A Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan

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Catholicism Explained/Theology

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

Holy Men and Women

- Something Beautiful for God by Malcolm Muggeridge
- Apologia Pro Vita Sua by John Henry Newman
- Journal of a Soul by Pope John XXIII
- The Long Loneliness by Dorothy Day
- St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox by G. K. Chesterton
- St. Francis of Assisi by G. K. Chesterton
- Seven Storey Mountain by Thomas Merton
- Mary of Nazareth by Federico Suarez
- Cure of Ars by F. Trochu
- Thomas More: A Portrait of Courage by Gerard B. Weigem
- Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II by George Weigel

History and Culture

- The Great Heresies by Hilaire Belloc
- How The Reformation Happened by Hilaire Belloc
- Survivals and New Arrivals by Hilaire Belloc
- Christendom I: Founding of Christendom by Warren Carroll
- Christendom II: The Building of Christendom by Warren Carroll
- Christendom III: The Glory of Christendom by Warren Carroll
- Christendom IV: The Cleaving of Christendom by Warren Carroll
- Triumph : The Power and the Glory of the Catholic Church by H. W. Crocker III
- Enthusiasm by Ronald Arbuthnott Knox
- Love of Learning and the Desire for God by Jean Leclercq
- Christianity and European Culture by Christopher Dawson
- Our Lady of Fatima by William T. Walsh

Literary Classics

- Lord of the World by Robert Hugh Benson
- The Diary of a Country Priest by George Bernanos
- Hopkins: Poetry and Prose by George Manley Hopkins
- Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
- The Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri
- Christianity and Culture by T. S. Eliot
- The Idea of a University by John Newman
- Silence by Shusaku Endo
- Quo Vadis by Henryk Sienkiewicz
- Lost in the Cosmos : The Last Self-Help Book by Walker Percy
- Love in the Ruins by Walker Percy
- Kristin Lavransdatter I: The Bridal Wreath by Sigrid Undset
- Kristin Lavransdatter II: The Wife by Sigrid Undset
- Kristin Lavransdatter III: The Cross by Sigrid Undset
- Flannery O'Connor: Complete Stories by Flannery O'Connor
- The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien
- Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh
Spiritual Classics

Confessions of St. Augustine by St. Augustine
Little Talks with God (modernized version of "The Dialogues") by St. Catherine
City of God by St. Augustine
The Problem of Pain by C. S. Lewis
Dark Night of the Soul by St. John of the Cross
Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis
The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis
The Everlasting Man by G. K. Chesterton
Orthodoxy by G. K. Chesterton
The Greatest Story Ever Told by Fulton Oursler
Meditations from a Simple Path by Mother Teresa
Interior Castle by St. Teresa of Avila
The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila
Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux
My Way of Life/Summa Theologica by St. Thomas Aquinas

The Hidden Power of Kindness by Lawrence G. Lovasik
The Betrothed by Alessandro Manzoni
The Sadness of Christ by Thomas More
Conversation with Christ by Peter T. Rohrbach
Spiritual Combat by Lorenzo Scupoli
Theology and Sanity by Francis J. Sheed
Theology for Beginners by Francis J. Sheed
To Know Christ Jesus by Francis J. Sheed
Life of Christ by Fulton J. Sheen
Three to Get Married by Fulton J. Sheen
The Spiritual Life by Adolphe Tanqueray
Abba Father by Bonaventure Perquin
Transformation in Christ by Dietrich von Hildebrand

Miscellaneous

Crossing the Threshold of Hope by Pope John Paul II
Companion Guide to Rome by Georgina Masson
The King's Good Servant but God's First by James Monti
50 Questions on the Natural Law by Charles E. Rice
The Intellectual Life by A. G. Sertillanges
Essays on Woman by Edith Stein