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## Theology and Basics of Catholicism

Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*

Adams, Karl - *The Spirit of Catholicism*

Barron, Fr. Robert- *And Now I See: A Theology of Transformation*

Barron, Fr. Robert- *Catholicism*

Barron, Fr. Robert- *Eucharist*

Barron, Fr. Robert-*The Priority of Christ: Proclaiming the Power of Christ*

Benedict, Pope XVI- *Jesus of Nazareth*

Benedict, Pope XVI- *Jesus of Nazareth, Part Two*

Bouyer, Louis - *Spirit and Forms of Protestantism*

Catholic Church - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Francis, Pope- *Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel* (can be found in pdf format for free here:

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Guardini, Romano - *The End of the Modern World*

Guardini, Romano - *The Lord*

Hahn, Scott- *Letter and Spirit: From Written Text to Living Word in the Liturgy*

\*Hahn, Scott - *Rome Sweet Home*

Hahn, Scott- *The Lamb's Supper*

John Paul II, Pope- *The Gospel of Life*

Kreeft, Peter- *Back to Virtue: Traditional Moral Wisdom for Modern Moral Confusion*

Kreeft, Peter - *Christianity for Modern Pagans*

Kreeft, Peter - *Angels and Demons: What Do We Really Know about Them?*

Kreeft, Peter- *Catholic Christianity: A Complete Catechism of Catholic Beliefs*

Kreeft, Peter- *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Heaven*

Kreeft, Peter -*Fundamentals of the Faith: Essays in Christian Apologetics*

Kreeft, Peter -*The God Who Loves You*

Kreeft, Peter -*Heaven, the Heart's Deepest Longing*

Kreeft, Peter -*Love is Stronger than Death*

McBride, Albert- *Essentials of the Faith: A Guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Newman, John Henry - *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*

Newman, John Henry - *Parochial and Plain Sermons*

Ott, Ludwig - *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*  
Pieper, Josef - *The Four Cardinal Virtues*  
Pitre, Dr. Brant- *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*  
Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace-*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*  
Sheed, Frank J.- *Theology for Beginners*  
Sheen, Fulton J. -*Life of Christ*  
Sri, Dr. Edward-A *Biblical Walk Through the Mass*

## **History and Culture**

Barron, Fr. Robert-*Heaven in Stone and Glass*  
Belloc, Hilaire - *The Great Heresies*  
Belloc, Hilaire - *How The Reformation Happened*  
Belloc, Hilaire - *Survivals and New Arrivals*  
Bokenkotter, Thomas-A *Concise History of the Catholic Church*  
Carroll, Warren - *Christendom I: Founding of Christendom*  
Carroll, Warren - *Christendom II: The Building of Christendom*  
Carroll, Warren - *Christendom III: The Glory of Christendom*  
Carroll, Warren - *Christendom IV: The Cleaving of Christendom*  
Crocker III, H.W. - *Triumph*  
Dawson, Christopher - *Christianity and European Culture*  
Knox, Ronald - *Enthusiasm*  
Leclercq, Jean - *Love of Learning and the Desire for God*  
Walsh, William - *Our Lady of Fatima*  
Woods, Thomas E., Jr. -*How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization*

## **Holy Men and Women**

Barron, Fr. Robert-*Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master*  
Benedict XVI, Pope-*The Fathers*  
Chesterton, G.K. - *St. Francis of Assisi*  
Chesterton, G.K. - *St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox*  
Day, Dorothy - *The Long Loneliness*  
John XXIII, Pope John - *Journal of a Soul*  
Kowalska, St. Faustina- *Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska-Divine Mercy in My Soul*  
Lisieux, St. Therese de-*The Story of a Soul*  
Martin, Fr. James- *My Life with the Saints*  
Merton, Thomas - *The Seven Storey Mountain*  
Muggeridge, Malcolm - *Something Beautiful for God*

Newman, John Henry - *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*  
Riegle, Rosalie- *Dorothy Day: Portraits by Those Who Knew Her*  
Suarez, Federico - *Mary of Nazareth*  
Trochu, F. - *The Cure of Ars*  
Wegemer, Gerard - *Thomas More: A Portrait of Courage*  
Weigel, George - *Witness to Hope*

## **Literary Classics**

Alighieri, Dante - *The Divine Comedy*  
Benson, Robert Hugh - *Lord of the World*  
Bernanos, George - *The Diary of a Country Priest*  
de Cervantes, Miguel - *Don Quixote*  
Eliot, T.S. - *Christianity and Culture*  
Endo, Shusaku - *Silence*  
Hopkins, Gerard Manley - *Poems and Prose*  
Newman, John Henry - *The Idea of a University*  
O'Conner, Flannery - *The Complete Stories*  
Percy, Walker - *Lost in the Cosmos*  
Percy, Walker - *Love in the Ruins*  
Sienkiewicz, Henryk - *Quo Vadis*  
Tolkien, J.R.R. - *The Lord of the Rings*  
Undset, Sigrid - *Kristin Lavransdatter I: The Bridal Wreath*  
Undset, Sigrid - *Kristin Lavransdatter II : The Wife*  
Undset, Sigrid - *Kristin Lavransdatter III: The Cross*  
Waugh, Evelyn - *Brideshead Revisited*

## **Spirituality and Daily Catholic Living**

Aquinas, St. Thomas - *My Way of Life/Summa Theologica*  
Augustine, St. - *The City of God*  
Augustine, St. - *Confessions*  
Barron, Fr. Robert- *The Strangest Way-Walking the Christian Path*  
\*Brenninkmeyer, Lisa- *Walking with Purpose: Seven Priorities that Make Life Work*  
Catherine of Siena, St. - *Little Talks with God*  
\*Cavins, Jeff- *I'm Not Being Fed: Discovering the Food that Satisfies the Soul*  
Chesterton, G.K. - *The Everlasting Man*  
Chesterton, G.K. - *Orthodoxy*  
\*Dematte, Dan-*Holiness Revolution*

John of the Cross, St. - *Dark Night of the Soul*

Gaitley, Fr. Michael- *33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration*

Gaitley, Fr. Michael- *Consoling the Heart of Jesus: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat Inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*

\*Hahn, Scott-*A Father Who Keeps His Promises*

\*Hauser, Fr. Richard-*In His Spirit: A Guide to Today's Spirituality*

\*Hunt, Allen R. -*Confessions of a MegaChurch Pastor*

\*Hunt, Allen R.-*Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody*

\*Hunt, Allen R. -*Life's Greatest Lesson*

\*Hunt, Allen R.-*Nine Words: A Bible Study to help you become the best-version-of-yourself*

\*Kelly, Matthew-*Becoming the Best Version of Yourself*

\*Kelly, Matthew-*Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*

\*Kelly, Matthew- *Rediscovering Catholicism: Journeying Toward our Spiritual North Star*

\*Kelly, Matthew, *Rhythm of Life*

\*Kelly, Matthew-*The One Thing: Passing Faith onto Children*

\*Kelly, Matthew- *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*

\*Kreeft, Peter-*Jesus Shock*

Kreeft, Peter -*Prayer for Beginners*

Kreeft, Peter -*Prayer: The Great Conversation*

Kreeft, Peter -*Three Philosophies of Life*

Lewis, C.S. - *Mere Christianity*

Lewis, C.S. - *The Problem of Pain*

Lewis, C.S. - *The Screwtape Letters*

\*Martin, Curtis & Sri, Dr. Edward-*The Real Story*

\*Martin, Curtis-*Made For More*

Martin, Fr. James-*The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A spirituality for Real Life*

Merton, Thomas-*Contemplative Prayer*

Merton, Thomas-*The Seven Storey Mountain*

Oursler, Fulton - *The Greatest Story Ever Told*

\*Sheen, Absp. Fulton, *Finding True Happiness*

\*Talbot, John Michael-*Nothing is Impossible for God*

Teresa, Bl. Mother - *Meditations from a Simple Path*

Teresa of Avila, St. - *Interior Castle*

Teresa of Avila, St. - *The Way of Perfection*

Therese of Lisieux, St. - *Story of a Soul*

\*Wood, John R. -*Ordinary Lives Extraordinary Mission*

## **Spiritual Reading**

A'Kempis, Thomas - *The Imitation of Christ*  
Aumann, Jordan - *Spiritual Theology*  
Baur, Benedict - *Frequent Confession*  
Baur, Benedict - *In Silence with God*  
Boylan, Eugene - *Difficulties in Mental Prayer*  
Boylan, Eugene - *This Tremendous Lover*  
Burke, Cormac - *Covenanted Happiness*  
Chautard, Jean-Baptiste - *The Soul of the Apostolate*  
de Caussade, Jean-Pierre - *Abandonment to Divine Providence*  
de Montfort, Louis-Marie - *True Devotion to Mary*  
de Sales, St. Francis - *An Introduction to the Devout Life*  
de Sales, St. Francis - *Treatise on the Love of God*  
Escriva, Jose Maria - *Christ is Passing By*  
Escriva, Jose Maria - *Friends of God*  
Escriva, Jose Maria - *The Way, Furrow, The Forge*  
Escriva, Jose Maria - *The Way of the Cross*  
Faber, Frederick - *All for Jesus*  
Garrigou-Lagrange, Fr. Reginald - *Three Ages of Interior Life*  
Liguori, Alphonso - *The Great Means of Salvation and Perfection*  
Liguori, Alphonso - *Uniformity with God's Will*  
Louis of Grenada, Venerable - *The Sinner's Guide*  
Lovasik, Lawrence - *The Hidden Power of Kindness*  
Manzoni, Alessandro - *The Betrothed*  
Martinez, Luis - *True Devotion to the Holy Spirit*  
More, St. Thomas - *The Sadness of Christ*  
Perquin, Bonaventure - *Abba Father*  
Rohlheiser, Ronald- *The Holy Longing*  
Rohrbach, Peter - *Conversation with Christ*  
Scupoli, Lorenzo - *Spiritual Combat*  
Sheed, Frank - *Theology and Sanity*  
Sheed, Frank - *To Know Christ Jesus*  
Sheen, Fulton - *Life of Christ*  
Sheen, Fulton - *Three to Get Married*  
Tanqueray, Adolphe - *The Spiritual Life*  
von Hildebrand, Dietrich - *Transformation in Christ*

## Miscellaneous

John Paul II, Bl. Pope - *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*

Masson, Georgina - *The Companion Guide to Rome*

Monti, James - *The King's Good Servant but God's First*

Rice, Charles - *50 Questions on the Natural Law*

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