REVIEW & RESOURCES

This is not an official list and assumes that you read the Bible, spiritual “classics”, and other official documents of the Church.

BOOKS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ

The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser
Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly
Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron
Our One Great Act of Fidelity by Ronald Rolheiser
Henri Nouwen by Robert Jonas
Breathing Under Water by Richard Rohr
Between Heaven and Mirth by James Martin, SJ
Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Greg Boyle
The Strangest Way: Walking the Christian Path by Fr. Robert Barron

BOOKS FOR FURTHER UNDERSTANDING

The Sabbath by Abraham Joshua Heschel
Falling Upward by Richard Rohr
A People of Hope by John Allen, Jr.
The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen
When Bad Things Happen to Good People by Harold S. Kushner
My Life with the Saints by James Martin, SJ
An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor
Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen
The Social Animal by David Brooks
Community: The Structure of Belonging by Peter Block
The Gifts of Imperfection by Brené Brown
The Road to Character by David Brooks

SPIRITUAL READING

Becoming Human by Jean Vanier
The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living by Timothy M. Gallagher, O.M.V.
The Four Loves by C.S. Lewis
Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job by Kerry Weber
Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love: Practical Insights from John Paul II’s Love and Responsibility by Edward Sri

My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir by Colleen Carroll Campbell
Seven Story Mountain by Thomas Merton
Three to Get Married by Fulton Sheen

ONLINE RESOURCES

reVerb Homilies (Fr. Chris’ Homilies)
The Living Word (Bible Reflections produced by America Magazine)
Attuned Interviews
  • The Power of Vulnerability
  • Quarks & Creation
  • Staying Put
  • Where Good Ideas Come From
  • The Dignity of Difference
  • Children of Abraham
  • Being Catholic: The Challenge and Beauty of Hearing the Faithful
  • Obedience and Action
  • Religious Passion, Pluralism and the Young
  • The Evolution of God
  • The Fears We Face

MORE ON CATHOLICISM

The Catholic Imagination by Andrew Greeley
By What Authority? by Richard Gaillardetz
Catholicism in the Third Millennium by Thomas Rausch
Called to Communion: Understanding the Church Today by (then) Joseph Ratzinger
Doors to the Sacred: A Historical Introduction to Sacraments in the Catholic Church by Joseph Martos
Meeting Christ in the Sacraments by Colman O’Neill
The Wellspring of Worship by Jean Corbon
Principles for a Catholic Morality by Timothy O’Connell
Catholic Ethics in Today’s World by Jozef D. Zalot and Benedict Guevin