

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*. Joseph Ratzinger
6. *The Four Cardinal Virtues*. Josef Pieper
7. *What Happens at Mass*. Jeremy Driscoll
8. *The Confessions*. Augustine
9. *Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word*. Erasmo Leiva Merikakis (2 Volumes)
10. *Fundamentals of the Faith*. Peter Kreeft
11. *Mere Christianity*. C.S. Lewis
12. *The Screwtape Letters*. C.S. Lewis
13. *The Essential Pope Benedict*. John Thornton and Susan Varenne, eds
14. *The Theology of the Body*. Pope John Paul II
15. *The Fulfillment of All Desire*. Ralph Martin
16. *A Key to the Doctrine of the Eucharist*. Abbot Vonier
17. *I Believe in Love*. D'Elbee
18. *Heart of the World*. Hans Urs von Balthasar
19. *The Birth of the Church: John: Volume IV*. Adrienne von Speyr
20. *Crossing the Threshold of Love*. Pope John Paul II
21. *Life on the Lordship of Christ*. Raniero Cantalamessa
22. *The Eucharist: Our Sanctification*. Raniero Cantalamessa
23. *On Being Catholic*. Thomas Howard
24. *By What Authority?* Mark Shea
25. *Born Fundamentalist, Born Again Catholic*. David Currie
26. *Crossing the Tiber*: Stephen Ray
27. *The Handbook of Christian Apologetics*. Peter Kreeft and Ronald Tacelli.
28. *The Lord of the Rings*. J.R.R. Tolkien
29. *The Cost of Discipleship*. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
30. *Where We Got the Bible*. Henry Graham
31. *Called to Communion*. Joseph Ratzinger
32. *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. Joseph Ratzinger
33. *The Seven Storey Mountain*. Thomas Merton
34. *The Dialogues*. Catherine of Siena
35. *The Lamb's Supper*. Scott Hahn
36. *The Handmaid of the Lord*. Adrienne von Speyr
37. *The World's First Love*. Fulton Sheen
38. *Love and Responsibility*. Karol Wojtyla
39. *The Splendor of Love*. Walter Schu
40. *Witness to Hope*: George Weigel
41. *The Feminist Question*. Francis Martin
42. *Healing the Original Wound*. Benedict Groeschel
43. *A Refutation of Moral Relativism*. Peter Kreeft
44. *In Search of Wisdom*. Leon Kass

45. *The Problem of Pain*. C.S. Lewis
46. *The Great Divorce*. C.S. Lewis
47. *Making Sense Out of Suffering*. Peter Kreeft
48. *God Is Near Us*. Joseph Ratzinger
49. *Confession*. Adrienne von Speyr
50. *Parochial and Plain Sermons*. John Henry Newman
51. *Triumph*. David Crocker III
52. *The Evidential Power of Beauty*. Thomas Dubay
53. *Prayer*. Romano Guardini
54. *Saints for Sinners*. Alban Goodier
55. *Love's Sacred Order*. Erasmo Leiva Merikakis
56. *The Four Loves*. C.S. Lewis
57. *The Weight of Glory*. C.S. Lewis
58. *Flannery O'Connor. Collected Works*
59. *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Henri Nouwen
60. *The Ecumenical Jihad*. Peter Kreeft
61. *The Unseriousness of Human Affairs*. Lames Schall
62. *Evangelium Vitae*. Pope John Paul II
63. *Fides et Ratio*. Pope John Paul II
64. *Women in the Church*. Louis Bouyer, ed
65. *Catholic Bio-Ethics and the Gift of Human life*. William E. May
66. *Marriage: The Bedrock on Which Civilization Is Built*. William E. May
67. *The Clash of Orthodoxies*. Robert George
68. *Letters to a Young Catholic*. George Weigel
69. *Death on a Friday Afternoon*. Richard John Neuhaus
70. *Why Humanae Vitae Was Right*. Janet Smith, ed
71. *20th Century Martyrs*. Robert Royal
72. *Testimony to Hope*. Xavier Nguyen
73. *The Divine Comedy*. Dante (Sayers translation)
74. *Arise From This Darkness*. Benedict Groeschel
75. *Orthodoxy*. G.K. Chesterton
76. *Thomas Aquinas*. G.K. Chesterton
77. *Saint Francis*. G.K. Chesterton
78. *Edmund Campion*. Evelyn Waugh
79. *Brideshead Revisited*. Evelyn Waugh
80. *A Simple Path*. Mother Teresa
81. *The Rise of Christianity*. Rodney Stark
82. *The Manuel of Prayer*
83. *Fire Within*. Thomas Dubay
84. *Architects of the Culture of Death*. Donald Demarco and Benjamin Wiker
85. *Transformation in Christ*. Dietrich von Hildebrand
86. *The Hidden Manna*. James O'Connor
87. *Introduction to the Devout Life*. Francis DeSales
88. *Perelandra*. C.S. Lewis
89. *The Chronicles of Narnia*. C.S. Lewis
90. *Back to Virtue*. Peter Kreeft

91. *The Crisis of Islam.* Bernard Lewis
92. *What Went Wrong? Bernard Lewis*
93. *The Bible and the Quran.* Jacques Jomier
94. *What Difference Does Jesus Make?* Frank Sheed
95. *Coming Soon.* Michael Barber
96. *The Resurrection of the Son of God.* N.T. Wright
97. *Eucharistic Presence: A Study in the Theology of Disclosure.* Robert Sokolowski
98. *The Diary of Divine Mercy.* St. Faustina
99. *Catholicism: The Common Destiny of Man.* Henri De Lubac
100. *The Drama of Atheistic Humanism.* Henri De Lubac
101. *Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters.* Meg Meeker
102. *Unprotected.* Anonymous
103. *How Now Shall We Live?* Charles Colson and Nancy Pearcey
104. *That Man Is You.* Louis Evely
105. *Loving the Church.* Christoph Schonborn
106. *The Power of the Cross.* Raniero Cantalamessa

Essential Catholic Reference Books:

1. The Bible (Revised Standard Version)
2. The Catechism of the Catholic Church
3. The Documents of Vatican II
4. The Faith of the Early Fathers. William Jurgens, ed (3 Volumes)
5. The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church
6. Butler's Lives of the Saints (4 Volumes)
7. United States Catholic Catechism for Adults
8. The Encyclicals of Pope John Paul II