

Be Formed by Jesus!

If we want to know and love God, we need to form our intellect and our worldview with the things of God. How much time do we spend watching the news or looking at social media feeds, forming our minds and hearts with things that will fade away?

In addition to your daily prayer time and reading of Scripture, can you dedicate at least fifteen minutes a day to form your mind with that which will last forever?

- Catholic News & Commentary

New Advent: newadvent.org

National Catholic Register: ncregister.org

- Catholic Videos

Formed: www.Formed.org (like a Catholic version of Netflix, free for our parishioners)
Formed has all kinds of great movies, studies, and books, plus animation for kids.

Fr. Mike Schmitz (on Youtube, search for "Ask Fr. Mike")
Father Mike is a young, joyful college chaplain with a gift for explaining our faith in a way that is interesting, beautiful, and theologically solid.

- Lives of Holy Men & Women

Saint Augustine (*Confessions* by St Augustine)
Despite success in the ways of the world, his heart was not fulfilled.

Saint Francis of Assisi (*Saint Francis of Assisi* by G.K. Chesterton)
There's much more to the life of Francis than a love for animals!

Saint Thomas Aquinas (*Saint Thomas Aquinas* by G.K. Chesterton)
The "Dumb Ox" became the most important theologian in history.

Saint Teresa of Avila (Autobiography)
Written with wit and humility, how Teresa started to come alive in her faith life.

Saint Therese of Lisieux (*Story of a Soul* by St. Therese of Lisieux)
The "little way" of Therese has inspired countless people.

Saint John Vianney (*The Cure d'Ars* by Francois Trouchu)
The patron saint of parish priests; he set his parish on fire with love for Jesus!

Saint John Paul II (*Witness of Hope* by George Weigel)
A scholarly look at the life of one of the greatest popes in history.

Father Gereon Goldman (*The Shadow of His Wings* by Fr. Goldman)
The amazing true story of a German seminarian drafted to the SS in WWII. Hard to put down; great for men not used to reading a spiritual book.

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- Great Books

An Introduction to the Devout Life – St Francis de Sales

Practical tips on how to grow in holiness as a lay person. Even though it was written four hundred years ago, its principles apply just as much to us today!

Mere Christianity – C.S. Lewis

Though he is not Catholic, Lewis explained the essentials of Christianity in a popular series of radio talks, later collected into this book.

The Great Divorce – C.S. Lewis

Not about marital divorce, but rather a parable about a group of people in hell who get to visit heaven for a day. (Note: not a thing that really happens!)

The Screwtape Letters – C. S. Lewis

Lewis imagines a demon writing letters of advice to a fellow demon on how to best tempt us, with a lot of great things to take to prayer.

Theology for Beginners – Frank Sheed

Not a quick read, but well worth the effort to think through. With patience, those 18 or older should be able to read it and benefit much.

Rome Sweet Home – Scott Hahn

Scott shares how he became Catholic from being a Protestant minister.

A Father Who Keeps His Promises – Scott Hahn

In a style meant for beginners, Scott Hahn overviews the big picture of Scripture, so you can see how the Bible all fits together.

Four Witnesses – Rod Bennett

The stories of four of the Early Church Fathers, excitingly told as in a novel.

Triumph – H.W. Crocker

A popular overview of the inspiring history of the Catholic Church.

*A more complete list of timeless Catholic books:
www.brandonvogt.com/best-catholic-books-of-all-time*

(Note: These books should all be easily found on online booksellers like Amazon.)