

In The Beginning...! A Few References and Resources:

1. Holy Bible St. Jerome Edition The New Catholic Study Bible, with Bible Study/ Helps such as Harmony of the Gospels, the Parables and Miracles of Jesus Christ, How to study the Bible and Suggested Readings for the Liturgical Year... Biblical Information, such as St. Jerome: Writer, Scholar, Saint, Church Teaching on Inspiration, How the Bible Came About and Bible Land Maps.
2. The Navarre Bible ~ Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; Acts of the Apostles
3. The Liturgical Desk Calendar used for the Special Observances, Catholic Holydays, the daily readings and liturgical color for my home altar.
4. Lectionary for Mass from the Roman Missal.
5. The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist.
6. Oxford Dictionary of the Saints, Edited by David Farmer a single volume or Butler's Lives of the Saints (four volumes).
7. Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church (A one-volume reference).
8. Oxford Dictionary of the Popes, edited by JND Kelly.

My brother, Lee Joseph Jr., gifted me with the beautiful book "A Light for the World Essays and Reflections on the Papacy of John Paul II". Lee J's inscription reads, "Bernadette – to the second most religious sibling in our family!"

The First Age of the Church (33 AD – 330 AD)

Second Age (330 – 660)

Third Age (650 – 1050)

Fourth Age (1050 – 1450)

Fifth Age (1400 – 1789)

Sixth Age (1789 – Present)

9. Patrology, Forty-six ancient Christian Writers series starting with The Epistles of St. Clement of Rome and St. Ignatius of Antioch through St. Irenaeus and Tertullian to Letters of St. Cyprian, Vol. 3.
Early Christian Fathers ~ Edited by Cyril C. Richardson; The Early Christian Fathers A selection from the writings of the Fathers from St. Clement of Rome to St. Athanasius ~ Edited and translated by Henry Bettenson
Dorotheos of Gaza Discourses and Sayings ~ Translated by Eric P. Wheeler
10. The series entitled The Classics of Western Spirituality, A Library of the Great Spiritual Master i.e., John Climacus, Hildegard of Bingen, Carthusian Spirituality Bonaventure, Cistercian Greats~Bernard of Clairvaux, William of Saint-Thierry etc. etc.!!
11. The Doctors of the Church ... see below ...
12. The Desert Fathers and Mothers, The Sayings of the Desert Fathers
Translated by Benedicta Ward, SLG
13. The Divine Office, One volume edition
14. The Catechism of the Catholic Church
15. The Catholic Encyclopedia
16. Pocket Catholic Dictionary

17. Second Vatican Council Documents, Volumes I and II
18. Classic Catholic Converts Fr. Charles P. Connors
19. An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, Blessed John Henry Newman and anything else by JHNewman!
20. The Monastic Wisdom Series Patrick Hart, OCSO, General Editor

www.va.va The Vatican newslink/Vatican Information Service; in my daily emails!
www.zenit.org News galore in the Roman Catholic Church!
'National Catholic Register' <http://www.ncregister.com/>
'Columbia' published by the Knights of Columbus www.kofc.org/Columbia
Monastery Greetings Catalog. Products created by Monasteries, Religious Communities
& Hermitages. www.MonasteryGreetings.com

DOCTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Since the thirteenth century, the Catholic Church has bestowed the title "doctor of the Church" on the following men and women.

1. St. Albert the Great (1200-1280)
2. St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)
3. St. Ambrose (340-397)
4. St. Anselm (1022-1109)
5. St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231)
6. St. Athanasius (297-373)
7. St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430)
8. St. Basil the Great (329-379)
9. St. Bede the Venerable (673-735)
10. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)
11. St. Bonaventure (1217-1274)
12. St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)
13. St. Cyril of Alexandria (376-444)
14. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-387)
15. St. Ephraem of Syrus (306-373)
16. St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
17. St. Gregory the Great (540-604)
18. St. Gregory of Nazianzus (330-390)
19. St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-368)
20. St. Isidore of Seville (560-636)
21. St. Jerome (345-420)
22. St. John Chrysostom (347-407)
23. St. John Damascene (675-749)
24. St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)
25. St. Lawrence of Brindisi (1559-1619)
26. St. Leo the Great (400-461)
27. St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597)
28. St. Peter Chrysologus (400-450)
29. St. Peter Damian (1007-1072)

30. St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621)
31. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
32. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)
33. St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)
34. St. John of Avila (1500-1569)
35. St. Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179)