

Fr. Riccardo's list of 100 (plus) books to read (in no particular order after No. 1):

1. The Bible (Revised Standard Version translation)
2. The Lord. Romano Guardini
3. To Know Christ Jesus. Frank Sheed
4. The Life of Christ. Fulton Sheen
5. Jesus of Nazareth (3 Volumes). Joseph Ratzinger
6. The Spirit of the Liturgy. Joseph Ratzinger.
7. Called to Communion. Joseph Ratzinger.
8. God is Near Us. Joseph Ratzinger.
9. Credo for Today. Joseph Ratzinger.
10. The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ. Fleming Rutledge
11. The Undoing of Death: Sermons for Holy Week and Easter. Fleming Rutledge.
12. Paul: A Biography. N.T. Wright
13. Paul and the Faithfulness of God. N.T. Wright
14. Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper. Brant Pitre
15. The Four Cardinal Virtues. Josef Pieper
16. What Happens at Mass. Jeremy Driscoll
17. The Confessions. Augustine
18. Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word. Erasmo Leiva Merikakis (3 Volumes)
19. Love's Sacred Order. Erasmo Leiva Merikakis.
20. Fundamentals of the Faith. Peter Kreeft
21. The Handbook of Christian Apologetics. Peter Kreeft, Ronald Taceli.
22. A Refutation of Moral Relativism. Peter Kreeft.
23. Making Sense out of Suffering. Peter Kreeft.
24. You Can Understand the Bible. Peter Kreeft.
25. Back to Virtue. Peter Kreeft.
26. Mere Christianity. C.S. Lewis
27. The Screwtape Letters. C.S. Lewis
28. The Problem of Pain. C.S. Lewis.
29. The Great Divorce. C.S. Lewis.
30. The Four Loves. C.S. Lewis.
31. The Weight of Glory. C.S. Lewis.
32. Perelandra. C.S. Lewis.
33. The Chronicles of Narnia. C.S. Lewis.
34. The Essential Pope Benedict. John Thornton and Susan Varenne, eds
35. Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body. Pope John Paul II
36. Crossing the Threshold of Love. Pope John Paul II.
37. Fides et Ratio. Pope John Paul II.
38. The Gospel of Life. Pope John Paul II.
39. Love and Responsibility. Karol Wojtyla.
40. The Fulfillment of All Desire. Ralph Martin
41. A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist. Abbot Vonier
42. I Believe in Love. D'Elbee
43. Heart of the World. Hans Urs von Balthasar
44. The Birth of the Church: John: Volume IV. Adrienne von Speyr
45. The Handmaid of the Lord. Adrienne von Speyr.
46. Confession. Adrienne von Speyr.
47. Life in the Lordship of Christ. Raniero Cantalamessa

48. The Power of the Cross. Raniero Cantalamessa.
49. The Eucharist: Our Sanctification. Raniero Cantalamessa
50. On Being Catholic. Thomas Howard
51. By What Authority? Mark Shea
52. Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic. David Currie
53. Crossing the Tiber: Stephen Ray
54. The Lord of the Rings. J.R.R. Tolkien
55. The Cost of Discipleship. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
56. Where We Got the Bible. Henry Graham
57. The Seven Story Mountain. Thomas Merton
58. The Dialogues. Catherine of Siena
59. The Lamb's Supper. Scott Hahn
60. The World's First Love. Fulton Sheen
61. The Splendor of Love. Walter Schu
62. Witness to Hope: George Weigel
63. Letters to a Young Catholic. George Weigel.
64. The Feminist Question. Francis Martin
65. Healing the Original Wound. Benedict Groeschel
66. In Search of Wisdom. Leon Kass
67. Thirsting for Prayer. Jacques Philippe.
68. The Way of Trust and Love: A Retreat Guided by St. Therese of Liseux. Jacques Philippe.
69. Interior Freedom. Jacques Philippe.
70. In Sinu Jesu. An Anonymous Benedictine Monk.
71. Parochial and Plain Sermons. John Henry Newman
72. Triumph. David Crocker III
73. The Evidential Power of Beauty. Thomas Dubay
74. Fire Within. Thomas Dubay.
75. The Gift of Faith. Tadeusz Dajczer.
76. Amazing Nearness. Tadeusz Dajczer.
77. Into Your Hands Father. Wilfrid Stinissen.
78. Prayer. Romano Guardini
79. Saints for Sinners. Alban Goodier
80. Flannery O'Connor. Collected Works
81. The Return of the Prodigal Son. Henri Nouwen
82. The Unseriousness of Human Affairs. Lames Schall
83. Women in the Church. Louis Bouyer, ed
84. Catholic Bio-Ethics and the Gift of Human life. William E. May
85. Marriage: The Bedrock on Which Civilization Is Built. William E. May
86. The Clash of Orthodoxies. Robert George
87. Death on a Friday Afternoon. Richard John Neuhaus
88. Why Humanae Vitae Was Right. Janet Smith, ed
89. 20th Century Martyrs. Robert Royal
90. Testimony to Hope. Xavier Nguyen
91. The Divine Comedy. Dante (Dorothy Sayers translation)
92. Arise From This Darkness. Benedict Groeschel
93. Orthodoxy. G.K. Chesterton
94. Thomas Aquinas. G.K. Chesterton
95. Saint Francis. G.K. Chesterton

96. Edmund Campion. Evelyn Waugh
97. Brideshead Revisited. Evelyn Waugh
98. A Simple Path. Mother Teresa
99. The Rise of Christianity. Rodney Stark
100. Architects of the Culture of Death. Donald Demarco and Benjamin Wiker
101. Transformation in Christ. Dietrich von Hildebrand
102. The Hidden Manna. James O'Connor
103. Introduction to the Devout Life. Francis DeSales
104. The Crisis of Islam. Bernard Lewis
105. What Went Wrong? Bernard Lewis
106. The Bible and the Quran. Jacques Jomier
107. What Difference Does Jesus Make? Frank Sheed
108. Coming Soon. Michael Barber
109. The Resurrection of the Son of God. N.T. Wright
110. Eucharistic Presence: A Study in the Theology of Disclosure. Robert Sokolowski
111. The Diary of Divine Mercy. St. Faustina
112. Catholicism: The Common Destiny of Man. Henri De Lubac
113. The Drama of Atheistic Humanism. Henri De Lubac
114. Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters. Meg Meeker
115. Unprotected. Anonymous
116. How Now Shall We Live? Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey
117. That Man Is You. Louis Evely

Essential Catholic, and other, Reference Books:

1. The Bible (Revised Standard Version)
2. The Catechism of the Catholic Church
3. Catholic Christianity: A Commentary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Peter Kreeft
4. Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (still adding volumes)
5. A Catholic Introduction to the Bible: The Old Testament. Brant Pitre, John Bergsma.
6. The Documents of Vatican II
7. The Faith of the Early Fathers. William Jurgens, ed (3 Volumes)
8. The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church
9. Butler's Lives of the Saints (4 Volumes)
10. United States Catholic Catechism for Adults
11. The Encyclicals of Pope John Paul II
12. The Death of the Messiah. Raymond Brown.
13. The Manual of Prayer.