

Catholic Summer Reading

Get this party started!

Want 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?

Its so easy:

1. Make your book selection and order the books(s) either with us at www.aquinasandmore.com or buy them at your local Catholic bookstore*
 2. Download a flyer 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 alone in the world, well, you can discuss the book online with others at www.catholicbookdiscussion.com – yep, we've thought of everything
 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. Yeah, 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?*

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 Disneyworld, or away at that cabin in the mountains, the books that have been selected for the program are readily available and easy-to-read paperbacks 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 downloadable book discussion guides, 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 www.catholicbookdiscussion.com website.

We believe so strongly in this effort that we are encouraging every Catholic store, parish and school to participate and we are offering all the support materials for free to anyone and everyone for easy distribution.

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 summer reading titles are:

“Canticle for Leibowitz”, by Walter Miller, from HarperCollins Books, paperback \$13.95, a novel that is considered one of the greatest works of speculative fiction ever. Set in an apocalyptic future, a group of cloistered monks attempt to recover and rediscover civilization.

“The Man Who Was Thursday,” by G. K. Chesterton, from Ignatius Press, paperback \$17.95, Chesterton's classic novel, a mystery, and an allegory of Good and Evil.

“Swimming with Scapulars,” by Matthew Lickona, from Loyola Books, paperback \$12.95, subtitled “Reflections of a Young Catholic” this book is a non-fiction work and is, according to the publisher, “a story of pre-modern faith lived with a postmodern sensibility.” Witty and insightful.

Thank you so much for your time and your consideration.

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

Sincerely,

Aquinas and More Catholic Goods
"Rebuilding Catholic Culture . . ."

Generic bulletin announcement:

"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 www.catholicsummerreading.com and find out about how you can participate, at your own pace and in your own area of interest.

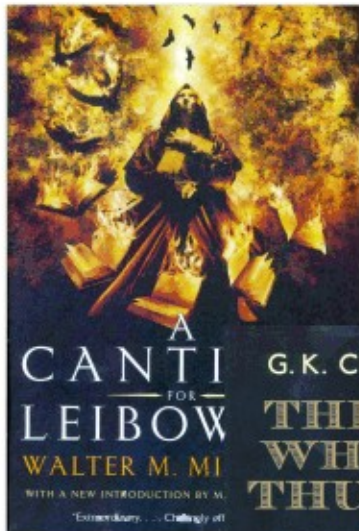
There is something for everyone! Start a reading group in your parish or school, even among friends at work. You can also participate in online discussions of the books at www.catholicbookdiscussion.com.

There a huge selection of 64 authentically Catholic titles to choose from - all are relatively inexpensive paperbacks that you can take to the beach, to that cabin in the woods, or just to that comfy hammock in the backyard.

Receive a free item for every two Catholic Summer Reading titles you buy at Aquinas and More

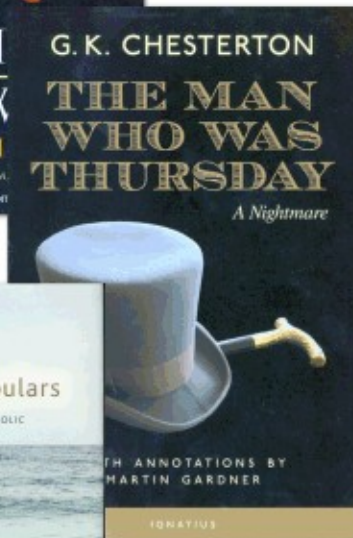
Recapture the enjoyment of summer reading, from a truly Catholic perspective."

Join us this summer for Catholic Book Discussions!



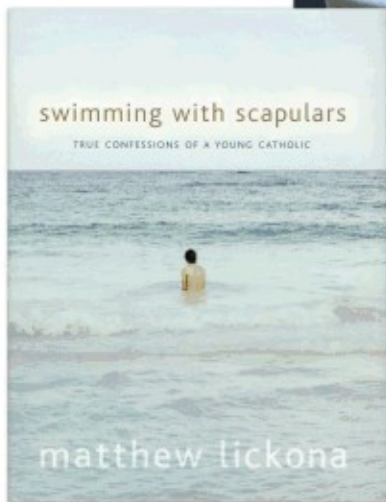
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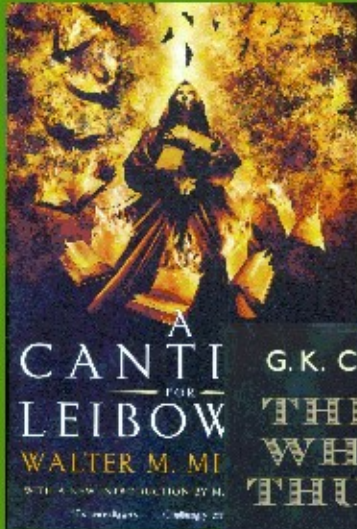


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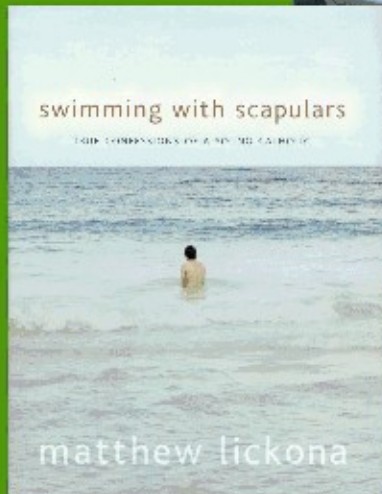
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