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## Tired of the term 'fallen-away Catholic?'

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This from a reader who says he is tired of hearing people refer to "fallen-away" Catholics. He offers some other terms. Some seem to make more sense than others:

Homeless Catholics  
Nomad Catholics  
Catholic Alumni  
Exodus Catholics  
Liberated Catholics  
Adult Catholics  
Non-Attending Catholics  
Un-fearful Catholics  
Alienated Catholics  
Non-bureaucratic Catholics  
Inclusive Catholics  
Catholics in Love  
Catholics in Exile  
Recovering Catholics  
Kinda Catholics  
Liberal Catholics  
Raised Catholics  
USTA B Catholics  
Wandering Catholics  
Roamin? Catholics  
Disgruntled Catholics

Wayward Catholics  
Activist Catholics  
Gypsy Catholics  
Agitator Catholics  
Jesus Catholics  
Non-bureaucratic Catholics  
Un-hierarchied Catholics  
Protesting Catholics  
Re-Formed Catholics  
Metanoiaed Catholics  
Pray, Play, DisObey Catholics  
Non-Babel Catholics  
Catholics Living in the Real World  
Post-medieval Catholics  
Un-clericalized Catholics  
Freed Catholics  
New World Catholics  
Rebel Catholics  
Disenfranchised Catholics  
Home-Liturgy Catholics  
True-Tradition Catholics  
Non-Lay Catholics  
De-Catechized Catholics  
Open-Table Catholics  
De-institutionalized Catholics  
De-programmed Catholics  
De-culted Catholics  
Ecumenical Catholics  
catholic Catholics  
Christian Catholics  
Fundamental Catholics  
(as opposed to Catholic fundamentalists)  
Un-intimidated Catholics  
Illuminated Catholics  
Former Catholics  
Universe Catholics  
Refreshed Catholics  
Progressive Catholics  
Small-Faith-Group Catholics  
Happy liberal Catholics  
Discerning Catholics  
Thinking Catholics  
Emmaus Catholics  
John XXIII Catholics  
Global Catholics  
Welcoming Catholics  
Beatitude Catholics  
Episcopalians

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