

Catholic Reading List

Catholic Church History:

Alan Schreck: *The Compact History of the Catholic Church*

Mike Aquilina: *The Fathers of the Church*

Peter V. Armenio: *The History of the Church* (The Didache Series)

H.V. Morton: *In the Steps of St. Paul*

Thomas Bokenkotter: *A Concise History of the Catholic Church*

H.W. Crocker III: *Triumph: The Power and Glory of the Catholic Church*

Robert Louis Wilken: *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought*

Warren H. Carroll: *History of Christendom* and *The Cleaving of Christendom 1517-1661* (Reformation)

Thomas E. Woods: *How the Catholic Church Built Western Civilization*

Catholic Church History Online Resources:

www.catholichistory.net

www.catholiceducation.org

www.catholicbridge.com

General Theology & Spirituality:

Loyola University of Chicago (www.luc.edu)

Catholic Classics Reading List

Some examples:

Ancient: Augustine, Benedict, Gregory of Nyssa, Origen

Medieval: Aquinas, Bonaventure, Catherine of Sienna, Thomas a Kempis

Reformation: John of the Cross, Francis de Sales, Teresa of Avila

Contemporary: Yves Congar, Bernard Haring, Therese of Lisieux, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Dorothy Day, Hans Urs von Balthasar, Flannery O'Connor, Fulton Sheen, G.K. Chesterton, Scott Hahn

*Father Barron from the "Catholicism" series also recommends many of these.

Frank Sheed: *A Map of Life – A Simple Study of the Catholic Faith*