

Catholic author: 'Give up your pew for Lent'

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Today's New York *Times* has [a guest opinion piece](#) [1] by author and Catholic [Paul Elie](#) [2], who proposes that since the pope resigned, so should Catholics -- at least for one weekend. Elie is a senior fellow in the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs at Georgetown University.

Elie, the author of two excellent books, [The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage](#) [3] (Disclosure: This book is one of my all-time favorites.) and [Reinventing Bach](#) [4], is not given to dramatic protests or rants about the church, a church he loves. This is what makes his essay even more compelling. Already this morning, friends are emailing me a link to his essay.

Take a few minutes to read it by clicking [here](#) [5].

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[1] http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/01/opinion/if-the-pope-can-quit-catholics-can-too.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130301&_r=2

[2] <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/people/paul-elie>

[3] [http://www.amazon.com/The-Life-You-Save-](http://www.amazon.com/The-Life-You-Save-Your/dp/B004KAB60E/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1362140905&sr=8-2&keywords=paul+elie)

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[4] [http://www.amazon.com/Reinventing-Bach-Paul-](http://www.amazon.com/Reinventing-Bach-Paul-Elie/dp/0374281076/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1362140905&sr=8-1&keywords=paul+elie)

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