



The A to Z of Catholic Summer Reading!

Would you like to know how to start up the Catholic Summer Reading Program in your area, with your book group, in your parish, in your school, or elsewhere?

There are just a few simple steps :

1. Make your book selections and order the books(s) either with us online at www.aquinasandmore.com or buy them at your local Catholic bookstore*
2. Download a flier from the www.catholicsummerreading.com website so you can publicize your group if you want
3. Start reading that book already!
4. Download the book discussion guides.
5. Have lively and entertaining discussions about the book – you'll learn something - share it with others.
6. If you are not part of a local book discussion group you can discuss the book online with others at - www.catholicbookdiscussion.com
7. Feel a sense of accomplishment and don't stop there – reading is awfully good for your brain!

* We strongly urge you to support Catholic retailers whenever possible. Yes, it might be a bit cheaper at Amazon but if you buy something there, you support a gigantic entity who doesn't care what the heck it sells and actually sells a lot of really awful anti-Catholic stuff. Now, in good conscience, do you really want your money going there?

Sample letter to give your pastor

Dear Father,

We are very excited to introduce to you a new and unique project called the Catholic Summer Reading Program. The program has been developed to not only encourage reading but also to offer Catholics some “lighter fare” during the “off season” when the kids are out of school and many parish study programs have completed or are on hiatus. With the goal of encouraging Catholics to “not leave their Faith behind” when they are on vacation, at the beach, or away at that cabin in the mountains, the books that have been selected for the program are readily available all covering an important Catholic theme or two.

There is a mix of fiction and non-fiction titles, so there is literally something for everyone.

On the website www.catholicsummerreading.com you will find book discussion guides available for purchase, a complete list of titles with a synopsis of each, and easy ordering information. The book discussion guides will be especially helpful to facilitate small group discussions. Individuals can engage in online discussions of the Catholic Summer Reading books at any time on the catholicbookdiscussion.com website.

We sincerely hope that you will encourage your parishioners to participate in this program – especially those who otherwise avoid so-called denser theological works or even Bible study programs for fear that the content would be above their heads.

If Catholics read more, we are convinced they will be more engaged in the subject matter - which in this case is the Catholic Faith.

The featured summer reading titles for 2011 include:

- [Why Enough is Never Enough](#) By: Gregory S. Jeffrey
- [Theophilus](#) By: Michael D. O'Brien
- [The Appalling Strangeness of the Mercy of God](#) By: Ruth Pakaluk
- [Unplanned](#) By: Abby Johnson
- [Lord of the World](#) By: Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson
- [Motherless](#) By: Brian J. Gail
- [Jesus of Nazareth Vol. II](#) By: Pope Benedict XVI
- **And more for adults, teens and children**

Father, thank you so much for your time and your consideration of Catholic Summer Reading.

If you have any questions, need further information, or have comments, we would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

***Suggested Bulletin Announcement (for parishes)
or Note to Give customers (for retailers)***

"Join the Catholic Summer Reading Program today!

Looking for some "lighter fare" for your summer reading? Want something fun to read that also reflects

the timeless values of our Catholic faith? Visit the website catholicsummerreading.com and find out about how you can participate, at your own pace and in your own area of interest. There is something for everyone! Start a reading group in your parish or school, even among friends at work.

You can also participate in online discussions of the books at catholicbookdiscussion.com.

There are over 30 authentically Catholic titles to choose from that you can take to the beach, to that cabin in the woods, or just to that comfy hammock in the backyard.

“Recapture the enjoyment of summer reading, from a truly Catholic perspective.”

To our customers -

Join in the Catholic reading event of the summer!

Visit catholicsummerreading.com to see how you, your parish or your Catholic organization can be part of this very exciting event. Check out the downloadable reading lists and event fliers!

Host a book discussion of your own, or join in the discussions online at catholicbookdiscussion.com.