

Some Ideas for Reading Good Catholic Books

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Books and Tapes Online

Ignatius Press: <http://www.ignatius.com> –wide variety for children through adult.

Scepter Press: <http://www.scepterpublishers.org/> - excellent on the spiritual life.

Sophia Press: <http://www.sophiainstitute.com/> - excellent on the spiritual life.

Lighthouse Catholic Media: <http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org>

Catholic Productions: <http://store.catholicproductions.com/brant-pitre/>

Which bible to get?

The Revised Standard Version (RSV–CE) Get the 2nd ‘Catholic Edition’ (CE); this is the best translation. Available from Ignatius Press <http://www.ignatius.com>

The New American Bible – a little easier to read, not the very best translation.

Books that are suitable for meditation (or reading):

Introduction to the Devout Life – by St. Francis de Sales

Spiritual Combat – Lorenzo Scupoli

Soul of the Apostolate – by Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard

The Way – St. Jose Maria Escriva (Collection of short points to ponder)

The Public Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Vol. I & II) - Alban Goodier

The Incarnation, Birth, and Infancy of Jesus Christ – St. Alphonsus Liguori

The Collected Works of St. Teresa of Avila (Vol. I-III)

The Glories of Mary – St. Alphonsus Liguori

The Imitation of Christ - Thomas a Kempis (Collection of short points to ponder)

Frequent Confession – Benedict Bauer (Scepter Press)

The Life of Christ – Fulton Sheen

Christ is Passing By – St. Josemaria Escriva (Scepter Press)

Finding God's Will For you – St. Francis de Sales (Sophia Press)

Lukewarmness – Francis Carvajal (Scepter Press)

How to Profit from your Faults – Joseph Lissot (Scepter Press)

The Power of Humility – Canice Bourke (Sophia Press)

Self Knowledge and Self Discipline – B. W. Maturin

Searching for and Maintaining Peace - Jacques Philippe (Scepter Press)

Time for God - Jacques Philippe (Scepter Press)

Interior Freedom – Jacques Philippe (Scepter Press)

In the School of the Holy Spirit - Jacques Philippe (Scepter Press)

Called to Life – Jacques Philippe (Scepter Press)

The Way, the Furrow, and the Forge – 3 books in one (Scepter)

The Steps of Humility – St. Bernard Claiveaux

The Spiritual Life – Jean Nicolas Grou (Sophia Press)

In Conversation with God (7 Books) – Francis Fernandez (Scepter Press)

The Divine Pity – Gerald Vann

About the Holy Spirit – Francisca Javiera del Valle (Scepter)

Saints in the World – Urteaga

The Meaning of Life and Other Essays – Alban Goodier

How to Pray Always – Raoul Plus (super important book for our interior life)

Friendship of Christ – Robert Hugh Benson

Calvary and the Mass – fulton Sheen

A Selection of the Spiritual Letters of St. Francis de Sales

Uniformity with God's will – Liguori (very short booklet)

Friends of God – St. Josemaria

Books for reading:

Inside the Bible – Baker; Ignatius Press. (a few page summary of each book of the bible)
The Confessions of St. Augustine – the story of his conversion (a classic of western civilization)
Story of a Soul – by St. Therese of Lisieux
The Little Catechism of the Cure of Ars
Everything You wanted to know about Heaven – Peter Kreeft
The Lamb's Supper – Scott Hahn
The Secret of the Rosary / True Devotion to Mary – St. Louis De Montfort
Mere Christianity / The Great Divorce / The Problem of Pain / Surprised by Joy – C.S. Lewis
The Screw tape Letters / Miracles / The Abolition of Man / Pilgrim's Regress– C. S. Lewis
The Temperament God gave you / The Temperament God gave your spouse – Art, Lorainne Bennett
Junia / Marcus (sequel to Junia) – M. Giesler (fictional account of early Christians) (Scepter)
Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma – Ludwig Ott (textbook of Catholic truths)
A Tour of the Summa – Paul J. Glenn (TAN)
The Everlasting Man – G.K. Chesterton
A Popular History of the Catholic Church – Philip Hughes
The Founding of Christendom (1) / The Building of Christendom (2) – Warren H. Carroll
The Glory of Christendom (3) / The Cleaving of Christendom (4) – Warren H. Carroll
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the New Testament – Brant Pitre
The Theology of the Mystical Body – Mersch
Introduction to Christianity – Ratzinger
The End of the present world – Charles Arminjon
The Map of Life – Sheed
Mr. Blue – Miles Connolly (fictional, fun read)
The Price to Pay – account the conversion of a Muslim
The following resources available from: <http://store.catholicproductions.com/brant-pitre/>
Jesus the Bridegroom CD
The Seven Mysteries of Jesus: The Biblical Roots of the Sacraments CD
A Biblical Explanation of the Mass CD
A Biblical Tour of Heaven CD
Contemplating the Face of Christ with Mary: How to Pray the Rosary CD
Eucharistic Theology CD
Exodus: A Bible Study CD
Genesis and the Books of Moses: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Pentateuch CD
Introduction to the Bible: Inspiration, Inerrancy, Interpretation, and the Interior Life CD
Jesus and the End Times: A Catholic View of the Last Days CD
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Advent CD
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Purgatory CD
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist – Book
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist CD
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Papacy CD
Jesus of Nazareth: A Biblical Christology CD
Jesus the Bridegroom: The Greatest Love Story Ever Told (Signed by Dr. Pitre)
Life After Death: A Bible Study on the 7 Last Things CD
Marriage, the Family, and Spiritual Warfare in Scripture CD
Mother of the Messiah: A Bible Study on Mary CD
O Come Let Us Adore Him CD
Saint Peter and The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life CD
Sin and Salvation: A Bible Study on Romans CD
Spiritual Theology: Christian Prayer and the Three Stages of the Spiritual Life CD
The Apostle Paul: Unlocking the Mysteries of His Theology CD

The Bible and The Mass: The Jewish Roots of Christian Liturgy CD
The Bridegroom Messiah CD
The Eucharist in the Gospel of John CD
The Eucharist in the New Testament CD
The Faith of Abraham and the Spiritual Life CD
The Four Gospels: An Introduction to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John CD
The Fourth Cup and The New Passover CD
The Gospel of Matthew: The Messiah and the Fulfillment of the Old Testament CD
The Jewish Roots of Jesus' Death and Resurrection CD
The Last Supper and the Lost Tribes of Israel CD
The Old Testament: A Historical and Theological Journey through Jewish Scripture CD
The Origin of the Bible: Human Invention or Divine Intervention? CD
The Road to Emmaus CD
The Seven Sacraments: Are They Biblical? CD
The Temptations of Jesus & the Fall of Adam CD
What Must I Do To Be Saved? The New Perspective on Paul and the Catholic Doctrine of Justification CD
Who is the Whore of Babylon? CD
Wives Do What?! Ephesians 5 & St. Paul's Life-Changing Vision of the Christian Family CD

Lives of the Saints:

A Pilgrim's Journey – The Autobiography of Ignatius Loyola
Antony of Egypt – by St. Athanasius
Saints for Sinners – Alban Goodier
The Cure D'Ars – (St. John Vianney) – Francis Trochu
The Secret of the Cure of Ars – Henri Gheon
St. Bernadette Soubirous – Francis Trochu
Saint Anthony: Words of Fire, Life of Light – Madeline Nugent
Butler's Lives of the Saints (4 volumes) – a couple pages on each saint.
57 Saints for boys and girls – Daughters of St. Paul
Opus Dei: Life and Work of Its Founder - Peter Berglar (on St. Josemaria Escriva)
Immersed in God – Cesare Cavalleri (on St. Josemaria Escriva)
Dream and your dreams will fall short. – Pedro Casciaro (on St. Josemaria Escriva)
Harlots of the Desert – by Benedicta Ward; it covers: St. Mary of Egypt, St. Pelagia, St. Mary niece of Abraham, St. Paisea, St. Thais of Alexandria.
Blessed Alvaro Del Portillo – Scott and Tolansky

For learning the Essentials:

The New St. Joseph 1st Communion Catechism – great book on the basics for kids in 2nd grade.
The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 1 – great little book to learn the basics –
The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism No. 2 – if you know this, you have a good foundation.
Catholic Christianity – Peter Kreeft; we use this book in RCIA.
The Faith Explained - Leo J. Trese
Catechism of the Catholic Church – THE official book of the Church – use for reference only, it's a big book.

Explaining and defending the Faith:

Where we Got the Bible – Henry G. Graham
Radio Replies – Vol. I,II,III – 4374 questions answered about the Catholic Faith

Marriage and Courtship

If You Really Loved Me – Jason Evert (100 questions on dating)
Christian Courtship in an Over-Sexed World – T. G. Morrow (OSV)

Theology of the Body for Beginners – Christopher West
3 To Get Married – Fulton Sheen (Scepter Press)
Covenanted Happiness – Cormac Burke (Scepter)
Marriage: A Path to Sanctity – Javier Abad and Eugenio Fenoy
First Comes Love – Scott Hahn
A Catholic Handbook for Engaged and Newly Married Couples – Frederick W. Marks
Male and Female He Created Them – Jorge Cardinal Medina Estevez (Ignatius press)
How to Raise Good Catholic Children – Mary Reed Newland (Sophia Press)
The Catholic Family: Image and Likeness of God – Deacon Bob McDonald
Lifeline: The religious Upbringing of your children – James Stenson (Scepter)
The ABC's of Choosing a Good Husband / The ABC's of Choosing a Good Wife – Stephen Wood

For Priests

Through Wind and Waves, On Being Spiritual Guide – Fernandez-Carvajal
Dignity and Duties of the Priest – St. Alphonsus Liguori
The Priest, the Man of God – St. Joseph Cafasso (TAN)
The Case for Clerical Celibacy – Alfons Maria Cardinal Stickler (Ignatius Press)
Mirror of Priests –Fr. Aurelian of the Blessed Sacrament (like a mini-formation handbook!)
About Being a Priest – Federico Suarez