

Reading Period

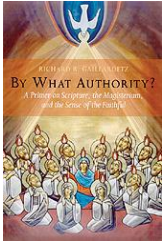
To initiate your journey toward Confirmation, you are asked to read excerpts from several different books and magazines. Titles are listed on the reverse of this page. You will be able to borrow these books from the Confirmation Library (through Tom Rinkoski) or you may purchase them at almost any bookstore.

Bring to each reading your experience of Catholicism, your current observations, and your hopes and dreams of what faith might bring to your life. Let the reading inform your current practice of the faith. Draw from each reading new questions and concerns that you will bring to our classes. To complete this assignment you need:

- #1) During the reading period (September through December), read from each of the five selections listed on the reverse of this page and report on them. Or, you may substitute any one of those selections by viewing 1 of the 5 suggested videos.
- #2) Evaluate each selection in the light of the following questions:
 - Name at least two things you learned.
 - What questions arise?
 - What did you read that reinforced what you already know to be true about Catholicism?
 - What did you read that challenged what you know and believe?
- #3) Submit reports for each selection made:
 - 3.a As soon as you have finished, e-mail a report to Tom Rinkoski. It should include:
 - The name of the selection.
 - Your responses to the questions above. Give specific examples.
 - The report should be 2 - 5 pages, double-spaced. When complete, send it to Tom Rinkoski at St. Augustine Church, 1738 W. University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32603. The preferable option is to e-mail it!
 - 3.b Second, you will be asked to report orally on your readings at our fall meetings.
- #4) After completing the reading and the report, return the book/video to the Confirmation library and take out the next one you wish to study.
- #5) You need to complete all 5 selections before our December 7, 2010 gathering.

If you have any questions about this assignment contact Tom Rinkoski at St. Augustine Church and Student Center. You can phone him at 352.372.3533, ext 152 (office), or 352.339.3707 (cell).
You can also reach him via internet at tomrinkoski@yahoo.com

Options for Confirmation Reading Period

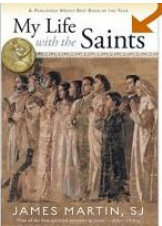


Theology

By What Authority? A Primer on Scripture, the Magisterium and the sense of the Faithful

Gaillardetz, Richard R., Published by Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, Copyright 2003, \$14.95; 156 pages; ISBN 10: 0-8146-2872-9

- Read Chapter 2: *What is The Canon of The Bible?* Pages 29 -40

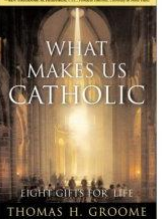


Saints

My Life with the Saints

Martin, James, SJ, Published by Loyola Press, Chicago, IL., Copyright 2006; \$15.95; 414 pages; ISBN-10: 0-8294-2644-2

- Read Chapter 18: *Holy In A Different Way* pages 373 – 391.

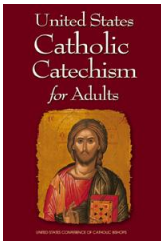


Church

What Makes Us Catholic: Eight Gifts for Life

Groome, Thomas H., Published by HarperSanFrancisco, copyright 2002; \$14.95; 314 pages; ISBN: 0-06-063399-9

- Read chapter 3: *“What’s It All About?” Taking A Sacramental View*, pages 75 – 103.



Catechism

United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

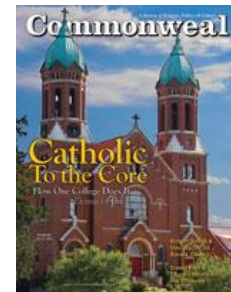
Written by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Published by USCCB, Washington DC, copyright 2006, \$24.95; 636 pages; ISBN-10: 1-57455-450-6

- Read Part IV, Chapter 35 *Prayer The Faith Prayed* and Chapter 36 *Jesus Taught Us To Pray*, pages 461 - 495

Magazines

Choose any of the three following magazines. Read and report on the entire issue.

- *U.S Catholic*. A monthly periodical published by the Claretians (Chicago, IL);
- *Commonweal*. A bi-weekly periodical, published independently. Founded in 1924. (NY).
- *America*. A bimonthly periodical. Published by the Jesuits of the United States. (NY).



Videos

Choose any one of the five videos from this collection. Watch any one in its entirety and report on it. The titles are:

- Biography of Peter,
- Biography of the Popes,
- Pontius Pilate,
- Paul,
- The Apostles

