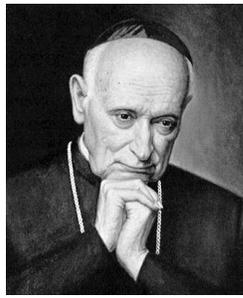


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Let's Hit The Books!

"In my reading and in my studies I have always tried to achieve harmony with faith, reason and the heart. These are not separate areas but are profoundly interconnected." –Pope John Paul II



We hope this, our annual Booklist, will inspire and motivate you and your families to read some of these important books. We urge you to consider purchases as gifts to students, high school/college libraries, opinion molders, clergy, etc. (Christmas isn't too far off!!) You can request a book from your public library, and if it is not available the library will order it for you.

FAITH

- **VALUES IN A TIME OF UPHEAVAL** by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, (Ignatius/Crossroad Press, 2005) In this excellent short volume, Cardinal Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) makes a strong case on behalf of the traditional Christian values of the West and their relevancy in a pluralistic world. With insight and clarity, he explores contemporary issues such as the moral foundations of a free society, the relationship of spiritual values to human rights, bioethical and cultural challenges to faith, and the importance of history. In a world that has lost its way, the Pope's book is a beacon of truth that will lead us back to God.
- **JOHN PAUL THE GREAT** by Peggy Noonan, (Viking Press, 2005) A convert, Peggy Noonan, former Reagan speechwriter, has provided a special insight into the heart and mind of the late Pope and has captured the essence of the man better than his male chroniclers, including official biographer, George Weigel. She perceived him as a giant and a leader who challenged the world to awake from its godless hedonism. To Noonan, John Paul's special gift was his innate ability to touch people in the darkest recesses of their souls. His personal holiness in living and in dying earned him the appellation *John Paul the Great*.
- **CATHOLIC MATTERS: Confusion, Controversy and the Splendor of Truth** by Richard John Neuhaus (Basic Books, 2006) Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, editor-in-chief of First Things, renders a comprehensive study of the essentials of the Catholic faith, which he adopted after years as a Lutheran minister. He addresses the concerns, doubts and fears that have emerged since Vatican II, including changes in the liturgy, the decline of vocations in America, and the costly sexual abuse scandals. Drawing on his personal encounters with two popes, Father Neuhaus describes their hope for springtime of world evangelicalism, Christian unity, and Catholic renewal with an air of infectious optimism.
- **MOTHER ANGELICA** by Raymond Arroyo (Doubleday Books 2005) This engrossing biography of the EWTN radio and television phenomenon, traces her rise to success from feisty Italian nun to media Catholic powerhouse. It exposes for the first time the fierce opposition she faced within and without the church. An inspiring story of faith, persistence, survival and success.
- **A HISTORY OF APOLOGETICS** by Avery Cardinal Dulles (Ignatius Press, 1999) Written by one of the nation's most eminent theologians, it is a timely and necessary book, during an era that has witnessed a surfeit of apologies for the alleged sins of its past. *Apologetics* is a masterful overview of the defenders of the Christian faith from the New Testament through the Middle Ages and into the modern era. Since the advent of Vatican II, there has been a decided lack of dedicated defenders of the faith of the caliber of G. K. Chesterton, Hilary Belloc, or C. S. Lewis. From 1965 the emphasis has been on ecumenism, accommodation and reconciliation for fear of giving offense to the Church's *separated brethren*. The book is the perfect antidote for the religious indifference that has resulted from the change in Church direction. It should be required reading at every Catholic university in America.
- **THE CHURCH AND THE MARKET** by Thomas Woods, Jr. (Acton Institute – 2006) The author makes a

compelling case in favor of the market economy from a Catholic perspective with attention to detail on almost all aspects of the free market. The book balances issues of social conscience with economic principles.

CULTURE

- **DRESSING WITH DIGNITY** by Colleen Hammond (Tan Books 2006) The author, a former cable network anchor, model and beauty queen, challenges today's indecent, demeaning fashions. She shares real life examples of how women can accentuate their femininity in a modest way, reveals the forces behind the immodest clothing, shows how to awaken chivalry in men and be treated with respect. Invaluable resources including quotes from Scripture and dozens of websites that provide alternatives to the indecent trends. A ground-breaking must read!
- **HOLLYWOOD NATION** by James Hirszen (Random House 2006) The left-coast's most articulate critic chronicles how Hollywood's dream factory has become a leftist propaganda machine that is shoved at us in movies, TV, popular music and more. With exhaustive research and exclusive interviews, Hirszen exposes this sinister game and shows why liberals can no longer hope to dominate the political and cultural debate. But he warns us to pay attention to the Hollywood influence and join a long hard battle to reclaim our nature and culture.
- **RIGHT TURNS: UNCONVENTIONAL LESSONS FROM A CONTROVERSIAL LIFE** by Michael Medved (Crown Forum 2004) The well known movie critic and talk radio host tells his fascinating life story and his transformation from left-wing politics to optimistic promoter of American patriotism, from secularism to religion, from adventurous single guy to doting husband and father. He brilliantly skewers leftist arguments and reveals why "the right is right".
- **COMMON SENSE 101: Lessons from G. K. Chesterton** by Dale Ahlquist (Ignatius Press, 2006) This book firmly establishes Chesterton's right to be called the most significant Catholic writer of the 20th century. As the president of the American Chesterton Society, Ahlquist has mined shiny nuggets of truth from his personal trove in assaying the paradoxical wit and charm that made Chesterton a *Catholic for all seasons*. His essays still resonate with universality and an unparalleled timelessness.
- **LITERARY GIANTS: Literary Catholics** by Joseph Pearce (Ignatius Press, 2005) Premier Catholic biographer Joseph Pearce's book is a comprehensive rendition of the greatest Catholic writers of the 20th century. His list of *Giants* includes Hilary Belloc, C. S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, G. K. Chesterton, T. S. Eliot, and Evelyn Waugh, Frank Sheed and Maisie Ward. The book creates an elaborate literary mosaic

that expresses the vast dimensions of the genius of the nearly forgotten *Catholic imagination*, with an unpretentious wit that makes this book a worthy companion for those on a search for the best of Catholic thought.

- **THE PROFESSORS: THE 101 MOST DANGEROUS ACADEMICS IN AMERICA** by David Horowitz (Regnery Publishing 2006) A shocking revelation of the radicalism imposed on college students by professors who have unrelenting malice against this country which has given them great privileges and freedom. According to Horowitz these professors represent every imaginable form of Marxism and radical Islamism. They believe that terrorists are freedom fighters, America is the Great Satan, private property is evil, wars are caused by corporations. This book should scare the wits out of any parent whose child is enrolled in a U.S. college or university.
- **MANLINESS** by Harvey C Mansfield (Yale University Press 2006) Harvard Professor Mansfield presents a common-sense approach to the perennial debate on sex roles in society. We get an overview of the intellectual history of manliness, touching on modern psychology, 19th and 20th century British/American literature, classic political history and ancient Greek philosophy. Feminists are gently skewered for their mistaken approaches to gender roles, ignoring that nature dictates that men are aggressive and single minded, while women are contextual and nurturing. According to the publication *America's Future* this book is the best contribution to gender differences since George Gilder's *Men & Marriage* three decades ago.

HISTORY:

- **THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GUIDE TO SCIENCE** by Tom Bethell (Regnery 2005) This is the third in Regnery's "politically correct" series and sets the record straight about some of the controversial scientific issues. The book covers intelligent design, evolution, death by environmentalism, the AIDS epidemic, global warming, solar energy, nuclear radiation, species extinction, property rights and more. The author suggests that the Church helped create the kind of intellectual culture that made the Scientific Revolution possible.
- **THE REVOLUTION OF CHRISTENDOM** by Warren Carroll (Christendom Press, 2005) *Revolution* marks the fifth of Dr. Carroll's six-volume set on the *History of Christendom*. Volume V chronicles the disintegration of the Catholic monarchies of Europe in the face of new, hostile ideologies which resulted in internal weakness and lack of resolve, rendered Europe morally defenseless and financially unprepared.
Revolution reflects an unabashedly Catholic view of history, taking as one of its major themes the centrality of the

Papacy to the destiny of the West. Professor Carroll vividly portrays the triumphs and tragedies of Christian civilization during one of its most crucial periods. *Revolution* is a gripping and dramatic narrative and an invaluable reference work.

- **THE VICTORY OF REASON: How Christianity led to Freedom, Capitalism, and Western Success** by Rodney Stark (Random House 2006) Baylor University Social Science Professor Rodney Stark successfully treats the symbiotic relationship between religion and reason and how the two combined to produce the most important and significant of Western civilizations. Stark debunks the long-standing myths about the alleged conflict between religion and science. He emphasizes Christianity's role in free commerce, democratic rule, and scientific discovery. He contrasts science's success in the West with its failure in China, ancient Greece or in Islamic countries.
- **THE WEST'S LAST CHANCE: Will We Win the Clash of Civilizations** by Tony Blankley (Regnery Press, 2005) Columnist Tony Blankley adds his name to the host of authors, such as Spengler's *The Decline of the West*, Burnham's *The Suicide of the West*, Buchanan's *The Death of the West* who have recognized the dangers to the West over the last 150 years. Blankley's book reflects more the thinking of Samuel Huntington's *Clash of Civilizations* and its warnings against outside threats, such as Osama bin Laden and an imperial Islam, or what President George W. Bush has called *Islamic Fascism*.

GOVERNMENT

- **GODLESS: The Church of Liberalism** by Ann Coulter (Crown/Forum Press, 2006) Popular columnist Ann Coulter's *Godless* is a logical progression from her previous books on liberalism, *Slander*, and *Treason*. In *Godless* she argues that contrary to its indictment of Christian dogmatism, liberalism is a religion itself – a godless one, replete with its own dogma, high priests, and sacraments. *Roe v. Wade* is its Holy Writ. Abortion is its main sacrament. Liberals venerate Soviet spy Alger Hiss as their *patron saint*. Public schools serve as their cathedrals where they preach hedonism, moral relativism, and sodomy.
Coulter's criticism of Darwin and embryonic stem cell research rank among the best presentations on the subjects. She shows how liberalist's faith in Darwinism has nothing to do with rational, scientific discovery but acts like a book of revelation that eliminates God from the creation process, a necessary tenet in their atheistic faith.
- **SHOWDOWN: Why China Wants War with the United States** by Jeb Babbitt and Edward Timperlake (Regnery Press, 2006) *Showdown* rests on the unsettling premise that China and the United States are on a

collision course for a war. Jeb Babbitt, the former deputy undersecretary of defense and Edward Timperlake, veteran defense analyst rest their provocative claims on China's aggressive military build-up, the expansion of its commercial reach in Asia and Latin America and its *unholy alliance* with radical Islam. Written with the suspenseful detail of a novel, this book is an apocalyptic tale that will not only inform but also frighten.

- **THE PARTY OF DEATH: The Democrats, the Courts, the Media, and the Disregard for Human Life** by Ramesh Ponnuru (Regnery Press, 2006) By definition *The Party of Death* transcends the Democratic Party, its *wholly owned and operated subsidiary*. Inspired by the French Revolution, Darwin, and eugenics, the *Party of Death* is a much larger, broader coalition of people and organizations, among the media, courts, universities and schools that have conspired to rid society of those who do not produce.

Ponnuru, the senior editor at the *National Review* has the logician's deft touch that turns every pro-death argument on its head and exposes its argumentative weaknesses with regard to *Roe v. Wade*, Terry Schiavo and *embryonic-destructive research*. Columnist William F. Buckley praises this book as the *most significant statement on the need to protect human life in America* since Ronald Reagan's *Abortion and the Conscience of a Nation* was published in the early 1980s.

- **BETRAYAL BY THE BENCH** John Stomer (Liberty Bell Press 2006) Stomer exposes the massive damage done by our courts, examines the key legal foundations, the theories that have revolutionized the courts and culture, and offers recommendations to restore and rebuild America. Phyllis Schlafly says "this book is a must read".
- **PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY & GRASSROOTS CONSERVATISM** by Donald Critchlow (Princeton University Press 2006) Historian Critchlow sheds new light on Schlafly's extraordinary successes, stunning political victories, and superb organizational skills and on the unappreciated role her grassroots activism has played in pro-life, pro-family and pro-defense politics.

Based on exclusive and unrestricted access to Schlafly's papers as well as other archival collections, the book reveals how the mother of six and a brilliant strategist author and media personality became one of the most powerful forces in recent history.



Book recommendations are prepared by Elaine Middendorf, Radio Producer of Dangers of Apathy and William A. Borst, Ph.D., author and editor.

Mindszenty Report Reprints

A STYGIAN LIFEBOAT: On The River of Moral Relativism—There is a “new ethics” being used for today’s serious moral questions. It is really the old immoral Machiavelli “the end justifies the means”. It becomes a dictatorship of relativism threatening the foundations of moral truth. Ask for 8/06

THE MARXIST ATTACK ON AMERICA’S CHERISHED SYMBOLS—There is a strong effort to eliminate patriotic and religious symbols from the public square. Give support and encouragement to activists such as the Thomas More Law Center, Eagle Forum, Catholic League for Religious & Civil Rights, CMF, etc. Ask for 7/06

THE HOLLYWOOD GOSPEL: And its War on American Culture—Reveals the dramatic cultural changes in Hollywood movies from truth and beauty to the poisonous visual destruction of values in today’s films. Don’t leave your Catholic principles at the box office! Ask for 6/06

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ST. PAUL, THES. 3:12, 13

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Radio

RADIO NEWS—Did you know that CMF produces a free radio program **DANGERS OF APATHY?** The following stations currently broadcast CMF’s popular weekly radio program **DANGERS OF APATHY.**

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UTAH

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DID YOU KNOW that September 17th is Constitution Day? A federal law requires every public school to “hold an educational program on the U.S. Constitution” on that day. We urge you to read and re-read this important document.