

Catholic Studies

Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, and Directories

- Ref
BX 845
A75 **Annuario Pontificio per l'Anno**
The official universal yearbook of the Church issued by the Vatican. Statistical and historical information on popes, cardinals, patriarchs, bishops, etc.
- Ref
BX 1417
S2
C3 **Archdiocese of San Francisco...official directory**
This is a directory of all officials and clergy, as well as all other parishes, schools, and other Catholic institutions that make up the Archdiocese of San Francisco (Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties).
- Ref
AY 81
R6 N27 **Catholic Almanac**
A collection of basic information on the Church in the U.S. Includes special reports on current topics such as papal visits around the world, health care reform, etc. Lists of saints, sacraments, Church calendar, National Conference of Catholic Bishops, education, Catholic news media, world statistics, etc.
- Ref
BR 95
C27 **A Catholic Dictionary of Theology**
Scholarly articles presenting Catholic doctrines with the source from which they are drawn in scripture and tradition. Extensive bibliography for each article.
- Ref
BX 955.2
E53
1999 **Encyclopedia of the Vatican and Papacy**
This is a comprehensive encyclopedia that deals with the leadership, institutions, and central administrations of the Catholic Church.
- Ref
BX 841
N45
2003 **New Catholic Encyclopedia**
Entirely rewritten version of *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. Contains 17,000-signed articles by 4,800 scholars. Strong on biographies, but no living persons are included. Catholic topics as well as general subjects from a catholic viewpoint.
- Ref
BX 845
O35 **The Official Catholic Directory**
The chief source for current information on the Catholic Church in the U.S. Name and address for all priests, churches, and institutions, as well as general subjects from a Catholic viewpoint.
- Ref
BX 850
C37 **Papal Pronouncements, a Guide: 1740-1978**
A guide to papal documents such as encyclicals, speeches, bulls, etc. Gives date, addressee, topic, length, and references to the full text.

Church Documents, Histories & Theology

- Ref
BX 845
C36a **Annuario statisticum Ecclesiae**
This is a general compendium of statistics about the Catholic church prepared by the Vatican. Event though it is not in English, it is still easy to use. It includes such statistics as the number of dioceses, parishes' clergy, annulments, ecclesiastical court cases, etc., throughout the world.

- Ref
BX 1751.2
A1
P9
No.5-109
- Catechism of the Catholic Church**
2nd ed. (2000). This adult catechism, prepared by leading theologians under the auspices of the Vatican, gives the official and authoritative position of the Catholic Church on such matters as doctrine, morals, the spiritual life, and liturgical practice.
- Ref
BX 1770
K43
- Catholicism and Fundamentalism**
Covers representative anti-Catholic Fundamentalist groups and individuals such as TV preacher Jimmy Swaggart and rebuts their arguments by quoting the scriptural basis for catholic doctrines and beliefs. For a quick reference, there is the pamphlet, *Catholic Answers to Fundamentalists' Questions* (Stacks BX 1780 S22), written for Catholics besieged by the arguments of the Fundamentalists.
- Ref
BS 192.3
A1
1990
N48
- Catholic Study Bible**
The text included here is the New American version. This Bible is especially useful because of all the critical apparatus it contains such as commentaries and linguistic, geographical and historical notes.
- Stacks
BV 170
E3513
- The Church At Prayer: An Introduction to the Liturgy**
A comprehensive, up-to-date treatment on the Liturgy. There are four volumes: Principles of the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the sacraments, and the Liturgy and Time.
- Ref
BX 1935
A53
1985
- The Code of Canon Law**
The Text and commentary on each canon, notes and introductions to each section of the code.
- Stacks
BX 880
C55
- Concilium (Glen Rock, N.J.)**
This monographic series is a project of progressive Catholic theology founded by expert theologians who attended Vatican II. About 10 issues are published each year. Each issue is devoted to a specific topic in the fields of doctrine, comparative religion, ecumenism, social problems, ethics, and the human condition.
- Ref
BX 825
A213
- Decrees of the Ecumenical Councils**
Includes all 21 councils from Nicaea I (325 A.D.) to Vatican II (1962-65). Contains the original text with a facing English translation. The decrees of the councils form the most authoritative work after the Bible.
- Ref
BX 830
1962
A3 A2
- The Documents of Vatican II**
Translations of the 16 documents of the council, with introductions and commentaries by bishops and other experts as well as responses by Protestant and Orthodox scholars. Index to all the documents available in English translation. See also *Commentary on the Documents of Vatican II* (Ref BX 830 1962 Z913).
- Stacks
BR 60
F3
- Fathers of the Church**
Writings of the ancient Fathers of the Church in contemporary English translation. A similar title is *Ancient Christian Writers* (Stacks BR 60 A35).

- Ref
BR 145.2
H8
History of the Church
Gives precise information about the main events and persons in the history of the Church. 10 volumes.
- Stacks
BX 3709
H8
The History of the Society of Jesus in North America
History from the first colonization through 1838. Includes maps. Also see *The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents* (Stacks BV 2290 A2C3), which includes the travels of missionaries in New France from 1610-1791. Their letters, reports, etc.
- Stacks
BT 597
C25
Mariology
A collection of scholarly studies "covering the entire theological tract relative to Our Blessed Lady." Chapters include: Mary's immunity from actual sin, Mary in the Liturgy, etc.
- Stacks
BX 2230
J813
The Mass of the Roman Rite: Its Origins and Development
History of the Mass from the primitive Church to the 20th century. Ceremonies of the Mass given in great detail.
- Ref
BS 192.3
A1 1970
C5
The New American Bible
This version of the Bible is one of the most frequently printed in liturgical books for use at Mass and other Ceremonies. Considered the best translation in the America idiom that is also faithful to the ancient texts and original languages. Another popular Catholic bible is *The New Jerusalem Bible* (Ref BS 195 J4).
- Ref
BS 491.2
N485
1990
The New Jerome Biblical Community
Deals with each book of the Bible, giving history, outlines and detailed commentary by Catholic exegetes. Additional studies dealing with canonicity, inspiration, apocrypha, Dead Sea Scrolls, modern biblical criticism, hermeneutics, etc.
- Ref
BX 860
A335
The Papal Encyclicals, 1740-1981
Complete texts of 280 encyclicals from Benedict XIV to John Paul II. Includes a bibliography of commentaries for each text.
- Ref
BX 1751.2
A1 P9
No.880
Pastoral Letters of the United States Catholic Bishops, 1792-1988
A compilation of national pastorals from John Carroll's first letter dated May 28, 1792, to U.S. Catholic Conference's Statement on religious Freedom in eastern Europe dated November 17, 1988. 5 volumes.
- Stacks
BX 1751.2
A1
P9
Publication (Catholic Church. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) 2002 publication (United States Catholic Conference) [1967-2001]
This is a collection of official documents and pronouncements- such as encyclical letters, apostolic exhortations, and position papers- issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Pope, and various offices of the Vatican.
- Ref
BX 2035
A4
The Rites of the Catholic Church
Rites for ceremonies performed by priests are revised by the Second Vatican Council on English in the Liturgy: baptism, matrimony, anointing the sick, penance, communion, and burial.
- Ref
BX 1749.13
E5
1947
Summa Theologica
The finest achievement of scholastic theology, St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* presents the essentials of Christian belief in an orderly and lucid manner for beginners and adepts alike. 60 volumes.

Biographies

- Ref
BX 4654
B8 **Butler's Lives of the Saints**
Over 2,500 entries. Arranged by Feastday. Vignettes of the lives of men, women, and children who are either venerated liturgically or who are familiar to Catholics.
- Ref
BX 4651.2
D4 **Dictionary of Catholic Biography**
Contains about 15,000 brief entries of "outstanding Catholics from the time of the Apostles to the present day (1961)." Intended as a handy, popular reference. A similar title is *Dictionary of American Catholic Biography* (Ref BX 4670 D45).
- Stacks
BX 955
P35 **The History of the Popes From the Close of the Early Middle Ages**
Begins with Clement V (1305) and ends with Pius VI (1799). Long biographies based on original source documents in the Vatican Archives not available to previous scholars. 32 volumes.
- Stacks
BX 1070
M3 **The Lives of the Popes in the Early Middle Ages**
Scholarly history of the Popes from Gregory the Great (590) to Benedict XI (1304). Covers the lives and times of the Popes, each prefaced by a short critique of the sources used. 18 volumes.
- Ref
BX 955.2
K45
1986 **Oxford Dictionary of Popes**
This biographical dictionary includes entries, each with a bibliography for every Pope from St. Peter to John Paul II.

Periodical Indexes

- CD-ROM (ask
at Reference
Desk) and in
print, Ref BX
801 C364 **The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index**
Indexes about 180 Catholic periodicals, many not indexed elsewhere. Complete indexing of the texts in all languages of papal, conciliar, diocesan, and other official Church documents.
- Online
database **ATLA Religion Database** (www.usfca.edu/library/databases/atla.html)
Indexes journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays covering all aspects of world religions including Christianity. Over 600 journal titles currently indexed; over 1500 journal titles indexed overall. Covers 1949 to the present.
- Online
database **ProQuest Religion** (www.usfca.edu/library/databases/religious.html)
Full text, citations, and abstracts from over 90 religious publications.
- CD-ROM (ask
at Reference
Desk) **Old Testament Abstracts**
Citations and abstracts to articles on Old Testament subjects.
- Ref BS410
N35; Earlier
volumes in Ref
Annex **New Testament Abstracts**
45+ volumes, 1956-present
Abstracts from over 500 periodicals in numerous languages. Summarizes more than 800 current books on religious topics. Published three times a year.

Ref BR 1 **Religious and Theological Abstracts**
R286; Earlier 40+ volumes
volumes in Ref Abstracts of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of Religion and
Annex Theology. Cover 1958 to the present.

Magazines and Newspapers

For a listing of many of the Catholic periodicals at Gleeson Library, use the online catalog and type in the subject: **Catholic Church periodicals**.

America

A weekly magazine of general religious and cultural affairs published by the American Jesuits. It includes book reviews, opinion pieces, and feature articles on issues of current interest.

Catholic World Report

Newsmagazine covering the church throughout the world; interviews, profiles, books and art.

Commonweal

Focuses on current social concerns and literature rather than theological treatises.

Company

A magazine of the American Jesuits. Covers activities and personalities worldwide.

National Catholic Reporter

Newspaper covering the U.S. Roman catholic scene. Carries many official pronouncements in full text.

New Oxford Review

Contemporary religious issues from a conservative-to-moderate view. The Church is generally supported but receives its share of criticism.

Origins

American Ecclesiastical documents (speeches, pastoral letters, etc.) as well as papal and other Roman documents are reprinted in this weekly periodical. Surveys current issues affecting the Church.

L'Osservatore Romano

A weekly English edition newspaper from the Vatican which comments on current news related to the Pope and the Vatican.

The Pope Speaks

Speeches, letters, Papal activities and a continuing biography of all Papal documents for the preceding quarter.