

Material on Catholic/Theology

Philosophy for Understanding Theology by Diogenes Allen & Eric Springsted

Classic text for exploring the relationship between philosophy and Christian theology. Shows the influence that key philosophers and movements have had on shaping Christian theology.

(Intermediate Level)

Revelations of Divine Love Recorded by Julian Anchoress

A 14th century book of Christian mystical devotions. It includes her sixteen mystical visions and contemplations on universal love and hope in a time of plague, religious schism, uprisings, and war.

(In-depth Level)

Women and Mystical Experience in the Middle Ages by Frances Beer

The three women who are the subject of this fascinating study left a rich legacy of medieval spirituality.

(In-depth Level)

Examining the Catholic Intellectual Tradition by Anthony Cerhera and Oliver Morgan

A collection of essays focusing on such topics as the ideal of the Catholic mind, the relationship between Catholicism and other faith traditions, notions of the Catholic artist and intellectual, and future directions for Catholic universities. (Intermediate Level)

Basil Hume, Ten Years On by William Charles

Delightful, entertaining stories about Cardinal Hume, a much loved man. This very personal book seeks to show and to explain to those who did not meet him why he was so much loved. (Foundational Level)

Glossary of Theological Terms by John T. Ford

Essentials of Catholic Theology (Foundational Level)

All is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day by Jim Forest

Founder of the Catholic worker movement, and one of the most prophetic voices in the American Catholic Church, Dorothy Day has recently been proposed as a candidate for canonization. Jim Forest provides a compelling portrait of her heroic efforts to live out the radical message of the gospel for our time. (Foundational Level)

Rejoice and be Glad by Pope Francis

In this new apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis the pope looks at the call to holiness in today's world, with wit, insight, and encouraging counsel. From how to avoid false forms of holiness, to finding inspiration in the lives of the saints, Pope Francis explores the heights and depths of practical Christian holiness. (Intermediate Level)

Happiness in this Life by Pope Francis

For Pope Francis, the appreciation of our everyday lives is a spiritual undertaking. Joy is a divine attribute, and creating joy around us an essential part of faith. Every homily and speech in this book delivers, in warm, engaging language accessible to believers and nonbelievers alike, a key lesson, instructing readers on finding love and happiness in a chaotic world.

Redeeming Administration: Twelve Spiritual Habits for Catholic Leaders by Ann Garrido

She has found spiritual gifts in her years as a theologian, parish minister, and administrator for higher education. She reveals those gifts by examining twelve spiritual habits and showing readers how to experience administrative work as a crucial ministry. (Intermediate Level)

Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved by Beauty by Kate Hennessy

The life and work of Dorothy Day—the iconic, celebrated, and controversial Catholic whom Pope Francis called a “great American”—told with illuminating detail by her granddaughter. Dorothy Day (1897-1980) was a prominent Catholic, writer, social activist, and co-founder of a movement dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor. Her life has been revealed through her own writings as well as the work of historians, theologians, and academics. Her story is now told by her granddaughter in a frank and reflective, heartfelt and humorous portrayal. (Foundational Level)

Showing of Love Translated by Julia Bolton Holloway

As a female mystic and theologian who was uniquely recognized for her holiness, she also came to be known as a catechist, prophet, and spiritual director. This records her own healing encounter with divine love and has been a source of healing for others. (In-depth Level)

Julian of Norwich by Grace Jantzen

This detailed study attempts not only to penetrate her theological ideas but also brings to life her world and her life as an anchoress. Her image of Christ as mother has resounding implications for Christian feminist theology. (In-depth Level)

Michelangelo and the Pope’s Ceiling by Ross King

Recounts the four years Michelangelo spent laboring over the vast ceiling while the power, politics, and personal rivalries that abounded in Rome swirled around him. Battling against ill health, financial difficulties, domestic problems, the Pope’s impatience, and a bitter rivalry with Raphael, he created scenes so beautiful that they are considered one of the greatest master pieces. (Intermediate Level)

God, Philosophy, Universities: A Selective History of the Catholic Philosophical Tradition

by Alasdair MacIntyre

Tracing the idea of God through different philosophers’ engagement of God and how this engagement has played out in universities, he provides a valuable, lively, and insightful study of the disintegration of academic disciplines with knowledge. (Intermediate Level)

The Church: The Evolution of Catholicism by Richard P McBrien

From the struggles of the very first Christians to the challenges and scandals of today, the Catholic Church has wrestled with how to organize itself, express its beliefs, and nurture its members.

Origen: An Exhortation to Martyrdom, Prayer, and Selected Works by Origen

Here are the important and influential writings of a Christian mystic and early father of the Church. Origen was born in Alexandria and lived through the turbulent years during the collapse of the Roman Empire. (C. 185-254) (In-depth Level)

Psalms by Eugene H. Peterson

Peterson brings these ancient prayers to life for modern readers by translating the rhythm and idiom of the original Hebrew into contemporary English—all while maintaining the song-like meter and lyrical quality of your favorite translations. (Intermediate Level)

Augustine Confessions by F.J. Sheed

A remarkable translation of Augustine's classic spiritual autobiography. (In-depth Level)

A Short History of Philosophy by Robert Solomon & Kathleen Higgins

Authors examine the early Greek, Indic, and Chinese philosophers and the mythological traditions that preceded them, as well as the great religious philosophies, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, and Taoism. Demonstrates the relevance of philosophy to our times, illuminating the impact of the revolutions wrought by science, industry, colonialism, and sectarian warfare. (Intermediate Level)

The Good News of Yeshua the Messiah Translation by David Stern

A selection from the Jewish New Testament, expressing its original and essential Jewishness. In it Christians can perceive that the Church has not replaced the Jews as God's people, and that their own faith is far more Jewish than they may have thought. (Intermediate Level)

The Vatican Diaries by John Thavis

Reporting on the inner workings of the Vatican, Thavis gives behind-the-scenes perspective on an institution that is far less monolithic and unified than it first appears. Appeals to anyone interested in international diplomacy and the role of religion in an increasingly secularized world. (Intermediate Level)

In Search of Julian of Norwich by Sheila Upjohn

This is a spiritual detective story. Who was Julian? Why has she become so famous? Why did her writings disappear for centuries? Why is everyone reading them today? (Foundational Level)

The Sacred World of the Christian by Mary Anthony Wagner

This book uses the author's study of the sacred world of Native Americans as a launch pad for her discussion of "sacramental," or grace bestowing signs of God's presence in the lives of Christians. Wagner assesses ways to make the home into a sacred place with rituals, prayers, and blessings. In the closing section of the book, she challenges believers to use all their senses in praise of God. (Intermediate Level)

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a catechism promulgated for the Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II in 1992. It sums up, in book form, the beliefs of the Catholic faithful. (In-depth Level)

The Amplified New Testament

An aid to understanding the language of the New Testament. (Foundational Level)