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Dictionaries & Encyclopedias:

Sacramentum Mundi is a great place to start on almost any topic and represents scholarship from an international community of scholars. *The New Catholic Encyclopedia* also represents exemplary scholarship and proves very useful.

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McGrath, Alister. *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Thought* (Cambridge, Mass.: Blackwell, 1993). [Jones Ref BR95 .B58 1993 e-book](#)

Rahner, Karl. *Sacramentum Mundi: An Encyclopedia of Theology*, 6 volumes (New York: Herder and Herder, 1968). [Jones Ref BR95 .S23](#)

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Rahner, Karl, and Herbert Vorgrimler. *Dictionary of Theology* (New York: Crossroad, 1981). [Jones Ref BR95 .R313 1981](#)

Vacant, A. and E. Mangenot. *Dictionnaire de théologie catholique* (Paris: Letouzey et Ané, 1903). [Moody General BX841 .D68](#)

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Patrology (Church Fathers):

The *Ancient Christian Writers*, *Classics of Western Spirituality* and *The Fathers of the Church* provide good English translations of primary material with accompanying scholarly introductions and notes. Both the *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers* and *Ante-Nicene Fathers* are dated translations but are still useful. Both the *Library of Christian Classics* and *The Faith of the Early Fathers* are selections from full length works and carry the limitations of such excerpts.

Quasten's *Patrology* is immensely useful and erudite, along with Kelly's *Early Christian Doctrines* and Ferguson's *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*.

Primary Sources:

Sources Chrétiennes(SC)- [Series](#)
Ancient Christian Writers(ACW)- [Series](#)
Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers-Series I (NPNF)- [Jones Ref BR60 .S4](#)
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Library of Christian Classics, (volumes 1-13)- [Series](#)
The Faith of the Early Fathers, 3 volumes- [Moody General BR63 .J87](#)
The Fathers of the Church- [Series](#)
The Apostolic Fathers- [Jones Ref BR60.A62 L52 1981](#)
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Frend, W. H. C. *The Rise of Christianity* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1984). [Moody General BR162.2 .F733 1984](#)

Halton, Thomas. *The Message of the Fathers of the Church*, 22+ volumes (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical

- Press, 1997-). [Series](#)
- Hengel, et al. *Ancient Judaism & Early Christianity*, 72+ volumes (Leiden: Brill, 1976-). [Series](#)
- Kelly, Joseph F. *The Concise Dictionary of Early Christianity* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1992).
[Jones Ref BR95 .K395 1992](#)
- Kelly, J. N. D. *Early Christian Doctrines*, 5th ed. (New York: Harper and Row, 1978). [Moody General BT25 .K4 1977](#)
- Quasten, Johannes. *Patrology*, 4 volumes (Westminster, Md.: Newman Press, 1962-). [Moody General BR67 .Q84](#)
- Ramsey, Boniface. *Beginning to Read the Fathers* (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist, 1985). [Moody General BR67.R24 1985](#)
- Robinson, Thomas A. *The Early Church: An Annotated Bibliography of Literature in English* (Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow, 1993). [Jones Ref BR162.2 .R63 1993](#)
- Von Rompay, L. *Traditio Exegetica Graeca*, 14+ volumes (Louvain: Éditions Peeters, 1992-). [Series](#)

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General Church Histories and Resources:

Bokenkotter's work is extremely compressed but worthwhile with a wonderfully helpful bibliography of its own. Pelikan's work is excellent and more expansive than Bokenkotter's. McManners' will also be very useful.

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- Cook, Chris. *The Routledge Companion to Christian History* (New York: Routledge, 2008). [Jones Ref BR145.2 .C66](#)
- Glazier, Michael, and Thomas J. Shelly. *The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1997). [Jones Ref BX1406.2 .E53 1997](#)
- Jedin, Hubert, and John Dolan. *Handbook of Church History*, 10 volumes (New York: Herder, 1965-1981).
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- McManners, John. *The Oxford Illustrated History of Christianity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002).
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Vidmar, John. *The Catholic Church through the Ages: A History* (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2005). [Moody General BX945.3 .V53 2005](#)

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Canon Law:

The New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law is a comprehensive work compiled by an international panel of canonists.

Beal, John P., James A. Coriden, and Thomas J. Green. *New Commentary on the Code of Canon Law* (New York: Paulist Press, 2000). [Moody General KBU2212 .N49 2000](#)

The Canon Law: Letter & Spirit: A Practical Guide to the Code of Canon Law (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1995). [**On order**](#)

Huels, John M. *The Pastoral Companion: A Canon Law Handbook for Catholic Ministry* (Chicago, Ill.: The Franciscan Herald Press, 2002). [Moody General KBU180.P37](#)

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Doctrine:

The doctrinal encyclopedias put out by Michael Glazier and edited by O'Carroll provide a focused approach to Catholic doctrine and provide a good basis for investigation into specific doctrinal arenas. Daniélou's work is indispensable for investigating doctrine in the early Church.

Attwater, Donald. *Dictionary of Mary* (New York: Kennedy, 1956). [**On order**](#)

- Daniélou, Jean. *A History of Early Christian Doctrine, 3 volumes* (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1964, 1973, 1977). [Moody General 3 Volumes](#)
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- O'Donnell, Christopher. *Ecclesia: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Church* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1996). [Jones Ref BX841 .O36 1996](#)
- Schoof, Mark. *A Survey of Catholic Theology* (Glen Rock, N. J.: Paulist Newman Press, 1970). [Moody General BX1747 .S313](#)
- Shaw, Russell B. *Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine* (Huntington, Ind.: Our Sunday Visitor, 1997). [Jones Ref BX1745.5](#)

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Vatican and the Papacy:

Carlen's works are indispensable collections when looking into both papal encyclicals and pronouncements. Kelly's dictionary will be helpful in identifying and beginning research into particular pontiffs. Coppa's work is also very helpful. www.vatican.va (listed below) is, of course, the most important website in this regard.

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- Carlen, Claudia. *Papal Pronouncements : a Guide : 1740-1978* (Ann Arbor, Mich.: Pierian Press, 1990). [Moody General OVZ BX860.C37 1981](#)

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- Coppa, Frank J. *The Great Popes through History: An Encyclopedia*, 2 volumes (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press). [Jones Ref BX955.3 .G74 2002](#)
- Flannery, Austin. *Vatican Council II: The Conciliar and Post Conciliar Documents* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1975). [Moody General BX830 1962 .A3 F55](#)
- Flannery, Austin. *Vatican Council II: More Post Conciliar Documents* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1982). [Moody General BX1755 .V245 1982b](#)
- Kelly, J. N. D. *The Oxford Dictionary of Popes* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986). [Moody General BX955.2.K45 1986](#)
- Latourielle, René. *Vatican II Assessment and Perspectives: Twenty-five Years After*, 3 volumes (New York: Paulist Press, 1989). [Moody General BX830 1962 .V32213 1988](#)
- Levillain, Philippe. *The Papacy: An Encyclopedia*, 3 volumes (New York: Routledge, 2002). [Jones Ref BX955.2 .D53 2002](#)
- Vorgrimler, Herbert. *Commentary on the Documents of Vatican II*, 5 volumes (New York: Herder and Herder, 1969). [Moody General BX830.1962 Z9133](#)

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Liturgy:

The official documents issued in English by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) are fundamental. Searle's book is slim but helpful and accessible. The monographs by Casel, Daniélou, Dix, and Jungmann should not be overlooked.

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- General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (Washington, D.C.: USCCB, 1982). [Moody General BX2015 .M66 2007 Online](#)
- General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar* (Washington, D.C.: USCCB, 1984). [Online](#)
- Lectionary for Mass* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1998). [Jones Ref BX2003 .A4 1998](#)
- Textes et Études Liturgique*, 22+ volumes (Leven: Peeters, 1953-). [Series](#)
- Casel, Odo. *The Mystery of Christian Worship* (Westminster, Md.: Newman, 1962). [Moody General BV5082.2.C313](#)
- Daniélou, Jean. *The Bible and the Liturgy* (Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 1956). [Moody General BX1970 .D312](#)
- Davies, J. G. *A Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship* (New York: Macmillan, 1972). [Moody General BV173 .D28](#)

- Dix, Dom Gregory. *The Shape of the Liturgy* (Westminster: Dacre Press, 1945). [Moody General BV178 .D5](#)
- Dues, Greg. *Catholic Customs and Traditions: A Popular Guide* (Mystic, Conn.: Twenty-Third Publications, 1989). [Moody General BX842 .D84 1989](#)
- Fink, Peter E. *New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship* (Collegeville, Minn.: Michael Glazier, 1990). [Jones Ref BV173 .N485 1990](#)
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- Lang, Jovian P. *Dictionary of the Liturgy* (New York: Catholic Book Publishing, 1989). [Jones Ref BV173 .L26 1989](#)
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- Smolarski, Dennis C. *Liturgical Literacy: from Anamnesis to Worship* (New York: Paulist Press, 1990). [Moody General BV173 .S66 1990](#)
- The Liturgy Documents: A Parish Resource* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1991). [Moody General BX1970.A513 L58 1985](#)

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Spirituality/Mystical Theology:

Dictionnaire de spiritualité ascétique et mystique, doctrine et histoire is still considered the authoritative work in the field and contains articles by a variety of prominent scholars. In English, McGinn's work has gained wide authority. The *Traditions of Christian Spirituality* series provides a number of relatively brief and accessible studies of the major schools of spirituality (i.e. Benedictine, Cistercian, etc.).

Traditions of Christian Spirituality, 24+ volumes (New York: Orbis Books, 1998-). [Series](#)

Aumann, Jordan. *Christian Spirituality in the Catholic Tradition* (London: Sheed and Ward, 1985). [Moody](#)

[General BX2350.65 .A96 1985](#)

Bouyer, Louis, et al. *A History of Christian Spirituality*, 3 volumes (New York: Seabury Press, 1982).

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Bouyer, Louis. *Introduction to Spirituality* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1961). [Moody General](#)

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Jones, Cheslyn, Geoffrey Wainwright and Edward Yarnold. *The Study of Spirituality* (New York: Oxford, 1986). [Moody General BV4490 .S78 1986b](#)

McGinn, Bernard. *The Presence of God: A History of Western Christian Mysticism*, 4 volumes (New York: Crossroad, 1991). [Moody General BV5075 .M37 1991](#)

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Statistics:

Although *Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae* constitutes the definitive statistics on the Catholic Church, *The World Christian Encyclopedia* competently provides a comparative survey of churches and religions across the world.

Annuario Pontificio. (Roma: Typografia Poliglotta Vaticana, 1912-). [**Use Osofast to request**](#)

Annuario Statisticum Ecclesiae/Statistical Yearbook of the Church (Roma: Typis Polyglottis Vaticanis, 1). [**Use Osofast to request**](#)

Barrett, David B. *World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Study of Churches and Religions in the Modern World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982). [Jones Ref BR157 .W67 1982](#)

Bradley, Martin B., et al. *Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1990 : An Enumeration by Region, State and County Based on Data Reported for 133 Church Groupings* (Atlanta, Ga.: Glenmary Research Center, 1992). [Jones Ref BR526 .C48 1992](#)

The Catholic Almanac (Huntington, Ind.: Our Sunday Visitor 1969-). [Jones Ref AY81.R6 N3](#)

Mead, Frank S. *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*, 11th ed., revised by Craig D. Atwood (Nashville: Abingdon, 2001). [Moody General BL2525 .M425 2001](#)

The Official Catholic Directory (New York: P.L. Kennedy, 1886-). [Jones Ref BX845 .C5](#)

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Catechetics:

There simply is no substitute for the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). However, at 2865 paragraphs, some other materials may be a little more manageable for some. Of note are *Compendium* and "We Believe" which are both indexed to the CCC. Aidan Nichols' two volumes are a nice commentary on the CCC and is also indexed to it.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana; Washington, D.C.: United States Catholic Conference, 2000). [Jones Ref BX1959.3.E5 C38 2000](#)

Compendium: Catechism of the Catholic Church (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana; Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006). [Moody General BX1959.3.E5 C38 2006](#)

The Companion to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: a Compendium of Texts Referred to in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1994). [Moody General BX1958 .C38x 1994](#)

Conciliorum Oecumenicorum Decreta (Bologna: Herder, 1962). [Moody General BX825 .A1990](#)

Handbook for Today's Catholic, rev. ed. (Liguori, Mo.: Liguori, 2004). ****On order****

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic, 2006). ****On order****

Lukefahr, Oscar. "We Believe...": *A Survey of the Catholic Faith* (Liguori, Mo.: Liguori, 1990). [Moody General BX1751.2](#)

National Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Pastoral Letters of the United States Catholic Bishops* (Washington, D.C.: National Conference of Catholic Bishops, United States Catholic Conference, 1983-). [Moody General BX874.A2 C37 1983](#)

Neuner, J., and J. Dupuis. *The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church*, 6th rev. and enlarged edition (New York : Alba House, 1996). [Moody General BX1747.5 .C48](#)

Nichols, Aidan. *The Service of Glory: The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Worship, Ethics and Spirituality* (Steubenville, Oh.: Franciscan University Press, 1997). [Moody General BX1959.5 .N527x 1997](#)

_____. *The Splendour of Doctrine: The Catechism of the Catholic Church on Christian Believing* (New Hope, Kent.: Urbi et Orbi, 1995). [Moody General BX1959.5 .N53x 1995](#)

Ratzinger, Joseph [Pope Benedict XVI] and Christoph Schönborn. *Introduction to the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1994). [Moody General BX1959.5 .R38 1994](#)

Official Catholic Teachings (Wilmington, N.C.: Consortium Books, 1980-). [Series](#)

Tanner, Norman P. *Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils*, 2 volumes (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1990). [Moody General BX825 .A1990](#)

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Biographical Sources:

The two electronic resources will provide concise biographical data on select individuals with accompanying bibliographic resources. *Biography Resource Center* has printable information from the database while *Biography and Genealogy Master Index* will point to print sources with biographical information.

Delaney, John J. *Dictionary of American Catholic Biography* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 1984). [Jones Ref BX4670.D45 1984](#)

Wace, Henry and William C. Piercy. *A Dictionary of Christian Biography* (Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1994). [Jones Ref BR95 .W3 1994](#)

Biography Resource Center (Farmington Hills, Mich.:Gale). [Electronic Resource](#)

Biography and Genealogy Master Index (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Gale). [Electronic Resource](#)

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Saints:

During the pontificate of John Paul II, 482 saints were canonized (and an additional 1,338 *beati* were beatified), leaving some works prior to his pontificate lacking. However, the following sources will provide information on the most well-known saints.

Burns, Paul. *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, 12 volumes (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 1998). [Jones Ref BX4654 .B8 1995](#)

Delaney, John J. *Dictionary of Saints*, 2nd edition (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday, 2003). [Jones Ref BX4655.8 .D44 2003](#)

Holweck, F. G. *A Biographical Dictionary of the Saints* (St. Louis: Herder, 1924). [Jones Ref BX4655.H6 1969](#)

Tylenda, Joseph N. *Saints and Feasts of the Liturgical Year* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2003). [Jones Ref BX4655.3 .T95 2003](#)

Walsh, Michael. *A New Dictionary of Saints: East and West* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2007). [Jones Ref BR1710 .W35](#)

Watkins, Basil. *The Book of Saints: A Comprehensive Biographical Dictionary*, 7th rev. ed. (New York:

Continuum, 2002). [Jones Ref BX4655.3 .B66 2002](#)

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Abstracts and Indexes:

ATLA Religion Database is the primary theological database in American academia but covers a far broader scope in theological studies than just Catholic studies. Though it covers all material contained in both *Religion Index One* and *Religion Index Two*, importantly it does not cover much of the material indexed in *The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (CPLI). *CPLI* is indispensable for research in the area of Catholic studies.

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Useful Websites:

The website of the Holy See (www.vatican.va) is central to Catholic life on the internet. New Advent contains a large number of works by the Church Fathers and the 1917 version of *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Fordham's *Medieval Sourcebook* is immensely useful. The website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides Church documents, new links, and information on various areas of Church activity.

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