Christocentric Reading List

Scripture, Tradition, and Magisterium to contemplate the mystery of Christ

Scripture

The Holy Bible
New Testament Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma
Holy People, Holy Land by Dauphinais and Levering
Epic of Eden by Sandra Richter
A Father Who Keeps His Promises by Scott Hahn
The Lamb's Supper by Scott Hahn
Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture Series
A Catholic Introduction to the Bible by Pitre and Bergsma
History and Spirit by Henri De Lubac
Catena Aurea by St. Thomas Aquinas
Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew by St. Jerome
The First Commentary on Mark [author unknown]
Sermons by St. Leo the Great
Commentary on Psalms by St. Augustine
Exposition of the Gospel of Luke by St. Ambrose
Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew by Origen
Commentary on the Song of Songs by St. Bernard
Sermons on the New Testament by St. Augustine
Homilies on the Gospel of John by St. John Chrysostom
Commentary on Hebrews by St. Thomas Aquinas

"'Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture, then, are bound closely together, and communicate one with the other. For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one thing, and move towards the same goal.' Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ, who promised to remain with his own 'always, to the close of the age'" (Catechism 80).

Tradition

How to Pray at All Times by St. Alphonsus
Story of a Soul by St. Therese
True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort
Letters by St. Teresa of Calcutta
Life of St. Anthony by St. Athanasius
The Life of St. Francis of Assisi by St. Bonaventure
Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales
Epistle to the Romans by St. Ignatius of Antioch
Friends of God by St. Josemaria
Uniformity With God's Will by St. Alphonsus
Life is Worth Living by Fulton Sheen
Confessions by St. Augustine
The Rule of St. Benedict by St. Benedict
The Devotions of St. Anselm by St. Anselm
The Sadness of Christ by St. Thomas More
The Dialogue by St. Catherine
Interior Castle by St. Teresa of Avila
The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila
The Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus by John Croiset
Life of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by St. Bonaventure
On the Happy Life by St. Augustine
On Christian Doctrine by St. Augustine
Divine Mercy in My Soul by St. Faustina
On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius
Treatise on the One God by St. Thomas Aquinas
Treatise on the Incarnation by St. Thomas Aquinas
Dark Night of the Soul by St. John of the Cross
Theology of the Body by St. John Paul II
Parochial and Plain Sermons by St. John Henry Newman
Theological Orations by St. Gregory of Nazianzus
Dialogue with Trypho by St. Justin Martyr
On the Trinity by St. Augustine

Magisterium

The Baltimore Catechism
The Catechism of the Catholic Church
Documents of the Christian Church ed. Bettenson
The Church Teaches by Jesuit Fathers
Dei Verbum
Quas Primas
Dominus Iesus
Redemptoris missio
Ecclesia de Eucharistia
Lumen gentium
Verbum Domini
Sacrosanctum Concilium
Providentissimus Deus
Fides et ratio
Veritatis splendor
The Council of Orange
The Council of Trent
The Council of Nicaea
The Council of Chalcedon
The Council of Ephesus

"The task of authentically interpreting the word of God, whether written or handed on, has been entrusted exclusively to the living teaching office of the Church, whose authority is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ. This teaching office is not above the word of God, but serves it, teaching only what has been handed on, listening to it devoutly, guarding it scrupulously and explaining it faithfully in accord with a divine commission and with the help of the Holy Spirit" (*Dei Verbum*, §10).

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Theology, Philosophy, and Fiction to understand the mystery of Christ and the vanity of the world

Theology

33 Days to Merciful Love by Michael Gaitley
33 Days to Morning Glory by Michael Gaitley
Searching for and Maintaining Peace by Jacques Philippe
The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis
Jesus the Bridegroom by Brant Pitre
Introduction to the Spiritual Life by Brant Pitre
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary by Brant Pitre
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre
The Case for Jesus by Brant Pitre
Theology for Beginners by Frank Sheed
To Know Christ Jesus by Frank Sheed
Knowing the Love of Christ by Dauphinais and Levering
Christianity for Modern Pagans by Peter Kreeft
Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
Miracles by C.S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
The Abolition of Man by C.S. Lewis
The Everlasting Man by G.K. Chesterton
Orthodoxy by G.K. Chesterton
The Five Great Heresies by Hilarie Belloc
Knowing the Love of God by Garrigou-Lagrange
Fundamental Theology by Guy Mansini
The Soul of The Apostolate by Jean-Baptiste Chautard
The Spirit of Catholicism by Karl Adam
Ecclesiology by Guy Mansini
Jesus of Nazareth by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger
The Spirit of the Liturgy by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger
Introduction to Christianity by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger
Three Ages of the Interior Life by Garrigou-Lagrange

Philosophy

The Immortal in You by Michael Augros
Who Designed the Designer? by Michael Augros
Leisure: the Basis of Culture by Josef Pieper
The Four Cardinal Virtues by Josef Pieper
Consolation of Philosophy by Boethius
Phaedo by Plato
Symposium by Plato
Phaedrus by Plato
Gorgias by Plato
Apology by Plato
The Republic by Plato
On Duties by Cicero
Pensées by Pascal
Divine Names by Pseudo-Dionysius
Nicomachean Ethics by Aristotle
Metaphysics by Aristotle
The Organon by Aristotle
Physics by Aristotle
After Virtue by Alasdair Macintyre
The Way Toward Wisdom by Benedict Ashley

"On her part, the Church cannot but set great value upon reason's drive to attain goals which render people's lives ever more worthy. She sees in philosophy the way to come to know fundamental truths about human life. At the same time, the Church considers philosophy an indispensable help for a deeper understanding of faith and for communicating the truth of the Gospel to those who do not yet know it" (*Fides et ratio*, §5).

Fiction

The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
Beowulf [author unknown]
The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
A Father's Tale by Michael O'Brien
Theophilos by Michael O'Brien
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien
The Silmarillion by J.R.R. Tolkien
Hamlet by Shakespeare
The Complete Stories by Flannery O'Conner
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh
The Iliad by Homer
The Odyssey by Homer
The Aeneid by Virgil
The Divine Comedy by Dante
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
The Diary of a Country Priest by George Bernanos
Crime and Punishment by Dostoevsky
Kristin Lavransdatter by Sigrid Undset
The Brothers Karamazov by Dostoevsky
Silence by Endo Shusaku

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