

**A**spiring defenders of the Faith frequently contact Catholic Answers to find out which apologetical works they should read and keep as reference materials. This tract will serve as a guide to some of the most essential books for each apologist to have on his bookshelf. The most useful, "must have" works are designated by an asterisk (\*).

Many of these works are available on the Internet, but you may find it more convenient to contact the publishers directly. Any library will have a recent edition of Books in Print, which includes a volume on publishers, complete with addresses and telephone numbers for placing orders.

## GENERAL APOLOGETICS

*Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 1993)

\**Handbook of Christian Apologetics*, Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994)

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## CONVERSIONS

*Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic*, David B. Currie (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 1996)

*The Confessions*, St. Augustine (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Pub. Co., 1993)

*Crossing the Tiber: Evangelical Protestants Discover the Historical Church*, Stephen K. Ray (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 1997)

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## SCRIPTURE

*Ancient Israel: Its Life and Institutions*, Roland de Vaux (Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans; Livonia, MI: Dove Booksellers, 1997)

*By What Authority? An Evangelical Discovers Catholic Tradition*, Mark P. Shea (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1996)

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*Free From All Error*, William Most (Libertyville, IL: Franciscan Marytown Press, 1985)

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*The Historical Reliability of the Gospels*, Craig Blomberg (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1987)

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*Where We Got the Bible: Our Debt to the Catholic Church*, Henry Graham (San Diego, CA: Catholic Answers, 1997)

*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, James Strong, ed. (Lake Wylie, SC: Christian Heritage Pub., 1988)

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\**Early Christian Writings*, Maxwell Staniforth, ed. (Harmondsworth, England: Penguin, 1968)

*Faith of the Early Fathers*, William A. Jurgens, ed. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1970)

*The Fathers of the Church*, Mike Aquilina (Hun-

tington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1999)

*The History of the Church*, Eusebius (London; New York: Penguin Books, 1989)

## CHURCH DOCUMENTS

\**Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Liguori, MO: Liguori Publications, 1994)

*The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church*, J. Neuner and J. Dupuis (London, England: HarperCollins Religious, 1992)

*Code of Canon Law* (Washington D.C.: Canon Law Society, 1983)

*Vatican II: Conciliar and Postconciliar Documents*, Austin P. Flannery, ed. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1998)

## CHURCH HISTORY

*A History of Christendom*, Warren H. Carroll (Front Royal, VA: Christendom Press, 1987)

Vol. I: *The Founding of Christendom*, (to 324 A.D.)

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Vol. III: *The Glory of Christendom*, (1100-1517)

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\**Encyclopedia of Catholic History*, Matthew Bunson (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 1995)

*Inquisition*, Edward Peters (New York, NY: Free Press; London: Collier Macmillan, 1988)

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*Rhine Flows into the Tiber: A History of Vatican II*, Ralph M. Wiltgen (Rockford, IL: TAN Books, 1991)

## THEOLOGY

\**Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, Ludwig Ott (Rockford, IL: TAN Books, 1992)

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\**Life of Christ*, Fulton J. Sheen (New York, NY: Doubleday, 1977)

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## DISSENTERS

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*Women and the Priesthood*, Alice von Hildebrand and Peter Kreeft (Steubenville, OH: Franciscan University Press, 1994)

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*Ending the Byzantine-Greek Schism*, James Likoudis (New Rochelle, NY: Catholics United for the Faith, 1992)

*\*Handbook of Denominations*, Frank Mead (New York, NY: Abingdon Press, 1990)

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*Answering Jehovah's Witnesses*, Jason Evert (San Diego, CA: Catholic Answers, 2001)

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