

# **Catholic Retailing Leader Announces the Launch of the 2010 Catholic Summer Reading Program.**

For decades, secular bookstores throughout the country have been enormously successful at developing summer reading programs which feature popular and affordable paperbacks that can be easily carried and casually read while on vacation or simply enjoying some “downtime” during the summer months.

There is a thoroughly Catholic alternative available to all those secular reading programs and it is available now.

Leading Catholic online retailer, and Catholic information provider, Aquinas and More Catholic Goods [www.aquinasandmore.com](http://www.aquinasandmore.com) has announced selections for its 4th sponsorship year of the now popular, and distinctly Catholic, summer reading program.

“Many Catholics are not aware that there are extraordinary works of fiction (novels) on Catholic themes which are edifying, informative, engaging and inspiring. At the same time, fiction is not everyone's “cup of tea” so the summer reading program offers a solid selection of books in the subject areas of education, history, comparative religion, military interest, family issues, popular culture and more.” says Ian Rutherford, President of Aquinas and More.

The program, which officially launched June 1, once again urges Catholics to “not leave the Faith behind” when heading off to the beach, to Disneyworld, or to that proverbial cabin in the woods. The selection of 26 paperback books includes both fiction and non-fiction works and all have distinctly Catholic themes.

At the program website [www.catholicsummerreading.com](http://www.catholicsummerreading.com) readers are encouraged to vote for the “top three official Catholic books of summer.” The top selections will be chosen from the 12 featured titles. Downloadable book discussion guides for the many of the selections will be available throughout the summer reading season.

This year marks a first for Catholic Summer Reading, the offering of a guided summer reading program for two other groups – teen/young adult readers and young readers. A lively coloring and prize sheet for the very youngest readers is also available, so no one is left out of the fun!

Online book discussions will also take place at [www.catholicbookdiscussion.com](http://www.catholicbookdiscussion.com). Catholic bookstores in communities across the country may also be sponsoring local book groups. Reviews for many of the books may be found on [www.tiberriver.com](http://www.tiberriver.com) the popular Catholic book review website.

“Parishes might want to consider forming summer book discussion groups centered around the summer reading titles to offer parishioners some “lighter fare” in the off-season summer months. Many Catholics will find the program more accessible than some other alternatives which can be more time and commitment intensive.” says Mike Davis, Product Manager at Aquinas and More.

Regularly updated, the summer reading website [www.catholicsummerreading.com](http://www.catholicsummerreading.com) will feature ongoing information on the summer reading program progress.

The featured titles were selected for the Catholic Summer Reading Program when it launched on June 1. From this list, the Top Three titles will be chosen.

## **The 2010 book selections for Catholic Summer Reading**

### **Cloud of Witnesses**

by Fr. George Rutler, \$9.95 paperback. Reflections from the inimitable Fr. Rutler on the many memorable and remarkable people, now deceased, he has known in his life

### **Doers of the Word**

by Archbishop Timothy Dolan, \$9.95 paperback. The archbishop of New York gives us inspiring ideas on living our Christian faith in the modern world.

### **Exiles: A Novel**

by Ron Hansen, \$14.00 paperback. This short novel uses an historical tragedy to explore the meaning of life for a groups of nuns and a well-known English poet.

### **Fatherless**

by Brian J. Gail, \$14.95 paperback. A prophetic novel about the contraceptive culture and the anti-life undercurrent in our society – a profound threat to all we hold dear.

### **The Gargoyle Code**

By Fr. Dwight Longenecker, \$11.95 paperback. Harkening back to C. S. Lewis' classic *Screwtape Letters*, this new novel explores the minds and devices of certain devilish characters.

### **Introduction to the Devout Life**

By Saint Francis de Sales, \$13.95 paperback. The spiritual classic reveals the path to prayer and holiness that every true Christian must seek.

### **John Henry Newman: His Inner Life**

by Fr. Zeno, \$16.95 paperback. Insights into the mind and spirituality of the great Cardinal Newman whose beatification is coming up in September this year.

### **The Mystery of Joseph**

by Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, O.P. , \$14.95 paperback. An exploration of St. Joseph, foster father of Our Lord, and what the mystery of his life tells us about God's purpose for us all.

## **No Turning Back: A Witness to Mercy**

By Fr. Donald Calloway, \$19.95 paperback. An amazing modern conversion story, one that will knock your socks off, and a revelation of God's profound love for us and mercy toward us.

## **Old Errors and New Labels**

by Archbishop Fulton Sheen, \$14.95 paperback. The late, great archbishop tells us that so much "new" is not really new and let's us see how the same old deceptions keep coming our way to turn us off our path toward the Lord.

## **The Promise: God's Purpose and Plan for When Life Hurts**

by Fr. Jonathan Morris, \$14.99 paperback. Advice from the popular priest for seeing through pain and suffering in life, recognizing and acknowledging God's purpose behind it.

## **Wisdom for Everyday Life: From the Book of Revelation**

by Fr. Richard Veras, \$13.99. Fr. Veras unfolds the mysterious, and some would say just plain confusing, Book of Revelation to offer us wisdom for Christian living today.

