St. Joseph Society



Recommend Reading List

The Essentials

Bible – Douay-Rheims or Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition

The Catechism of the Council of Trent

Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma - Ludwig Ott

Handbook of Moral Theology - Dominic Prummer

The Spiritual Life: A Treatise on Ascetical and Mystical Theology – Adolphe Tanqueray

Summa Theologica (5 Volumes) - St. Thomas Aquinas

Spiritual Classics

- Christ, the Life of the Soul, Christ in His Mysteries, & Christ the Ideal of the Monk Columba Marmion
- The Imitation of Christ Thomas A Kempis
- Divine Intimacy Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary
- Introduction to the Devout Life & Treatise on the Love of God St. Francis De Sales
- The Soul of the Apostolate Jean-Baptiste Chautard
- True Devotion to Mary Louis-Marie de Montfort
- Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father Fr Donald Calloway
- The Twelve Steps to Holiness and Salvation & Uniformity of God's Will St. Alphonso Liguori
- The Spiritual Combat Lorenzo Scupoli
- Confessions & The City of God St. Augustine
- Ascent of Mt. Carmel & Dark Night of the Soul St. John of the Cross
- Interior Castle & The Way of Perfection St. Teresa of Avila
- The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola St. Ignatius of Loyola
- The Rule of St. Benedict St. Benedict of Nursia
- The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena St. Catherine of Siena
- The Ways of Mental Prayer Vitalis Lehodey O.C.R.
- The Intellectual Life: Its Spirit, Conditions, Methods A. G. Sertillanges, O.P.

Catechisms/Dogmatic Theology

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church
- The Baltimore Catechism
- Credo: Compendium of the Catholic Faith Bishop Athanasius Schneider
- The Sources of Catholic Dogma Henry Denzinger
- Theology for Beginners Frank Sheed
- Theology and Sanity Frank Sheed

Ethics/Moral Theology

- Right and Reason: Ethics in Theory and Practice Austin Fagothey
- Back to Virtue: Traditional Moral Wisdom for Modern Moral Confusion Peter Kreeft
- Ethics & The History of Ethics Vernon Bourke
- The Science of Ethics (Two Volumes) Michael Cronin
- The Sources of Christian Ethics Servais Pinckaers

Spiritual Theology

- The Three Ages of the Interior Life: Prelude to Eternal Life (2 Volumes) & The Three Ways of the Spiritual Life Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange
- Spiritual Theology Jordan Aumann
- The Fulfillment of All Desire Ralph Martin
- Catechism of the Spiritual Life Cardinal Robert Sarah

Catholic Social Teaching/Political Philosophy

- A Reader in Catholic Social Teaching: From Syllabus Errorum to Deus Caritas Est Peter A. Kwasniewski
- Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church
- The State in Catholic Thought: A Treatise on Political Philosophy Heinrich A. Rommen
- Integralism: A Manual of Political Philosophy Thomas Crean and Alan Fimister

Eucharist/Mass

- The Holy Bread of Eternal Life Peter Kwasniewski
- The Eucharist: Mystery of Presence, Sacrifice, and Communion Lawrence Feingold
- The Holy Mass Explained Dom Prosper Gueranger, O.S.B.
- The Holy Sacrifice of The Mass Dogmatically, Liturgically And Ascetically Explained Nicholas Gihr
- The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth Scott Hahn
- A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do In The Liturgy Edward Sri
- The Catholic Mass: Steps to Restore the Centrality of God in the Liturgy Bishop Athanasius Schneider
- Novus Ordo: Daily Roman Missal James Socias
- Traditional Latin Mass: *The New Roman Missal* Rev. F. X. Lasance and Rev. Francis Augustine Walsh, O.S.B. or *Daily Missal* 1962 Baronius Press
- Traditional Latin Mass
 - o The Latin Mass Explained George J. Moorman and R. Michael Schmitz
 - o Treasure and Tradition: The Ultimate Guide to the Latin Mass Lisa Bergman
 - o A Beginner's Guide to the Traditional Latin Mass Derya Little

- Reclaiming Our Roman Catholic Birthright: The Genius and Timeliness of the Traditional Latin Mass – Peter Kwasniewski
- *The Traditional Mass: History, Form, and Theology of the Classical Roman Rite* Michael Fiedrowicz

Sacred Scripture

- Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History John Bergsma
- A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament Brant Pitre & John Bergsma
- New Testament Basics for Catholics John Bergsma
- Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins
- A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture Scott Hahn
- *Holy People, Holy Land* Michael Dauphinais & Matthew Levering

Church History

- Triumph: The Power and the Glory of the Catholic Church H.W. Crocker III
- A History of Christendom (6 Volumes) Warren Carroll
- *History of the Catholic Church* James Hitchcock
- The Christian Tradition: A History of the Development of Doctrine (5 Volumes) Jaroslav Pelikan
- The Glory of the Crusades Steve Weidenkopf
- The Concise History of the Crusades Thomas F. Madden
- God's Battalions: The Case for the Crusades Rodney Stark
- The Crusades: A History (3rd Edition) Jonathan Riley-Smith

Philosophy

- An Introduction to Philosophy: Perennial Principles of the Classical Realist Tradition Daniel Sullivan
- A History of Philosophy (9 Volumes) Frederick Copleston
- Socrates to Sartre: A History of Philosophy Samuel Enoch Stumpf
- An Introduction to Natural Theology Maurice R. Holloway
- The Reality of God and the Problem of Evil & An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion Brian Davies
- Socratic Logic: A Logic Text using Socratic Method, Platonic Questions, and Aristotelian Principles Peter Kreeft and Trent Dougherty
- A Shorter Summa: The Essential Philosophical Passages of Saint Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologica – Peter Kreeft
- Aquinas (A Beginner's Guide) Edward Feser

Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange

- Commentaries on the *Summa Theologica* of Thomas Aquinas
 - *The One God*, commentary on Summa Theologica I.1–26.
 - The Trinity and God the Creator, commentary on Summa Theologica I.27-119.
 - *Beatitude*, commentary on Summa Theologica I-II.1–54.
 - *Grace*, commentary on Summa Theologica I-II.109-114.
 - The Theological Virtues Vol. 1: Faith, commentary on Summa Theologica II-II.1–16.
 - Christ the Saviour, commentary on Summa Theologica III.1–26, 31–59.

- Philosophical Works
 - Reality: A Synthesis of Thomistic Thought
 - o Thomistic Common Sense: The Philosophy of Being and the Development of Doctrine
 - The Order of Things: The Realism of the Principle of Finality
 - Philosophizing in Faith: The Beginning and End of Wisdom
 - o God, His Existence and Nature: A Thomistic Solution of Certain Agnostic Antinomies
- Theological Works
 - Christian Perfection and Contemplation According to St Thomas Aquinas and St John of the Cross
 - Life Everlasting
 - The Sense of Mystery: Clarity and Obscurity in the Intellectual Life
 - o Life Everlasting and Immensity of the Soul
 - The Love of God and the Cross of Jesus
 - \circ Predestination
 - The Priest in Union with Christ
 - \circ Providence
 - 0 Our Saviour and His Love for Us
 - 0 On Divine Revelation: The Teaching of the Catholic Faith
 - Principles of Catholic Apologetics
 - The Mother of the Saviour and our Interior Life

Apologetics

- College Apologetics: Proof of the Truth of the Catholic Faith Anthony Alexander
- Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine Archbishop Michael Sheehan
- Handbook of Christian Apologetics Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli

Current Crisis

- Iota Unum: A Study of Changes in the Catholic Church in the 20th Century Romano Amerio
- Trojan Horse in the City of God: The Crisis Explained Dietrich von Hildebrand
- Phoenix from the Ashes: The Making, Unmaking, and Restoration of Catholic Tradition H.J.A. Sire
- The Second Vatican Council: An Unwritten Story Roberto de Mattei
- The Rhine Flows into the Tiber: A History of Vatican II Ralph Wiltgen
- A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward Ralph Martin
- Christus Vincit: Christ's Triumph Over the Darkness of the Age and The Springtime that Never Came Bishop Athanasius Schneider

Catholic Masculinity

- The Three Marks of Manhood: How to be Priest, Prophet and King of Your Family G. C. Dilsaver
- Terror of Demons: Reclaiming Traditional Catholic Masculinity Kennedy Hall
- The Catholic Gentleman: Living Authentic Manhood Today Sam Guzman
- Manual for Men Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted
- Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality Harold Burke-Sivers
- Chivalry: The Everyday Life of the Medieval Knight Leon Gautier
- A Knight's Own Book of Chivalry Geoffroi de Charny

Other Good Books

Great Books of the Western World (60 Volumes) – Mortimer J. Adler (Editor)

A Course in Religion by John Laux

- *Chief Truths of the Faith* (Bk. 1)
- Mass and the Sacraments (Bk. 2)
- Catholic Morality (Bk. 3)
- Catholic Apologetics (Bk. 4)
- Introduction to the Bible
- Church History

Didache Series

- Complete Course
 - Introduction to Catholicism
 - Understanding the Scriptures
 - History of the Church
 - 0 Our Moral Life in Christ
- Semester Edition
 - Faith and Revelation: Knowing God Through Sacred Scripture
 - o The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation
 - 0 The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship
 - The Church: Sacrament of Salvation
 - o The Sacraments: Source of Our Life in Christ
 - o Our Moral Life
 - Understanding the Scriptures
 - *History of the Church*
 - o The Social Doctrine of the Catholic Church
 - o Vocations & the Universal Call to Holiness
 - o Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue
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