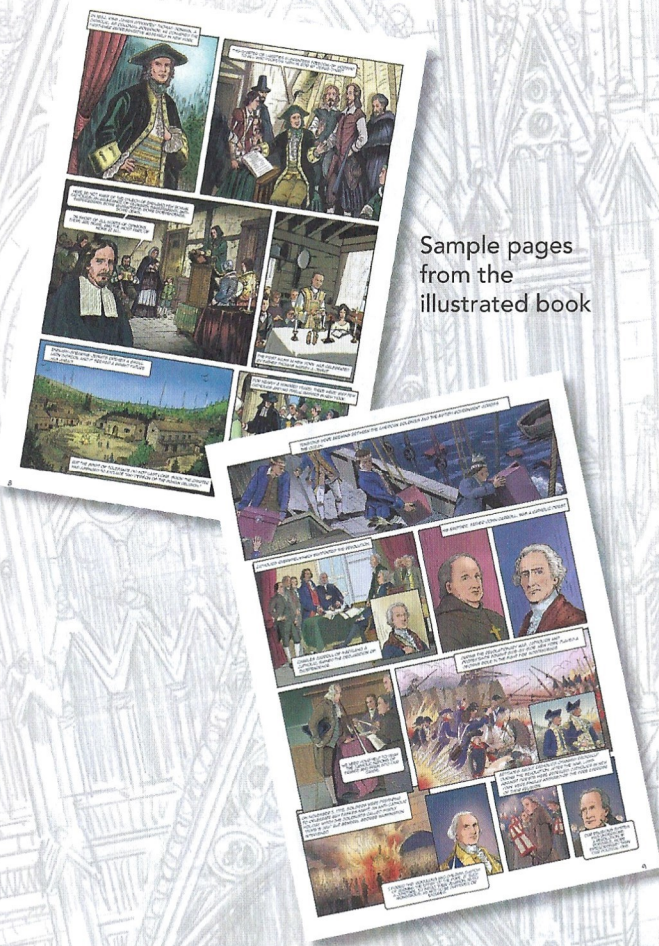
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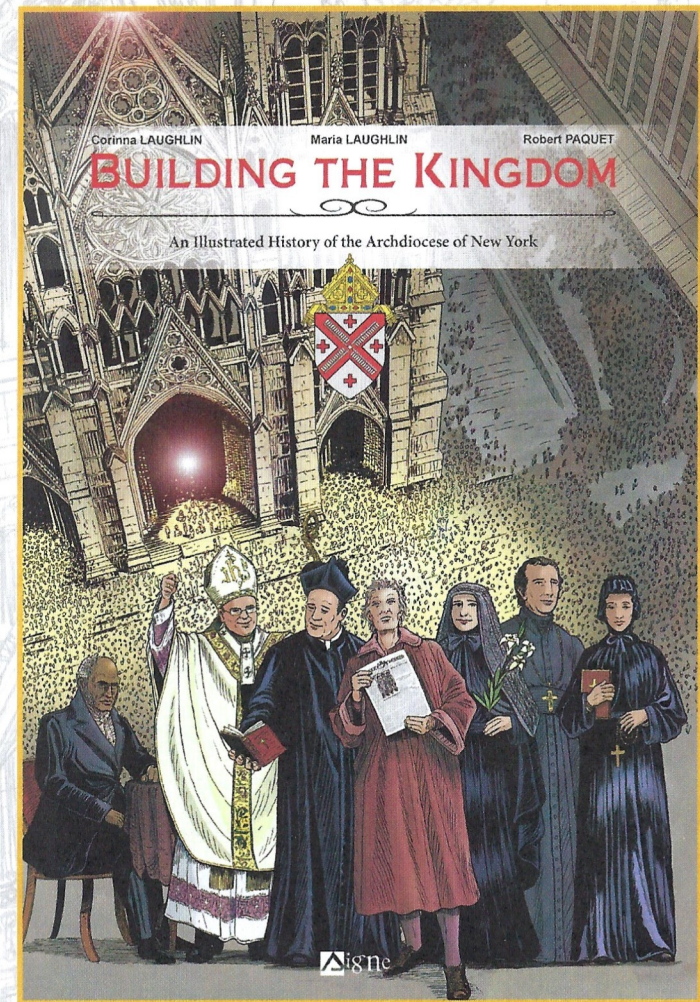
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This graphic-novel style history will allow people of every age to discover the rich history of the Archdiocese of New York and to grow in faith.

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Dear Friends in the Lord:

I am pleased to introduce this book, *Building the Kingdom: The History of the Archdiocese of New York*. It's a lively, accessible telling of an amazing and inspiring story—our story.

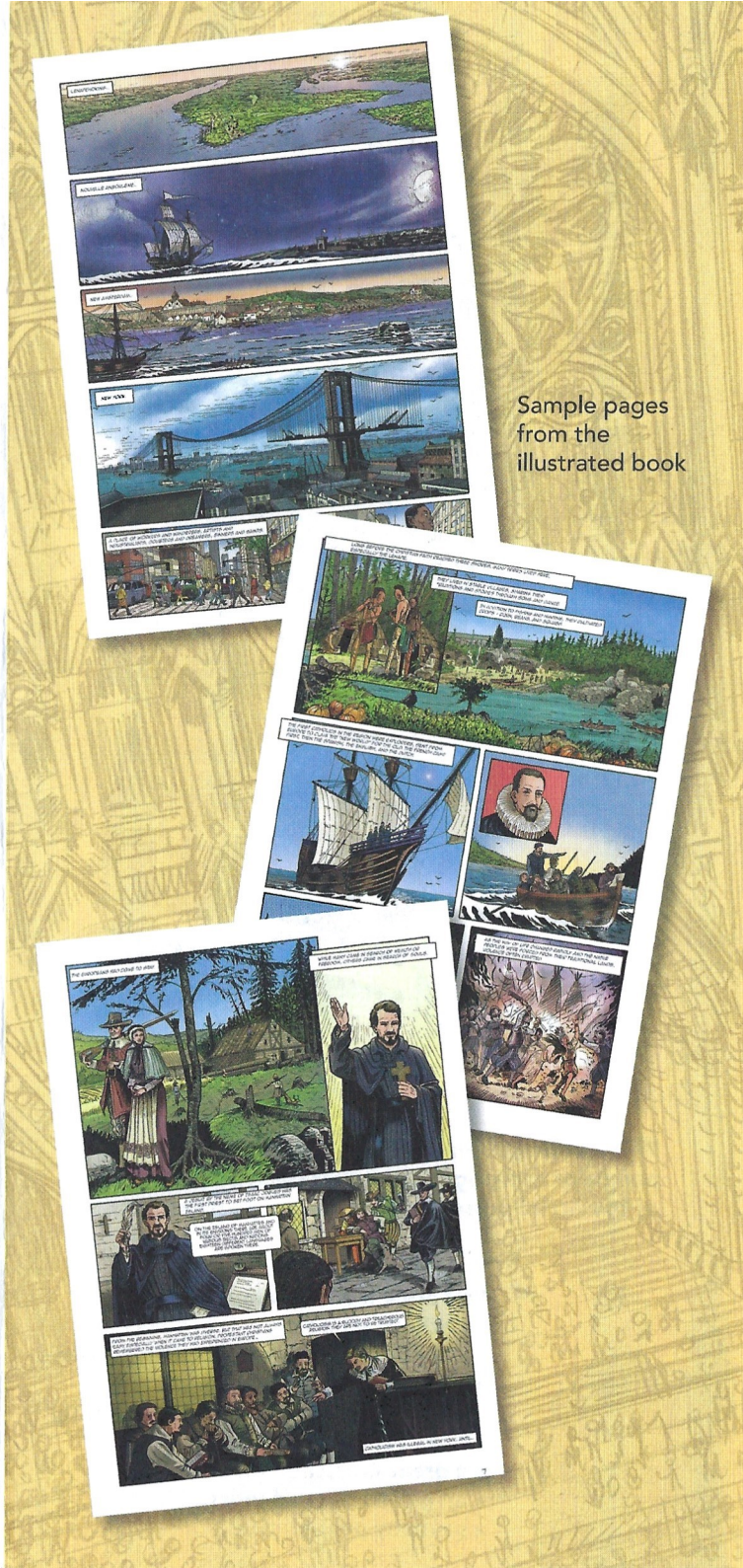
This local Church has a truly remarkable history. The Archdiocese of New York has been the crossroads of the Catholic faith in our country. So much history has unfolded in this place; so many saints have walked these streets where we walk; so many ministries and evangelization efforts got their start in our midst. To learn this story is not only to take pride in what has been, but to look to the future with renewed hope. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has said, Church history is not "a treasure only to conserve jealously, but must help us to walk in the present towards the future."

This book tells the story of the Archdiocese of New York in "graphic novel" format, an immersive medium that has become more and more popular, especially with young readers. Beautiful drawings and carefully researched text combine to make the history of our local Church both accessible and engaging. Readers will come away knowing more about all the people -- the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, lay faithful, and the saints -- who have shaped our local Church and our history.

With prayerful best wishes for you, and your parish and school communities, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



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Some of the history you'll find in the book...

- 1600s: The first Catholics in the region
- 1700s: Early challenges to religious freedom
- 1800: The first Catholic School in New York
- 1808: Creation of the Diocese of New York
- 1774: Birth of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in New York City
- 1825: Venerable Felix Varela comes to New York, where he serves at St. Peter's on Barclay Street
- 1836: St. John Neumann ordained by Bishop Dubois
- 1837: Father John Hughes appointed coadjutor to Bishop Dubois
- 1850: New York was elevated to an Archdiocese. Bishop Hughes becomes the first Archbishop of New York
- 1869: Cardinal McCloskey attends the First Vatican Council
- May 25, 1879: St. Patrick's Cathedral solemnly dedicated after more than twenty years of work
- 1870s: Father Drumgoole ministers to the newsboys of New York
- 1875: Archbishop John McCloskey becomes America's first Cardinal
- March 31, 1889: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini arrives in New York
- 1908: Catholic New York unites to celebrate the centennial of the diocese. The diocese counts 3,000,000 Catholics served by 2,710 priests in some 1,546 churches
- 1920: Mother Mollie Rogers and the first Maryknoll Sisters
- 1933: Dorothy Day and Pierre Maurin establish the Catholic Worker Movement
- 1962-65: Cardinal Spellman plays a prominent role at the Second Vatican Council
- 1963: Father LaFarge walks in the March on Washington with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- 1984: John Joseph O'Connor becomes Archbishop of New York; founds the Sisters of Life in 1991
- September 11, 2001: Terrorist attacks kill 2,977 people, 2,750 of them at the World Trade Center. St. Clare's Church in Great Kills loses 29 parishioners in the attacks, most of them First Responders
- 2009: Timothy Dolan is appointed Archbishop of New York. He becomes a Cardinal in 2012