

A BRIEF LIST OF SPIRITUAL READING

- (1) This represents a miniscule list of the Church's vast warehouse of spiritual reading. These selections are in no way prejudicial against the countless numbers I have not included.
- (2) In spiritual reading it must be recalled that the particular soul is king. If there is not a noticeable movement of the will to greater love of Our Lord as you read the pages of a certain book, then that book is not for you - now. Move on to another.
- (3) Books that are marked in bolder black indicate classics. It might work to start here. If they are not working, move on.

(St) Bernard of Clairvaux -	<i>On the Love of God</i>
Benson, Robert Hugh -	<i>Friendship With Christ</i>
Boylan, Dom Eugene -	<i>This Tremendous Lover</i>
Carvajal, Francesco -	<i>Lukewarmness: The Devil in Disguise</i>
Daniel-Rops, Daniel -	<i>Heroes of God</i>
(St.) Peter Julian Eymard -	<i>The Real Presence</i>
De Caussade, J.P. -	<i>Abandonment to Divine Providence</i>
(St.) Francis De Sales -	<i>Introduction to the Devout Life</i> On the Love of God (2 vols)
Goodier, Alban -	<i>The Public Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> <i>The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.</i> <i>The Man of Sorrows</i> <i>The Prince of Peace</i> <i>The School of Love.</i>

- Gheon, Henri - *Secrets of the Saints*
- Houselander, Carol - *The Reed of God*
The Passion of the Infant Christ
- (St.) Josemaria Escriva - *The Way*
Christ Is Passing By.
- Knox, Ronald - *Captive Flames*
Retreat for Beginners
The Layman and His Conscience
The Mass in Slow Motion
The Creed in Slow Motion
- Leen, Edward - *Progress Through Mental Prayer*
Why the Cross?
The Vine and The Branches
The Holy Ghost
- Marmion, Dom Columba- *Christ the Life of the Soul*
Christ in His Mysteries
- Maturin, R.W. - *Self Control and Self Discipline*
- Rohrbach, Martin - *Conversations With Christ*
- Sheen, Fulton - *Peace of Soul*
Way to Happiness
Guide to Contentment
The World's First Love
Life of Christ
- (Any of Sheen's fifty odd books are most profitable for spiritual reading).*
- Urteaga, Jesus - *Man The Saint*

- Vann, Gerald - *The Divine Pity*
On Being Human
The Heart of Man
The Pain of Christ and the Sorrow
Of God
- Van Hildebrand, Dietrich- *Transformation in Christ*
The Sacred Heart
Liturgy and Personality.
- Van Zeller, Hubert - *Prayer in Other Words*
- Vonier, Dom Anscar - *A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist*
Christ the King of Glory
Christianus
Art of Christ

SUGGESTED READING FOR THE SERIOUS CATHOLIC

(1) DOGMATIC THEOLOGY (General Catholic Doctrine)

Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma – Ott
Theology and Sanity – Sheed
The Mysteries of Christianity – Scheeben
The Mystery of Faith – Journet
Orthodoxy - Chesterton

(2) MORAL THEOLOGY – (Proper conduct)

Way of the Lord Jesus – Grisez (3Vols)
Outlines of Moral Theology – O’Connell
Our Moral Life in Christ – Fernandez/Socias
God in the Dock – C.S. Lewis

(3) CHRISTOLOGY – (The person of Christ)

Christ of Faith – Adams
The Love of God & the The Cross of Jesus – Garrigou Lagrange
The Personality of Christ – Vonier
Christ Our Savior – Garrigou-Lagrange
Our Savior and His Love for Us – Garrigou-Lagrange

(4) MARIOLOGY – (The person of Our Lady)

The World’s First Love – Sheen
The Mother of the Savior – Garrigou-Lagrange
The Reed of God – Houselander
The Rosary – Maisie Ward
The Rosary – Guardini
True Devotion to Mary – deMontfort

(5) ASCETICAL THEOLOGY – (Sanctification)

The Spiritual Life – Tanqueray

Three Ages of the Interior Life – Garrigou-Lagrange (2 vols)

Spiritual Theology – Auman

I Want to See God – P. Eugene Marie

Transformation in Christ – van Hildebrand

(6) CHURCH HISTORY –

A Popular History of the Catholic Church – Hughes

A Popular History of the Reformation – Hughes

The Church in Crisis: A History of the General Councils – Hughes

A History of the Church – Hughes (3 vols)

A History of the Church – Daniel-Rops (11 vols)

Triumph - Crocker

(7) LITURGY

Meeting Christ in the Sacraments – O’Connell

A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist – Vonier

Liturgy and Personality – van Hildebrand

The Mass in Slow Motion – Knox

Sacred Signs – Guardini

The Splendor of the Liturgy – Zundel

Feast of Faith – Ratzinger

The Spirit of the Liturgy – Ratzinger

(8) PHILOSOPHY –

The Christian Philosophy of St. Thomas – Gilson

Elements of Christian Philosophy – Gilson

St. Thomas Aquinas – Maritain

Aquinas – Chesterton

Guide to St. Thomas – Pieper

Love of Wisdom – Kevane/Chervin

A Guide to St. Thomas – McInerney

(9) APOLOGETICS – (Defense of the Faith)

Catholic Evidence Training Outlines – Ward

Radio Replies – Bumble/Carty

The Belief of Catholics – Knox

Catholicism and Fundamentalism – Keating

(10) **PNEUMATOLOGY – (The Person of the Holy Spirit & Grace)**

The Sanctifier – Martinez
The Holy Ghost – Leen
Grace – Garrigou-Lagrance
The Meaning of Grace – Journet
The Theology of Grace – Hardon

(11) **ECCLESIOLOGY – (The Church)**

The Splendor of the Church – DeLubac
The Mystical Body of Christ – Sheen
The Church of the Word Incarnate – Journet
The Catholic Church and Conversion – Chesterton

(12) **ESCHATOLOGY – (Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell)**

Life Everlasting – Garrigou-Lagrance
What Becomes of the Dead? – Arendzen
The Last Things – Guardini

TEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CLASSICS

- (1) **The Summa Theologiae** - St. Thomas Aquinas
- (2) **Introduction to the Devout Life** - St. Francis De Sales
- (3) **The Great Heresies** - Hilaire Belloc
- (4) **The Soul of the Apostolate** - Dom Chautard
- (5) **Orthodoxy** - G K Chesterton
- (6) **Religion and The Rise of Western Culture** - Christopher Dawson
- (7) **Essay on the Development of Doctrine** - John Henry Newman
- (8) **Theology and Sanity** - Frank Sheed
- (9) **The Belief of Catholics** - Msgr. Ronald Knox
- (10) **The End of the Modern World** - Msgr. Romano Guardini
- (11) **Leisure: The Basis of Culture** - Josef Pieper
- (12) **The Feast of Faith** - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger
- (13) **God and Intelligence in Modern Philosophy** – Fulton Sheen
- (14) **A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist** – Dom Anscar Vonier
- (15) **Three Ages of the Interior Life** –Fr. Reginald Garrigou Lagrange