

## Recommended Reading for Discernment

### **Catholic Church Teachings and Practices**

#### Catechism of the Catholic Church

Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana. second edition, distributed by United States Catholic Conference, 2000. ISBN 1574551094

#### The Teachings of Christ

Donald Wuerl, Ronald Lawler and Thomas C. Lawler. Our Sunday Visitor, 1995. ISBN 0879736658

#### The New Question Box: Catholic Life in a New Century

John J. Dietzen. Guildhall Publishers, 1997. ISBN 0940518082

### **Discernment**

#### Paying Attention to God: Discernment in Prayer

William A. Barry, S.J. Ave Maria Press, 1990. ISBN 0877934134

#### Weeds Among the Wheat: Discernment, Where Prayer & Action Meet

Thomas Green. Ave Maria Press, 1984. ISBN 0877933189 0877933197

#### Silent Presence: Discernment as Process and Problem

Ernest E. Larkin, O.Carm. Dimension Books, 1981, expanded 2001  
ISBN 0871931729

#### Discernment: The Art of Choosing Well

Pierre Wolff. Triumph Books, Ligouri Publications, 1993 (2003 revised edition).  
ISBN 076480989X

#### Seeking Jesus in Contemplation and Discernment

Robert Faricy. Michael Glazier Books, 1987. ISBN 0870611429

#### Authenticity: A Biblical Theology of Discernment

Thomas Dubay. Ignatius Press, 1997. ISBN 089870619X

#### Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation

Parker J. Palmer. Jossey-Bass, 2000. ISBN 078947350

#### Discovering Your Personal Vocation: The Search For Meaning the Spiritual Exercises

Herbert Alphonso. Paulist Press, 2001. ISBN 0809140446

### **Discernment of Priesthood and Religious Life**

#### All for Love: A Discernment Journal

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC. National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, 2002. [www.ncdvd.org](http://www.ncdvd.org) (843) 280-7191

#### Vocations Anonymous: A Handbook for Adults Discerning Priesthood and Religious Life

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC. National Coalition for Church Vocations, 1997. (312) 663-5453 or (800) 671-NCCV

#### A Guide to Religious Ministries for Catholic Men and Women

Annual publication of Catholic News Publishing Company. ISBN 1-893275-40-X  
[info@religiousministries.com](mailto:info@religiousministries.com) (914) 632-1220

Vision: The Annual Religious Discernment Guide

Annual publication of the National Religious Vocation Conference. ISBN 1083-0804 [www.visionguide.org](http://www.visionguide.org) (800) 942-2811

Could You Ever Become a Catholic Priest?

Christopher J. Duquin and Lorene Hanley Duquin. 1998. ISBN 0818908165

On the Way to Priesthood: A Journal and Reflection Guide for Men Discerning the Priesthood

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC. National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, 2000. [www.ncdvd.org](http://www.ncdvd.org) (843) 280-7191

En Camino al Sacerdocio: Diario y Guia de Reflección para Hombres que Estan Discerniendo el Sacerdocio

Sr. Kathleen Bryant, RSC. National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, 2000. [www.ncdvd.org](http://www.ncdvd.org) (843) 280-7191

## **Spirituality and Prayer**

The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality

Ronald Rolheiser. Doubleday, 1999. ISBN 0385494181

Poverty of Spirit

Johannes Baptist Metz. Paulist Press, 1968. ISBN 0809119242

Sensing Your Hidden Presence: Toward Intimacy with God

Ignacio Larranaga. Editions Paulines, 1992. ISBN 2890395243

Muestrame Tu Rostro (Spanish)

Ignacio Larranaga. Ediciones Paulinas – Cefepal, Santiago, Chile

The Practice of the Presence of God

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection. Edited by Donald E. Demaray. Alba House, 1997. ISBN 0818907703

The Sacrament of the Present Moment (originally entitled Self-Abandonment to Divine Providence)

Jean-Pierre de Caussade. Translated by Kitty Muggeridge. Harper San Francisco, 1982. ISBN 0060618116

The Saints' Guide to Happiness

Robert Ellsberg. North Point Press, 2003. ISBN 0374253536

Befriending Our Desires

Philip Sheldrake, Darton, Longman & Todd, 2002. ISBN 0232524467

Armchair Mystic: Easing into Contemplative Prayer

Mark E. Thibodeaux, S.J. St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2001. ISBN 0867164301

The Fire Within: St. Theresa, St. John of the Cross, and the Gospel, on Prayer

Ignatius Press, 1989. ISBN 0898702631

Opening to God: A Guide to Prayer

Thomas H. Greene, S.J. Ave Maria Press, 1977. ISBN 0877931356, 0877931364

Darkness in the Marketplace: The Christian at Prayer in the World

Thomas H. Greene, S.J. Ave Maria Press, 1981. ISBN 0877932301 0877932298

When the Well Runs Dry: Prayer Beyond the Beginnings

Thomas H. Greene, S.J. Ave Maria Press, 1979. ISBN 087793181X, 0877931828

### Prayer and Common Sense

Thomas H. Greene, S.J. Ave Maria Press, 1995. ISBN 0877935513

### The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Meditation on Fathers, Brothers, and Sons

Henri Nouwen, Doubleday, 1992. ISBN 0385418671

### The Wounded Healer

Henri Nouwen, Doubleday, 1972. ISBN 0385028563

## **Priestly Spirituality**

### Gift and Mystery: On The Fiftieth Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination

Pope John Paul II, Doubleday, 1996. ISBN 0385489633

### Letters to My Brother Priests

Pope John Paul II. Edited by James P. Socias. Midwest Theological Forum, Scepter Publishers, 1994. ISBN 0933932618

### Diary of a Country Priest

Georges Bernanos. Carrol & Graf, 2002. ISBN 0786709618

### Quickening the Fire in Our Midst: The Challenge of Diocesan Priestly Spirituality

George A. Aschenbrenner, S.J. Jesuit Way, Loyola Press, 2002. ISBN 0829419489

### Priests for the Third Millennium

Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan. Our Sunday Visitor, 2000. ISBN 0879733195

### Priestly Prayer: Reflections on Prayer in the Life of the Priest

Rev. Mark O'Keefe. Abbey Press, 2002. ISBN 0870293656

### Priestly Virtues: Reflections on the Moral Virtues in the Life of the Priest

Rev. Mark O'Keefe. Abbey Press, 2000. ISBN 0870293508

### Extraordinary Lives: Thirty-Four Priests Tell Their Stories

Francis P. Friedl and Rex Reynolds, editors. Ave Maria Press, 1997. ISBN 0877936560

### Priests for a New Millennium

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2000. ISBN 1574553674

## **Permanent Deacons**

### Permanent Deacons in the United States: Guidelines on Their Formation and Ministry

Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1985. ISBN 1555869742

### The Diaconate in the Christian Church: Its History and Theology

Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M. National Association of Diaconate Directors, 1996. [NADD\\_EXD@aol.com](mailto:NADD_EXD@aol.com) (312) 228-4033

## **Monastic Life**

### Voices of Silence – The Lives of the Trappists Today

Frank Bianco. Bantam Doubleday, 1992. ISBN 0385424302

### The Cloister Walk

Kathleen Norris. Riverhead Books, 1996. ISBN 1573220280

## **Celibacy and the Virtue of Chastity**

Virginity: A Positive Approach to Celibacy for the Sake of the Kingdom of Heaven

Raniero Cantalamessa. Charles Serignat, Alba, 1995. ISBN 0818907452

Restless Heart: Understanding Loneliness

Ronald Rolheiser. Hodder & Stoughton, 2002. ISBN 0340862378

Courage to Be Chaste

Benedict Groeschel. 1985. ISBN 0809127059