

## 1: A Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan - Where will you discover Christ?

*In this complete lifetime reading plan, noted Catholic author and educator Father John A. Hardon has compiled an invaluable guide to books discussing what the Catholic Church is, what it believes, and what its great teachers have thought, felt, and imagined.*

Hardon has chosen authors, listed chronologically from St. Ignatius of Antioch, who wrote in the first century and died a martyr in the Roman Colosseum, to John C. Wu, a Chinese-American convert who died in 1961. Does this complaint sound familiar? As a result the children are growing up without instruction, and without formation, either by their parents or their teachers, in the Christian way of life, which they began to have and to know when they were baptized. This was part of a report presented to bishops at the Vatican before the new catechism of the Catholic Church was commissioned. While the above complaint is one faithful Catholics today hear almost daily, this specific quote dates back years ago, and the resultant catechism was The Roman Catechism, published in 1566, following the Council of Trent. It remains to this day one of the great resources for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Faith. Thus, just as history has repeated itself with the Vatican issuing a second catechism in 1993, structured much as was the catechism of 1566, we see that the more things change the more they seem the same. So explains Father John Hardon, S. J. This is the first project of Grotto Press, which is actually a small group of young Catholics dedicated to distributing great Catholic literature. As everyone who is familiar with the prolific Fr. Hardon knows, he writes and lectures with extraordinary economy of words, in plain language anyone can understand. Despite his justified reputation as perhaps the greatest theologian in the English speaking world, he is neither pedantic nor pretentious. So, it is not surprising that the CLRP is very reader-friendly. It frequently seems that Fr. Hardon is simply carrying on a light conversation about the issues at hand. Indeed, he titled his introduction to the CLRP, *Conversation with the reader*, and in that introduction explains the book's purpose is to open up the treasury of wisdom found in the great Catholic writers over the centuries. It is an honest effort to offer a Great Catholic Books program to the public. Hardon's intent is obviously that the reader will be enticed to read some of the recommended works of some of the authors and surely most readers probably will, eventually, if for no other reason because many of the works are must-reads anyway for any literate Christian. The CLRP can stand alone as a fascinating historical overview of some of the giants of Catholicism. In addition to the five sources mentioned, Fr. Hardon writes, present a basic and balanced understanding of the Catholic faith as lived out for two millennia of Christian history. Hardon devotes one or two pages to each author, explaining background about their personal lives, the theological and political context of their work, and the impact of their writing. He then lists the specially recommended titles of each author. Fifty-seven pages at the end of the book are devoted to an exhaustive bibliography of each author, including the titles and names of publishers. For the serious academic this appendix alone is worth the purchase price. The authors themselves cover the gamut from highly educated theologians and philosophers of great acclaim like St. Thomas Aquinas or Christopher Dawson to those who have little academic bent at all, like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Catherine of Siena, others were philosophers and some were novelists or poets. Hilaire Belloc, G. K. Chesterton, Chaucer and Cervantes. Some of the more recent novelists won Nobel Prizes for literature and some achieved popular acclaim. The controversies the authors faced frequently involved one or another of the seemingly countless heresies the Church has faced over the centuries. The dates change, but the main story seems to be the same. Hardon as historian notes over and over again there were certain common circumstances for many of these great apologists, mystics, teachers and story tellers: Few came from wealth; many were converts; many suffered significantly in defense of their Faith some were martyred; all had an abiding confidence in the authority of the pope. Hardon chose each of these, in part, for what he calls their relevance to our age. There are issues being raised today, and ideas being challenged in and outside the Catholic Church, that have long since been raised or explored by some of the greatest minds in history, he writes. Hardon frequently speaks in superlatives about the pioneering work of men long dead, citing their work as unexcelled with time, despite the efforts of many subsequent geniuses. For example, No one has improved on St. Hardon

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writes of this second-century great. The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan is a remarkable achievement that belongs on everyones bookshelf. It offers a splendid look at the richness of the faith and can be, literally, a life-long reference work for everyone with an interest in issues of the ages. We await the second offering of Grotto Press. The Catholic Faith 4, no. Reprinted by permission of The Catholic Faith. Box , San Francisco, CA

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*A Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan. by Father John McCloskey. Catechism of the Catholic Church - Catholicism Explained/Theology; Adams - The Spirit of Catholicism - Catholicism Explained/Theology.*

When he was still an infant, his father, who was a construction worker, was killed in a workplace accident. He apparently sacrificed his own life to save the lives of his colleagues. So she scrimped and saved and struggled to support herself and her young son. As often happens, material poverty and solid faith produced spiritual riches. He would be tucked up, asleep on a pew, and wake occasionally to find his mother always in the same position – kneeling next to him, head bowed in adoration, deep in prayer. Some Lutheran schoolgirls boarded with the Hardons, which provided some income. Mrs Hardon discreetly raised the issue with the girls and their parents. The girls would have to adopt the Catholic practice, or find somewhere else to live. The girls wished to stay, and their parents agreed. The girls were like sisters to John, whom he loved and admired. Fr Hardon was a hard worker, a clear thinker, and a brilliant one at that. By that I mean: He was deemed to be too conservative and divisive by his superiors, banned from teaching, and effectively exiled. That happened to many Jesuits in the 80s and 90s. Pope Francis suffered a similar fate in the decade following his term as Argentine superior general. It was only his episcopal appointment which lifted him from obscurity. Fr Hardon contributed to that project too. Ratzinger, in turn, referred Mother Teresa to Fr Hardon, who worked closely with the Missionaries of Charity for many years, developing catechetical means which are still in use. Apart from his scholarly virtues, Fr Hardon was by all accounts a holy priest. His cause for canonisation was opened in He profiles each author in two or three pages, and includes their most recommended writing. Some of the titles are accompanied with a book symbol. This annotates a novel! The thrilling romance of orthodoxy.

### 3: Fr. Hardon Archives - A Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan

*Lifetime Reading Plan. One of the Catholic Information Center's signature offerings is the Lifetime Reading Plan - a selection of books recommended for learning more about and growing deeper in the Catholic faith over a lifetime.*

This is the opening issue of what is planned as a monthly newsletter. Its purpose is to make The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan an effective source of grace for restoring the Catholic literary heritage in the English-speaking world. On her own testimony, the Catholic Church is the Mother and Teacher of nations. Her Founder told His followers to make disciples of all peoples. Paul declared that faith comes from hearing. The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan is meant to provide easy access to this treasury of Catholic wisdom as found in the thousands of carefully chosen volumes of the reading plan. The monthly newsletter is directly intended for those who wish to use The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan to deepen their own understanding and appreciation of the Catholic faith. It is also meant to stimulate the zeal of its users to communicate to others what the great Catholic minds have given to them. It is not a mere reference work to consult. It is not even simply a useful guide to the great Catholic literature of the ages. This literary history is a world of published books in all the written languages of mankind. They are often surprisingly simple books written not for the wise and learned of this world but for those whose childlike faith will be varnished by associating with these intimate literary friends of God. The Apostolate of the Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan As stated before, the aim of this reading plan is consciously apostolic. Its purpose is to promote not just good Catholic literature but to rediscover where necessary, restore if need be, and certainly revitalize what has been sadly neglected, if not lost, in large segments of the English-speaking world. But that is not all. The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan is not to stop with self-education. Its horizon is the millions of persons, whether Catholic or Christians or non-Christians or unbelievers. Seven writers are covered in the course, namely: Francis of Assisi, Thomas A. Louis de Montfort, St. Peter Julian Eymard and St. The basic textbook will be The Treasury of Catholic Wisdom, which contains carefully chosen sections from these seven masters of the spiritual life. And a separate Question Book along with detachable question pages provides a hundred objective questions on each of the chosen writers. This course is obtainable at low cost from Inter Mirifica, in Washington D. Some were predicting that radio and television would drive book reading into oblivion. But the facts prove the opposite. One catalyst responsible for this phenomenon is the rise of book clubs throughout the country. The largest of these is the Book of the Month Club with a million and a half members. The club receives some , letters monthly from book lovers who ask questions about the books they are reading. The letters are personally answered by a staff of sixty. It concentrates on books written by authors, ranging from Homer and Aristotle among the ancient Greeks to Elliot and Hemingway in modern times. One explanation for this popularity is that people want to get away from television and do something to challenge their minds. It also provides a sorely needed means of social communication in a culture that is becoming oppressively passive through the electronic media. Another approach to book clubs is the creation of companies that offer various services to a study group. They will research a book and author; and then help focus a ninety-minute discussion to keep it on track or prevent a dominant voice from monopolizing what should be a collective experience. All of this should be stimulating to Catholics who wish to develop their own books clubs based on The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan. There are no set rules for the formation of a Great Catholic Books Club. However, some suggestions may be helpful: Contact ten to fifteen persons, expecting at least seven to show up, who agree to meet regularly for the discussion of one particular book. The same book may be used over a period of several months, or a new book may be chosen after two or three discussions. Search out kindred spirits with notices in the parish bulletin or diocesan newspaper. The secret of a good meeting is to have the leader ask questions and provoke animated conversation among the participants. But always the focus should be on the book, that is, on the ideas or events it provides or describes. It is recommended that each discussion begin and end with a prayer. Those interested in starting a book club based on the Reading Plan should also write to Inter Mirifica. It is recommended that you briefly describe your own particular situation and needs. Information on Available Books When The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan was published, it was assumed that many of the books by

the one hundred and four authors would be out of print. Inter Mirifica is doing everything possible to provide information about where these books can be either purchased or borrowed. If you wish to know where you can obtain any book or books in the Reading Plan, write to Inter Mirifica. Readers of the Newsletter are requested to submit their questions, and asked to make them as concise and practical as possible. The purpose of this feature will be to provide an interchange of ideas and information on effective ways to promote the Catholic reading apostolate. Its immediate purpose is horizontal, to promote the reading of authors who typify the Catholic literary heritage from early patristic times to our day. However, there is another and more important purpose in view. This is to encourage a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and a greater love of Jesus Christ, on whom this faith is founded. In order to advance both these arms of the Great Catholic Books program, readers of the Newsletter are asked to offer whatever service they can provide. Any suggestions you can make or any information you can give will be gratefully received.

### 4: The Lifetime Catholic Reading Plan - Book Review

*The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan [S.J. John A. Hardon] on [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. Recommends works by more than a hundred Catholic writers, including St. Augustine, St. Francis, Dante, Chaucer.*

The preservation of our Catholic faith depends on the written word. This is not an accident of history but a fact of divine providence. Even the later production of some 20 apocryphal Gospels, rejected by the Church, only emphasized the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to stabilize the revealed word of God by putting it into definite readable form. The same wisdom which inspired the composition of the New Testament Scriptures has prompted the Church ever since to use writing to protect the deposit of faith, explain its meaning, and defend it against human error and misunderstanding. Papal documents and decrees, and conciliar declarations approved by the Popes, have all been written out in carefully chosen terms. Its beginnings are not shrouded in mystery but go back to the early second century. We have the full text of the seven letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch on his way to martyrdom in Rome, dating from A. These were followed by a steady stream of over a thousand volumes, still existing, that were written before the end of the first millennium of the Christian era. With the discovery of print in the fifteenth century, Catholic literature has developed beyond anything that most of the faithful even realize exists. They have certainly not become familiar with its treasury of spiritual wisdom nor read many of its tens of thousands of authentically Catholic writers. Yet this ocean of literary production is a continuing global profession of the true faith by men and women who wrote what they believed. Their influence on world civilization is beyond human calculation and is meant to provide nourishment for believing minds until the end of time. But Catholic literature has not gone unchallenged. The parable of the two sowers in the Gospel is also a prophecy. After the farmer had sown wheat, an enemy came at night to sow cockle in the same field. Something like this has been going on in the dissemination of ideas in world literature. No sooner were the four Gospels written than a series of spurious sacred writings began to circulate among Christian believers. From early patristic times to the present, the pattern has not changed. The truth has always been challenged by the propagation of seductive error, especially in the field of literature. The secret of coping with error is to know the truth. In fact, this is one of the providential reasons why God allows error to flourish. For those who really know the truth, error is a powerful stimulus to better appreciate the truth they profess and deepen their understanding of what they believe. Its main purpose is to offer a carefully worked-out program of self-education in the Great Catholic Books, from the close of the apostolic age to modern times. Some of the seed fell on the pathway where the birds of the air picked it up; it had no roots. As Christ explained, this symbolizes the people who begin as believers, but the devil comes along and steals the faith which they had received. Because they failed to understand the word of God which had been sown in their hearts. There is a proven way of not only preserving our faith, but of deepening our grasp of what we believe. By daily nourishing our minds on the faith of the literary masters of Catholic belief over the ages.

### 5: Fr. Hardon Archives - The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan

*Blog Entry: If you need last-minute Christmas gift ideas, the Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan, developed by Fr. John McCloskey, is a great place to [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com) the books on the list are available at the Catholic Information Center website.*

### 6: Catholic catechumen: A Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan by Fr. John McCloskey

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## 7: Notes and Quotes: Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan

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