

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

AVAILABLE TO BORROW THROUGH THE OLIH ADULT FAITH OFFICE

DVD & CD STUDIES: (LISTED BY PRESENTER)

TITLE	SUMMARY	TIMING/CHAPTERS	WHAT'S AVAILABLE	OTHER
<i>Called & Gifted Workshop</i>	Understand your Gifts; Discover Your Call		CD set for small groups	
<i>Called & Gifted II: Discernment in Depth</i>	Discerning Charisms, Call and Vocation		CD for small groups	
<i>Catholicism</i> Bishop Robert Barron	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man 2. Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus 3. The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought 4. Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God 5. The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure 6. A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church 7. Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist 8. A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints 9. The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit 10. World Without End: The Last Things 	10 videos, 50-60 minute each	DVD Leader's Guide	

<p><i>Mystery of God</i> Bishop Robert Barron</p>	<p>A comprehensive look at what Christians mean by “God.” This study clarifies our understanding of God and the Trinity as “being itself,” not one being among many. He specifically engages the claims of modern atheists and shows how Catholics can refute them.</p>	<p>6 videos, 20-30 minutes each</p>	<p>DVD Leader’s Guide</p>	
<p><i>Pivotal Players Volume 1</i> Bishop Robert Barron</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Francis of Assisi 2. St Catherine of Siena 3. G.K. Chesterton 4. St Thomas Aquinas 5. Michelangelo 6. Blessed John Henry Newman 	<p>Each “player” has 2 videos of varying of length – totaling 60-80 minutes of video per person</p>	<p>DVD Leader’s Guide</p>	<p>Can do all of them in a row – or just one of the “Players”</p>
<p><i>Priest, Prophet, King</i> Bishop Robert Barron</p>	<p>In this deeply biblical study, Bishop Barron brings us closer to Christ not only as our Savior, but also as the consummate Priest, Prophet, and King as foreshadowed in the Old Testament. These divinely-ordained roles become our calling as well once we are baptized into Christ</p>	<p>6 videos, 20-25 minutes</p>	<p>DVD Leader’s Guide</p>	
<p><i>Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues</i> Bishop Robert Barron</p>	<p>The seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and with one another... Based on Dante’s writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven stories of Dante’s Mt Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. However, Father Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the “seven lively virtues.” The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness</p>	<p>8 videos, 10-18 minutes</p>	<p>DVD</p>	
<p><i>Tre Ore</i> Bishop Robert Barron</p>	<p>The “Three Hours’ Agony” or <i>Tre Ore</i> is a liturgical service held on Good Friday from noon until 3:00 to commemorate the passion of Christ. Specifically, it refers to the three hours that Jesus hung on the Cross and includes a series of homilies on the seven last words of Christ.</p>		<p>CD Reflection booklet</p>	<p>Great for Lent!</p>

<p><i>Momnipotent</i> (Danielle Bean)</p>	<p>Is being a mother what you thought it would be? The exhaustion, monotony, mounting unfinished projects, a loss of a sense of self... Too many moms, especially young and new moms, do in fact feel disillusioned. Maybe you feel you've been sold a bill of goods, that success and happiness are not possible through the vocation to motherhood. Many moms quietly resign themselves to the idea that success, happiness and fulfillment are things they will need to find in spite of motherhood, not because of it.</p> <p>In <i>Momnipotent</i>, Danielle Bean understands all this first-hand and meets women where they are. With great wit, wisdom, and compassion, she provides much-needed encouragement to all women and beautifully resonates with their feminine hearts.</p>	<p>8 – 30 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD Book Leader's Guide Journal</p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.</p>
<p><i>The Psalms: The Prayer of the Church</i> Sr Dianne Bergant, CSA, PhD</p>	<p>Embark on a powerful journey through the Psalms. The Book of Psalms is perhaps the greatest work of prayer ever written, and it is foundational to the liturgy and individual prayer. In these twelve superb lectures, you will experience the timeless power of the psalms. As you explore Scripture, theology, prayer, and the life of the Church, you will renew your spirituality with the life-giving power of the Psalms.</p>	<p>12 sessions</p>	<p>DVD CD with Study Guide included</p>	
<p><i>The Beatitudes: A Couple's Path to Greater Joy</i> (John Bosio)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Marriage is Your Call to Holiness 2. Your Marriage is a Dance 3. Your Marriage is a Three-Legged Race 4. Your Marriage is Your Treasure 5. Your Marriage is Your Home 6. Your Marriage is a Celebration of Life 	<p>6 sessions</p>	<p>DVD (Includes PDF format of all prayers and handouts) Companion book: "Blessed is Marriage"</p>	
<p><i>The Victory of Christ: Exploring the Book of Revelation</i> Prof, Ian Boxall, D.Phil</p>	<p>From the time of the early Christians, the Book of Revelation has fascinated and puzzled its readers in equal measure. Now, you can join a leading New Testament scholar in exploring this important – and often misunderstood – biblical book. You will learn about its origins, apocalyptic writing in the early Church, and how its original audience might have</p>	<p>12 sessions</p>	<p>DVD CD with Study Guide included</p>	

	understood the text. In witnessing Christ's victory over the forces of evil and chaos, you will emerge from this course with an invigorated understanding of the Word of God.			
<i>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible</i> Jeff Cavins	This study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. <i>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible</i> makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others.	Eight - 30-minute videos	DVD set Leader's Guide	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.
<i>The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation</i> Jeff Cavins	This is the foundational study in <i>The Great Adventure Bible Study Series</i> <i>The Bible Timeline</i> is a fascinating study that takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible. They will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded system, they will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. <i>The Bible Timeline</i> has been granted the <i>Imprimatur</i> .	24 – 50 minute videos	DVD set Large Timeline (<i>Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book</i>)	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.
<i>Matthew: The King and His Kingdom</i> Jeff Cavins	<i>Matthew</i> is an ideal follow-up study to the basic narrative of Scripture taught in <i>The Bible Timeline</i> study. <i>Matthew</i> demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Participants will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.	24 – 50 minute videos	DVD (<i>Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book</i>)	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.

<p><i>Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom</i> Jeff Cavins</p>	<p>Step Three in <i>The Great Adventure Bible Study Program, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, builds on The Bible Timeline and Matthew</i> by showing how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry out his work in the world. The book of Acts shows the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring outcasts in the same way that Jesus did on earth.</p> <p>The Acts of the Apostles provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative.</p>	<p>20 – 50 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i></p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.</p>
<p><i>Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance</i> Jeff Cavins</p>	<p>Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it.</p>	<p>8 – 30 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i></p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.</p>
<p><i>Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come</i> Jeff Cavins</p>	<p><i>Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come</i> is an intriguing study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as his spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass.</p>	<p>11 – 50 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i></p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.</p>

<p><i>Meet the Real Mary Magdalene</i> Fr Raymond Collins STD</p>	<p>What was Mary Magdalene really like? Other than the Virgin Mary, no woman has so captivated biblical scholars as Mary from Magdala. You will explore Mary Magdalene in the Gospels, Gnosticism, and popular culture. As you do so, you will gain a powerful portrait of this Galilean follower of Jesus. Discover this essential biblical figure today.</p>	<p>6 sessions</p>	<p>DVD CD with Study Guide included</p>	
<p><i>Therese of Lisieux: Wisdom's Daughter</i> Prof Keith J Egan, PhD, TOC</p>	<p>Discover why Therese of Lisieux is, in the words of Pope Pius X, the “greatest saint of modern times.” This young woman who through of herself merely as a “grain of sand” and called herself the Little Flower continues to touch the hearts of the faithful worldwide. Therese’s wisdom was a gift of God – a gift that is now available for all of us to cherish.</p>	<p>12 sessions</p>	<p>DVD</p>	
<p><i>33 Days to Morning Glory</i> (Fr Michael Gaitley)</p>	<p>St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed John Paul II. Fr. Michael masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, 33 Days to Morning Glory is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make.</p>	<p>Program is set up for a 33 day journey – can be done alone, with small group discussion, or in other formats.</p>	<p>DVD Retreat Companion</p>	<p>Great for leading up to a Marian feast day!</p>
<p><i>Good News People: Faith, Hope and Love in Action</i> JustFaith</p>	<p>Offers a way to engage Catholics seeking to deepen their understanding and practice of their faith. Through an engaging small-group process of prayer, reflection, and action, GoodNewsPeople explores and deepens our call to discipleship.</p>	<p>14 – 2 hour sessions</p>	<p>DVD</p>	
<p><i>The Gospel According to John and the Johannine</i></p>	<p>For use with the Collegeville/Little Rock Series</p>	<p>14 videos, approximately 20 minutes each</p>	<p>DVD</p>	<p>There are currently 3 commentaries and 2 study guides available also.</p>

<p>Letters Little Rock Scripture Series</p>				
<p><i>The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming</i> Henri J.M. Nouwen</p>	<p>A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, <i>The Return of the Prodigal Son</i>, catapulted Henri Nouwen into a long spiritual adventure. In his highly-acclaimed book of the same title, he shares the deeply personal medication that led him to discover the place within which God has chosen to dwell. This Lent course, which has been adapted from the book, helps us to reflect on the meaning of the parable for our own lives.</p>	<p>5 sessions</p>	<p>CD Reflection booklet</p>	<p>Great Lenten Course!</p>
<p><i>The Jesus of Scripture</i> Rev. Donald Senior, CP, STD</p>	<p>This course is about Jesus of Nazareth. It is wonderfully taught by one of the world's leading Catholic New Testament experts. Understand the nature of the gospels and their historical reliability, and the key and distinctive dimensions of Jesus and his mission portrayed by the evangelists. Encounter the life-giving Jesus, the one alive in the church and in the world today – the Jesus of Scripture.</p>	<p>12 sessions</p>	<p>DVD CD with Study Guide included</p>	
<p><i>The Biblical Walk Through the Mass</i> Edward Sri</p>	<p>Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this five-part program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience.</p>	<p>5 – 30 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i></p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.</p>
<p><i>Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother</i> Edward Sri</p>	<p><i>An extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys...and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing</i></p>	<p>8 – 30 minute videos</p>	<p>DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i></p>	<p>Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the</p>

	us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ.			website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.
<i>Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John</i> Edward Sri	Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer — He wants you to be his disciple and friend. <i>Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John</i> is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. <i>Follow Me</i> invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.	8 – 30 minute videos	DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i>	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.
<i>Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer</i> Fr Mark Touns	The Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. Over the course of eight weeks you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice.	8 – 30 minute videos	DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i>	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.
<i>Epic: A Journey through Church History</i> (Steve Weidenkopf & Dr. Alan Schreck)	Takes you through the major people, places, and events that make up the history of the Catholic Church. See the glory of the Church founded by Christ and understand where you fit into this Epic story. For group or private study.	20 – 50 minute videos	DVD <i>(Leader's Guide is part of the Participant/Study book)</i>	Have AFF office open up a study for you on the Ascension Press website – participants will register and purchase their materials here. Registration through the website will allow participants access to the videos for the duration of the study.

STUDY GUIDE ONLY – BOOK STUDY:

The Screwtape Letters Study Guide	Alan Vermilye
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BOOK STUDIES (THERE SHOULD BE 2 COPIES OF EACH OF THESE TITLES IN THE OLIH LIBRARY. THE FOLLOWING LIST IS OF EXTRA COPIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ADULT FAITH OFFICE)

BOOK	AUTHOR	SUMMARY (FROM AMAZON)	# OF COPIES AVAILABLE
Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth	Hahn	<p>Of all things Catholic, there is nothing that is so familiar as the Mass. With its unchanging prayers, the Mass fits Catholics like their favorite clothes. Yet most Catholics sitting in the pews on Sundays fail to see the powerful supernatural drama that enfolds them. Pope John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth," explaining that what "we celebrate on Earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy."</p> <p>The Lamb's Supper reveals a long-lost secret of the Church: The early Christians' key to understanding the mysteries of the Mass was the New Testament Book of Revelation. With its bizarre imagery, its mystic visions of heaven, and its end-of-time prophecies, Revelation mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Eucharist.</p>	4
Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism	Hahn, Scott and Kimberly	The well-known and very popular Catholic couple, Scott and Kimberly Hahn, have been constantly travelling and speaking all over North America for the last few years about their conversion to the Catholic Church. Now these two outstanding Catholic apologists tell in their own words about the incredible spiritual journey that led them to embrace Catholicism. Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-	4

		<p>Catholic ... until he reluctantly began to discover that his "enemy" had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous "dark night of the soul" after Scott converted to Catholicism. Their conversion story and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of lukewarm Catholics and brought them back into an active participation in the Church. They have also influenced countless conversions to Catholicism among their friends and others who have heard their powerful testimony. Written with simplicity, charity, grace and wit, the Hahns' deep love and knowledge of Christ and of Scripture is evident and contagious throughout their story. Their love of truth and of neighbor is equally evident, and their theological focus on the great importance of the family, both biological and spiritual, will be a source of inspiration for all readers.</p>	
<p>In His Spirit: A Guide to Today's Spirituality</p>	<p>Richard J. Hauser, S.J.</p>	<p>Nothing will change your life more meaningfully than developing a vibrant and consistent prayer life. Prayer is at the core of the Christian life, but most people have never really been taught how to pray in deeply personal ways. Listening to the Holy Spirit is at the center of prayer, but most of us struggle to recognize the difference between the Holy Spirit speaking to us and the thousands of ideas that float through our minds each day. By reading In His Spirit, you will have a new awareness of all things spiritual. You will see how our modern culture is influencing our efforts to grow spiritually. It is a fascinating look at two models of spirituality viewed from the perspective of the New Testament.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Grace: God's Greatest Gift</p>	<p>Bill Huebsch</p>	<p>In this powerful yet simple volume, Bill Huebsch leads readers to a deeper understanding of the theology of grace as it was articulated at Vatican II by Karl Rahner, S.J. Through his distinctive images and storytelling, Bill creates an unforgettable journey to the mystery and wonder of the divine heart rooted in everyday experiences. Grace, he affirms, is indeed God's greatest gift to us.</p> <p>Preachers will find here avenues of inspiration and storytelling to help point out moments of grace in the scriptures. Catechists and teachers will learn a new and vital way to pass on the tradition of grace in all its beauty and mystery. Ministers of healing will discover a sensitive and curative way to touch the wounded with the power of God. All Catholic adults will rediscover here the power and beauty of God's grace.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Rediscover Catholicism</p>	<p>Matthew Kelly</p>	<p>Over the past 20 years, Matthew Kelly has seen more of the world than most presidents and more of the Church than most bishops. Now, in this unique and timely book, he proposes that Catholicism is not a lifeless set of rules and regulations, but a way of life designed by God to help each person reach his or her</p>	<p>5</p>

		<p>full potential. With remarkable insight, Kelly dispels dozens of myths that surround the rejection of Catholicism today and provides a profound and practical vision of what will lead the Catholic Church to thrive again in the future. Rediscover Catholicism is quickly becoming the most read catholic book of our times. From the spellbinding opening story, Kelly grips his readers and takes them on a life-changing journey to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.</p>	
<p>Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms</p>	<p>Irene Nowell, OSB</p>	<p>Irene Nowell's work would be both impressive and important if she were only" a masterful Scripture scholar or a gifted spiritual guide or a compelling teacher. The fact that she is all three makes her an extraordinary resource for Christians today. In <i>Pleading, Cursing, Praising</i>, Nowell puts all of these gifts to use to offer a guide to praying with the psalms.</p> <p>Nowell maintains that the psalms teach us to tell our story, to cry out our pain, and to give praise to God. They also teach us to listen - to the voice of God, the voice of Christ, the voices of the people around us, and the voice of al creation. This book includes questions and exercises for personal reflection, brief prayers for praying along the way, and suggestions for composing one's own psalm-prayers. It promises to enrich the spiritual life of everyone who reads it.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Women in the Old Testament</p>	<p>Irene Nowell, OSB</p>	<p>The women in the Old Testament, too long invisible, have rich stories that are vital to the on-going revelation of God's relationship with a covenant people. <i>Women in the Old Testament</i> introduces readers to some biblical women. Here, readers meet mothers and wives, queens and slaves, prophets and warriors, powerful women and victims; women whose stories offer us courage and insight.</p> <p>In <i>Women in the Old Testament</i> Sister Irene explores not only the lives of such well-known women as Sarah, Deborah, Ruth, Eve, and Naomi, but also those of lesser-known women such as Michal, Tamar, and Jezebel. Each of these women has unique characteristics; each of their stories is food for our imaginations. In addition, Sister Nowell looks at those Bible stories that tell us what it means to be a woman created in the image of God and that portray God in the image of a woman.</p> <p>Biblical stories help us imagine the relationship of God with human beings, and they give us words to describe our own relationship with God. This introduction to the lives of biblical women encourages readers - in adult study groups and those who are interested in the many women in the Old Testament - to search for more accounts of biblical women and also to find the narrative of faith reflected in the stories of their own lives.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>The Church of</p>	<p>Pope Francis</p>	<p>Collected from Pope Francis's speeches, homilies, and papers presented during the</p>	<p>6</p>

<p>Mercy</p>		<p>first year of his papacy, <i>The Church of Mercy</i> is the first Vatican-authorized book detailing his vision for the Catholic Church. From how to be citizens of the world to answering God’s call for evangelization, Pope Francis’s deep wisdom reminds us that the Church must move beyond its own walls and joyfully bring God’s mercy wherever suffering, division, or injustice exists.</p>	
<p>Holy Longing: The Search for Christian Spirituality</p>	<p>Ronald Rolheiser</p>	<p>In <i>The Holy Longing</i>, Ronald Rolheiser probes the question “What is spirituality?”, cutting through the misunderstanding and confusion that can often surround this subject with his trademark clarity. Using examples and stories relevant for today, and with great sensitivity to modern challenges to religious faith, he explains the essentials of spiritual life, including the importance of community worship, the imperatives surrounding social action, and the centrality of the Incarnation, to outline a Christian spirituality that reflects the yearning and search for meaning at the core of the human experience.</p> <p>Essential reading for anyone seeking to understand what Christian spirituality means and how to apply it to their own lives, <i>The Holy Longing</i> translates the universal struggle for love and integration of spirit into a language accessible to all, explaining God and the Church for a world that more often than not doubts the credibility of both.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Prayer Our Deepest Longing</p>	<p>Ronald Rolheiser</p>	<p>With simple, down-to-earth language, Rolheiser illustrates the importance of prayer and offers techniques for how to pray, using examples from daily life, Scripture, and contemporary writers. He delves into the places that we fear to go with our issues about prayer, encouraging us with gentle kindness and words of hope and inspiration. The book is divided into five sections. Why Pray? Illustrates the purposes and benefits of prayer for ourselves, as well as for the broader Catholic community and even the world. Why Is It so Hard? Notes how our contemporary culture conspires against taking time out for solitude and prayer, and how our own ego—with its fears, restlessness, and narcissism—can work against developing a deeper relationship with God through prayer. What Is Prayer? Outlines the two basic types of prayer, that is, affective (personal) and priestly (for the world). Describes the many ways or methods for each type of prayer, such as meditation, contemplation, the divine office, the Mass, and Scripture. Sticking with It. This section covers the development of mature prayer, discussing ways to pray in times of boredom, disillusionment, crisis, helplessness, or after a loved one’s death. Mysticism. Here we learn about this increasingly popular form of intimate relationship with God. This is a book for all manner of believers, whether your faith is solidly rooted, wavering between childhood religion and adult faith, or just not sure what you believe—or whether you believe at all. It addresses topics such</p>	<p>2</p>

		as narcissism, pragmatism, efficiency, and self-gratification that work against a healthy spiritual life. Rolheiser takes us to a place of contact and comfort, in relationship not only with God but with our true selves as well.	
The Cup of Our Life	Rupp	<i>The Cup of Our Life</i> is available to anyone seeking a more intimate and disciplined life of prayer. Joyce Rupp, the bestselling Catholic woman writer today, illustrates how the ordinary cups used each day can become sacred vessels that connect readers with life and bring them into closer union with the Divine. She explores how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its emptiness and fullness, its brokenness and flaws, and its many blessings. With daily devotions for six weeks, this book is ideal for individual usage as well as group usage in parish settings, religious communities, and small Christian communities.	2
May I Have this Dance	Rupp	A unique invitation to join with God in the dance of life. Explores twelve major themes, each one followed by prayer suggestions, guided meditations, ideas for reflection, and journal keeping.	2
May I Walk you Home	Hutchison/Rupp	It is an invaluable resource for professional caregivers and loved ones assisting those on their final journey home. Accompanied by the experience and empathy of hospice educator Joyce Hutchison and the wisdom and inspiration of best-selling author Joyce Rupp, readers will discover the courage necessary to embrace the struggles and rewards of this final companionship.	2
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Moment by Moment	Carol Ann Smith/Eugene F. Mertz	Drawing on the classic retreat model, <i>The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Moment by Moment</i> offers a new and inviting way to find God in our often busy and complex lives. In a series of 32 "Moments", the text guides the reader with thought-provoking questions, practical suggestions, and excerpts carefully chosen from scripture and <i>The Spiritual Exercises</i> . Its simple format can be used by an individual or by groups in a number of ways: as a way of making the Spiritual Exercises in daily life, as a guide for daily prayer, as a companion for reflection, or	6

		<p>as suggested themes for a retreat. Drawing upon their extensive experience as spiritual directors, the authors write in their introduction, "This book offers a way to reflect and sift through one's multiple life experiences and to discover in them the leading thread of God's longing and desire to make us a holy people who are given in service to others." Anyone seeking spiritual growth will discover that <i>Moment by Moment</i> offers wise direction and fosters a holistic spirituality firmly rooted in the daily experience of God in one's life. University. She has written two other retreat guidebooks; <i>Abundant Jubilee</i> (1996) and <i>Living Wells</i> (1998) that were produced privately by Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Carol Ann Smith resides in Wauwatosa Wisconsin. Eugene F. Merz, SJ also ministers at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Marquette University. He has written one book; <i>Pathway to God</i> which was printed privately by Wisconsin Province of Society of Jesus, 1997. Eugene F. Merz resides in Milwaukee Wisconsin.</p>	
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<p>to Bringing Those You Love back to Church.</p>		<p>But going outside your comfort zone to engage the disengaged in meaningful conversations about Catholicism can be overwhelming. Fortunately there are common patterns that are easy to follow once you recognize them. Carrie Gress unveils those common patterns and offers a practical roadmap for reaching out to friends and family. You'll learn the art of asking questions, when to speak and when to keep quiet, basic tools for talking to others about Jesus, how to answer questions about the faith, and more. Conversion doesn't happen overnight, sometimes all it takes is a little nudge.</p>	
<p>Praise Be To You (<i>Laudato Si</i>): On Care for our Common Home</p>	<p>Pope Francis</p>	<p>A gift from God and the common home of humanity, the earth is threatened by man's abuse of his freedom. In his encyclical <i>Praise Be to You (Laudato Si')</i>, Pope Francis challenges all people to praise and thank God for his glorious creation and to work together to safeguard her.</p> <p>Francis examines such ecological concerns as pollution, waste, and what he calls "the throwaway culture". Climate, he insists, is a common good to be protected. He explores notions such as sustainability from a Judeo-Christian perspective. The loss of biodiversity and the unequal distribution of resources, largely caused by the consumerism and excessive individualism of the wealthier nations, threaten the good order of creation, he writes. While valuing technology, he rejects efforts to repudiate the natural order, including the moral law inscribed in human nature. He cautions against an overreliance on science to solve ecological problems and emphasizes the need for openness to God.</p> <p>Expounding the biblical tradition regarding creation and redemption in Christ, Francis stresses man's subordination to God's plan. He insists on the primacy of the human person in creation and rejects treating it as if it were "divine", yet he traces the roots of the ecological crisis to man's self-centeredness and the rise of practical relativism. Without rejecting political changes, he implores people to change their hearts and their ways of life.</p>	<p>27</p>