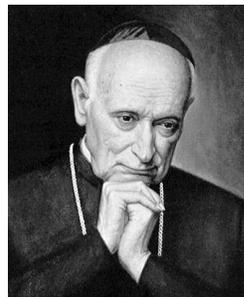


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Our Book Olympiad

"No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of books" – Elizabeth Barrett Browning



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

FIVE PILLARS OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR ACTIVE PEOPLE by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J. (Ignatius, 2008) Many prayerful people never advance past the basic stages of petition and thanksgiving. The "thief of time" makes it almost impossible for them to develop a consistent "habit of prayer." Father Spitzer, the President of Gonzaga University, presents a practical, yet helpful guide for helping busy people develop a deeper prayer life. SPIRITUAL LIFE lists five essential steps through which the contemplative and active aspects of daily living can be fused together to enrich one's spiritual life.

WORD ON FIRE: PROCLAIMING THE POWER OF CHRIST by Father Robert Barron (A Crossroad Book, 2008). Father Barron's book is a fascinating amalgamation of popular culture with the teachings of the Catholic Church. A professor of systematic theology at Mundelein Seminary near Chicago, the author uses art, music, painting, poetry, philosophy and the lives of saints to vividly illustrate the Biblical message of Christ's Church. No one can read his book without sensing the bright hope that the Catholic faith offers for all humans.

BECAUSE GOD IS REAL: SIXTEEN QUESTIONS AND ONE ANSWER by Peter Kreft (Ignatius, 2008). Atheism is on the march. With the decline in doctrinal education on all levels of Catholic education, such direct assaults on belief in God and the Catholic Faith can be devastating. To remedy this situation, Boston College professor, Peter Kreft has written a timely book, which explains 16 basic questions on the Faith in simple language. His questions revolve around "faith and reason," "evil," and "the existence of God." Given the moral sickness of modern life, Kreft's book of popular apologetics is arguably the right tonic.

HISTORY

BLACKLISTED BY HISTORY: THE UNTOLD STORY OF SENATOR JOE MCCARTHY AND HIS FIGHT AGAINST AMERICA'S ENEMIES by M. Stanton Evans (Crown Forum, 2008) In this monumental 663-page work, Evans has vindicated the late Senator McCarthy, who has been consistently reviled in modern revisionist history. Using documented recently-released files such as the Venona Papers, data from Soviet archives, and transcripts of Senate Committees, Evans proves that there was not a single innocent victim of McCarthy's investigations and reveals how our view of history has been distorted, covering up the facts that there were (and still are) security risks in our government.

AMERICAN HEROES by Oliver North (B&H Publishing Group, 2008) Best-selling author North offers an inspiring, first-hand account of the extraordinary young American volunteers defending us against radical Islamic terror. With many stirring tributes and photographs, we get a close-up of the patriots who have gone into harm's way for their country. North's grasp of history and lucid reports from the combat area, make this book a stirring chronicle of courage, commitment, compassion and faith.

LIBERAL FASCISM: THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEFT FROM MUSSOLINI TO THE POLITICS OF MEANING by Jonah Goldberg (Doubleday, 2007). According to conservative columnist Goldberg, LIBERAL FASCISM is an international movement that has assumed many different forms. It is a repressive philosophy based on the Gnostic notion that an elite knows what is best for its people and would insure that they got that whether they liked it or not.

LIBERAL FASCISM is also the unifying principle that joined

many left-wing thinkers, politicians and ideologues throughout the last two centuries. Goldberg's wonderful narrative exposes the inner thinking of progressives, from Herbert Croly, *the founding father of modern liberalism* through presidents Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. Goldberg underscores the idea that progressivism is cut from the same utopian cloth that covered the thinking of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin. Some things never change.

CHURCHILL, HITLER AND THE UNNECESSARY WAR: HOW BRITAIN LOST ITS EMPIRE AND THE WEST LOST THE WORLD by Patrick Buchanan (Crown, 2008). When the Soviet Union annexed most of Eastern Europe after World War II, Charles Lindbergh questioned whether the war had accomplished anything since Stalin had replaced Hitler as the scourge of mankind. In a similar vein, iconoclast Buchanan tackles the attendant mythology of the "good war." It is his bold contention that the war was actually "unnecessary" and that its outbreak was largely attributed to the blunders of Winston Churchill that dated back to 1906. In Buchanan's provocative opinion Churchill's greatest blunder was the unsolicited war guarantee to Poland in March of 1939. It's a hard thesis to refute.

GOVERNMENT

THE LATE GREAT USA: THE COMING MERGER WITH MEXICO AND CANADA by Jerome R Corsi (WND Books, 2007) Best-selling author Corsi shows how a bureaucratically-entrenched army of "world citizens" is working tirelessly towards a European Union-like merger of the U.S., Mexico and Canada into a North American Union. He contends, with meticulously researched data, that the U.S. will no longer be a sovereign nation but will transfer control and political self-determination to the global elites. Corsi says "the clock is ticking"

UNSTOPPABLE GLOBAL WARMING: EVERY 1,500 YEARS by S. Fred Singer and Dennis Avery (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007) Singer and Avery skillfully present their case for the existence of a solar-induced 1500 year cycle that generates the warming and cooling of the Earth's atmosphere, regardless whether or not greenhouse gases are present. Their exhaustive list of scientific references underscores the fact that the computer projections surrounding the theory of "global warming" are unsubstantiated. The book is a valuable reference done in a thoroughly readable style.

THE NEW CASE AGAINST IMMIGRATION BOTH LEGAL AND ILLEGAL by Mark Krekorian (Sentinel/Penguin, 2008)

Author Krekorian puts a different spin on the problems concerning immigration, noting that we must drastically reduce both illegal and legal immigration. He emphasizes that immigrants are coming to a very different America today, a country that does not make demands of them to earn a living, learn English and become patriotic Americans but allows them to lead "transnational" lives. This is a must-read to understand this important social policy.

WHO KILLED THE CONSTITUTION? By Thomas E. Woods & Kevin Gutzman (Crown Publishing Group, 2008) This bedrock of our republic is being destroyed by politicians of both parties, presidents, congresses and judges according to the authors' blistering new book. These murderers of the Constitution have not only avoided preserving it, but have intentionally exterminated it. The authors chronicle the attacks, one-by-one and issue a wake-up call to the American people.

A GRANDFATHER'S SON: A MEMOIR by Clarence Thomas (Harper, 2007). Thomas' life was indelibly marked by poverty, and hunger. His parents divorced when he was just a baby. Had it not been for the steadfast discipline of his grandfather, "Daddy," Thomas would not be wearing a black robe today. His life story is a bittersweet tale of a black man undergoing the trials and tribulations of a minority in a nation torn by dissension and uncertainties of the 1960's and '70's. Today, he is a highly respected U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

THE OBAMA NATION: LEFTIST POLITICS AND THE CULT OF PERSONALITY by Jerome Corsi (Threshold Editions, 2008). Corsi, who gained notoriety by a book he co-authored on the Swift-Boats, *Unfit for Command*, has written another blockbuster that will disturb the placid waters surrounding Senator Obama's presidential bid. OBAMA NATION clearly captures the "essential" Obama with his detailed research on his career and influences from his early years in Hawaii, Indonesia and Kenya, through his voting record in the Illinois Legislature, his opaque religious beliefs, and his baptism into the sordid "Chicago Way" of politics.

If Corsi's book were a legal brief, the evidence indicting Obama for guilt by association would be overwhelming. His critical relationships with the ideas of Jeremiah Wright, Saul Alinsky, terrorists Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn, as well as Louis Farrakhan and indicted Syrian slum landlord, Tony Rezko indict his judgment.

CULTURE

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY: THE WAR AGAINST FATHERS, MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY by Stephen Baskerville

(Cumberland House, 2007) Professor Baskerville calls upon fathers to reclaim their status in their children's lives, and enumerates the many abuses in divorce cases and "family courts". He documents the massive expansion of state power into family lives. Fresh solutions are proposed to preserve marriages, strengthen the role of parents and reduce governmental interference in the family. Every American needs to know about the horrifying abuses of power this book exposes.

POPULATION CONTROL: REAL COSTS, ILLUSORY BENEFITS by Steven W Mosher (Transaction Publishers, 2008) Mosher, an eye-witness to the brutality of China's one-child policy, draws upon personal experience and a life-long passion for demographics, to craft a devastating indictment of the violators of human rights. He shows how the population controllers have abused women, targeted racial and religious minorities, undermined health care programs, encouraged dictatorial actions and have skewed foreign aid programs in an anti-natal direction. Mosher says that some dying countries are filling more coffins than cradles, yet the well-funded controllers continue their quest for zero-population growth.

THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED: THE COLLAPSE OF BOSTON'S CATHOLIC CULTURE by Philip Lawler (Encounter Books, 2008). Lawler, the editor of the *Catholic World News*, has arguably written the most important Catholic book of 2008. In his authoritative study, he meticulously traces the roots of the sex abuse scandal back to 19th century Catholic-baiting by New England Protestants. So great was the faithful's need to gain social acceptance, they were willing to compromise their commitment to the teachings of the Church. When the culture changed in the 1960s, too many Catholics had already ingrained the "Kennedy dance" away from the faith. While Lawler writes ostensibly about the Church in Boston, his research can easily be applied to Catholicism throughout the United States.

A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE: WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC CAN DO TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD by Carl Anderson (Harper ONE Press, 2008). Carl Anderson, the Supreme Knight of the

Knights of Columbus, has written a superb book on what may be described as a "clash of civilizations." He emphasizes the Christian responsibility for living in the "Areopagus of culture." This is in reference to St. Paul's preaching to the Athenians, one of the first encounters of Christianity with pagan civilization. This parallel will not be lost on thinking Catholics. CIVILIZATION provides an excellent overview of the cultural forces that have marched Western culture into the Nazi death camps and Planned Parenthood's killing clinics.

EMBRYO: A DEFENSE OF HUMAN LIFE by Professor Robert George and Christopher Tollefsen (Doubleday, 2008). The battle to preserve human life is a never-ending struggle. Just when there is progress on the abortion front, a new frontier appears on the biotechnical horizon.

To combat this new front, DEFENSE fights fire with fire. Its authors have relied solely on scientific principles to defeat the enemies of life at their own game. DEFENSE turns the old argument around that science and faith do not mix to demonstrate how science is maybe even a more important weapon than metaphysics. DEFENSE argues that the embryo is fully human and its life therefore inviolable because its DNA program is fully in place.

ENDING ABORTION: NOT JUST FIGHTING IT by Father Frank Pavone, S. J. (Catholic Book Publishing, 2006). The "preborn" have had no greater advocate than Father Pavone, whose organization "Priests for Life" has done yeoman's work in marshalling the forces of life against those who have made the sanctity of the womb a battleground. ENDING ABORTION serves as a handbook for all those who are committed to stopping this terrible affliction on the American soul. He also urges Catholics to use the legal system to end abortion. With unflinching confidence, he truly believes that this battle can be won through proper instruction, steadfast prayer and unrelenting determination.

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The Soul and Barbed Wire

From the Soviet Gulag to Vermont: On Sunday August 3rd 2008, the world lost one of its most profound voices. Ever since his reveille against totalitarianism, "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" began in 1962 the world recognized the genius of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. A recent book "The Soul and Barbed Wire: An Introduction to Solzhenitsyn" by two eminent Solzhenitsyn scholars, Edward E. Ericson and Alexis Klimoff is a comprehensive appraisal of the literary achievement of the Nobel prize-winning author who became one of the Soviet regime's most formidable foes.

The book traces his evolution from an ardent Communist and loyal Soviet front-line officer into a devastating critic of all ideological distortions of authentic human values and a historian of the many-faceted events that led to the Russian Revolution. It portrays the writer's strenuous efforts to convey this message to the West during his years of exile, and to his countrymen after leaving Vermont and returning to Russia. No one, not even the Solzhenitsyn novice will fail to understand what the world has lost.

R.I.P.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Mindszenty Report Reprints

21ST CENTURY PILLARS OF FIRE: OIL AND THE GEOPOLITICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST—Surveys the world-wide politics of oil, including the new triangle of China, Iran and Russia forging a dangerous alliance for control.

Ask for 8/08

PANDORA'S CLOSET: BARACK OBAMA AND BLACK LIBERATION THEOLOGY—Reviews how the traditions of black communities gave way to the black power movement from which Black Liberation Theology emerged. It traces the impact of radical minister Rev. Jeremiah Wright on Barack Obama, and Obama's ultra-liberal philosophy.

Ask for 7/08

A DEATH WISH AND THE RESURRECTION OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION—Chronicles the loss of traditions, language and faith and the wide-spread ignorance of Judeo-Christian history. Author Dinesh D'Souza shows the link between science and Christianity, the case for Intelligent Design. Pope Benedict offers hope to combat today's curious mixture of Islam, secular humanism and anti-Christian values.

Ask for 6/08

1 copy	\$.50	100 copies	\$20.00
20 copies	\$5.00	500 copies	\$85.00
50 copies	\$11.00	1000 copies	\$160.00

A Joe Biden Profile:

Democratic nominee Barack Obama named Senator Joe Biden, an Irish Catholic from Delaware, as his Vice President nominee. A pro-life Catholic group says it will be easier for Catholic voters to reject Barack Obama now that the strong abortion advocate Joe Biden is his choice for Vice President. Brian Burch, head of the pro-life organization [Fidelis](#), tells [LifeNews.com](#) that Biden's pro-abortion views, like Obama's, pose a major challenge for American Catholics.

"Barack Obama has re-opened a wound among American Catholics by picking a pro-abortion Catholic politician," Burch said. The American bishops have made clear that Catholic political leaders must defend the dignity of every human person, including the unborn. Joe Biden's *tenure of 30 years plus in the United States Senate has been marked by steadfast support for legal abortion*, he added. The record demonstrates that *Biden is an unrepentant supporter of abortion in direct opposition to the Church he claims as his own. Selecting a pro-abortion Catholic is a slap in the face to Catholic voters.*

For the record Senator Biden was pro-life when he entered the Senate in 1973, at the age of 29. But he saw the "light" of Rove v. Wade and became a strong partisan supporter of the infamous decision since then. He defends it and aggressively attacked pro-life candidates to the Supreme Court: Robert Bork, Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito. Also, Senator Biden has bought the secular plan of using human embryos for scientific research in violation of Church teachings. The National Right to Life Committee gives him a 100% pro-choice mark.

Biden's own bishop, Bishop Michael Saltarelli of Wilmington, Delaware denounced the notion that politicians (like Biden) can 'personally oppose' abortion, but refuse to pass laws protecting the unborn. Bishop Saltarelli made clear that pro-abortion Catholic politicians should refrain from receiving the Eucharist. A political candidate such as Biden forfeits any claim for Catholic support. *WAB*

PSALM 46:1-3

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."