

GREAT BOOKS AND WHERE TO BEGIN

This list is from the June, 2002 talk given by Fr. Brian Joyce and Fr. Michael Dibble.

Fr. Dibble - Top five for personal reading and group discussion:

"Brideshead Revisited" by Evelyn Waugh
"Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis
"More Than a Carpenter" by Josh McDowell
"The Complete Stories of Flannery O'Connor"
"The End of the Affair" by Graham Greene

Plus also recommended:

"Handbook of Christian Apologetics " by Peter Kreef,
"A Popular History of the Catholic Church" by Phillip Hughes,
"Vicars of Christ" by Peter De Rosa,
"Biblical Meditations for Ordinary Time" by Carroll Stuhmueller,
"Sr. Wendy's Story of Painting"

Fr. Joyce's - Top three for personal reading:

"All Saints" by Robert Ellsberg
"Is Jesus God?" by Michael Morewood
"The Holy Longing" by Ronald Rolheiser

Fr. Joyce's - Top two for current discussion:

"The Changing Face of the Priesthood: by Donald Cozzens
"Tomorrow's Catholic" by Michael Morewood

Classics for Catholics:

"The Bible" (try "Genesis 1-12"; "Amos", "Luke (Acts)")

"The Documents of Vatican II" (Liturgy, Church, Church in the Modern World & Religious Freedom)

"The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis

An Interesting Resource:

"Dante to Dead Man Walking" by Raymond Schroth, S.J.

Blackstone Audio Books 1-800-729-2665

My Personal Journey by Fr. Joyce (not necessarily your journey or even for me today)

"Of Sacraments and Sacrifice" (Clifford Howell, S.J.)

"The Power and The Glory" (Graham Greene)

"The Autobiography of Malcom X" (Alex Haley)

"The Phenomenon of Man and The Divine Milieu" (Teilhard de Chardin)

"The Long Loneliness" (Dorothy Day)

"The Collected Stories of J.F. Powers"

"Revelation" (Flannery O'Connor)

"Honest to God" (J.T. Robinson)

"Your God is Too Small" (J.B. Phillips)

"Models of the Church" (Avery Dulles)

"The Road Less Traveled" (Scott Peck)

"Jesus Before Christianity" (Albert Nolan, O.P.)

"The Hands on Parish" (William Bausch)

"How the Irish Saved Civilization" (Thomas Cahill)

"The Gift of Peace" (Joseph Cardinal Bernadin)

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