

# A CATHOLIC LIFETIME READING PLAN

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### THEOLOGY AND CATHOLICISM EXPLAINED

- Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Karl Adams**, *The Spirit of Catholicism*
- Louis Bouyer**, *Spirit and Forms of Protestantism*
- Romano Guardini**, *End of the Modern World*
- Romano Guardini**, *The Lord*
- Scott & Kimberly Hahn**, *Rome Sweet Home*
- Peter Kreeft**, *Christianity for Modern Pagans*
- Bl John Henry Newman**, *Essay on Development of Christian Doctrine*
- Bl John Henry Newman**, *Parochial and Plain Sermons*
- Ludwig Ott**, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*
- Josef Pieper**, *The Four Cardinal Virtues*

### HISTORY AND CULTURE











- Hilaire Belloc**, *The Great Heresies*
- Hilaire Belloc**, *How The Reformation Happened*
- Hilaire Belloc**, *Survivals and New Arrivals*
- Warren Carroll**, *History of Christendom* (four volumes)
- H.W. Crocker III**, *Triumph : the power and the glory of the Catholic Church*
- Christopher Dawson**, *Christianity and European Culture*
- Ronald Knox**, *Enthusiasm*
- Jean Leclercq**, *Love of Learning and the Desire for God*
- William Walsh**, *Our Lady of Fatima*

### HOLY MEN AND WOMEN

- G.K. Chesterton**, *St Francis of Assisi*

- G.K. Chesterton**, *St Thomas Aquinas: the dumb ox*
- Georges Chevrot**, *Simon Peter*
- Dorothy Day**, *The Long Loneliness*
- Joseph Holzner**, *Paul of Tarsus*
- St John XXIII**, *Journal of a Soul*
- Malcolm Muggeridge**, *Something Beautiful for God*
- Thomas Merton**, *Seven Storey Mountain*
- Bl John Henry Newman**, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*
- Federico Suarez**, *Mary of Nazareth*
- Francis Trochu**, *The Curé of Ars: St Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney*
- Gerard B Wegemer**, *Thomas More: a portrait of courage*
- George Weigel**, *Witness to Hope: the biography of Pope John Paul II*

### LITERARY CLASSICS

- Robert Hugh Benson**, *Lord of the World* 
- George Bernanos**, *The Diary of a Country Priest* 
- Miguel de Cervantes**, *Don Quixote* 
- T.S. Eliot**, *Christianity and Culture*
- Shusaku Endo**, *Silence* 
- George Manley Hopkins**, *Poetry and Prose*
- Bl John Henry Newman**, *The Idea of a University*
- Flannery O'Connor**, *Complete Stories*
- Walker Percy**, *Lost in the Cosmos* 
- Walker Percy**, *Love in the Ruins* 
- Henryk Sienkiewicz**, *Quo Vadis* 
- J.R.R. Tolkien**, *The Lord of the Rings* 
- Sigrid Undset**, *Kristin Lavransdatter* 
- Evelyn Waugh**, *Brideshead Revisited* 

## SPIRITUAL CLASSICS

- St Thomas Aquinas**, *My Way of Life/Summa Theologica*
- St Augustine**, *City of God*
- St Augustine**, *Confessions*
- St Catherine of Siena**, *Little Talks with God* (modernized version of *The Dialogue*)
- G.K. Chesterton**, *Orthodoxy*
- G.K. Chesterton**, *The Everlasting Man*
- St John of the Cross**, *Dark Night of the Soul*
- Thomas à Kempis**, *The Imitation of Christ*
- C.S. Lewis**, *Mere Christianity*
- C.S. Lewis**, *The Problem of Pain*
- C.S. Lewis**, *The Screwtape Letters*
- Fulton Oursler**, *The Greatest Story Ever Told*
- Bl Teresa of Calcutta**, *Meditations from a Simple Path*
- St Teresa of Avila**, *Interior Castle*
- St Teresa of Avila**, *The Way of Perfection*
- St Thérèse of Lisieux**, *Story of a Soul*

## SPIRITUAL READING

- Jordan Aumann**, *Spiritual Theology*
- Benedict Baur**, *Frequent Confession*
- Benedict Baur**, *In Silence with God*
- Benedict XVI**, *Jesus of Nazareth* (three volumes)
- Eugene Boylan**, *Difficulties in Mental Prayer*
- Eugene Boylan**, *This Tremendous Lover*
- Cormac Burke**, *Covenanted Happiness*
- Jean-Pierre de Caussade**, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*
- Jean-Baptiste Chautard**, *The Soul of the Apostolate*
- Walter Ciszek**, *He Leadeth Me*
- St Josemaría Escrivá**, *Christ is Passing By*
- St Josemaría Escrivá**, *The Way, Furrow, The Forge*
- St Josemaría Escrivá**, *Way of the Cross*
- Frederick William Faber**, *All for Jesus*
- Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange**, *Three Ages of Interior Life*

- Dietrich von Hildebrand**, *Transformation in Christ*
- St Alphonsus Liguori**, *The Way of Salvation and Perfection*
- St Alphonsus Liguori**, *Uniformity with God's Will*
- Ven Louis of Grenada**, *Sinner's Guide*
- Lawrence G. Lovasik**, *The Hidden Power of Kindness*
- Luis M. Martinez**, *True Devotion to the Holy Spirit*
- Alessandro Manzoni**, *The Betrothed* 📖
- St Louis-Marie de Montfort**, *True Devotion to Mary*
- St Thomas More**, *The Sadness of Christ*
- Bonaventure Perquin**, *Abba Father*
- Peter T. Rohrbach**, *Conversation with Christ*
- St Francis de Sales**, *Introduction to Devout Life*
- St Francis de Sales**, *Treatise on the Love of God*
- Lorenzo Scupoli**, *Spiritual Combat*
- Frank Sheed**, *Theology and Sanity*
- Frank Sheed**, *Theology for Beginners*
- Frank Sheed**, *To Know Christ Jesus*
- Ven Fulton Sheen**, *Life of Christ*
- Ven Fulton Sheen**, *Three to Get Married*
- Adolphe Alfred Tanqueray**, *The Spiritual Life: a treatise on ascetical and mystical theology*
- Gerald Vann**, *The Divine Pity*

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Benedict XVI**, *Opera Omnia*
- Benedict XVI**, *Day by Day with the Pope*
- Art & Laraine Bennett**, *The Emotions God gave you*
- Art & Laraine Bennett**, *The Temperament God gave you*
- Alice von Hildebrand**, *The Privilege of Being a Woman*
- St John Paul II**, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*
- Georgina Masson**, *Companion Guide to Rome*
- James Monti**, *The King's Good Servant but God's First*
- Charles Rice**, *50 Questions on the Natural Law*
- A.G. Sertillanges**, *The Intellectual Life*
- St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)**, *Essays on Woman*