

Summer 2010

Fr. Dibble's recommendations for "favorite books" – followed by three entries from Fr. Joyce

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1. My absolute favorite of all time: "***Brideshead Revisited***" plus any of Agatha Christie's books, read for fun, pick one up here-they're free!
2. Any of Flannery O'Connor ("a first rate brain and a first rate heart") try her short story "***Greenleaf***!"
3. "***Catholic Classics***" by Dinesh D'Souza – (a four year college course of classics in a single book).
4. "***The Reason for God***" by Timothy Keller (Belief in an age of skeptics).
5. "***The Creed***" by Gary Wills (the book that makes sense out of the Creed).
6. "***The Bad Popes***" by Russell Chamberlin ("the days when the Church was the Church!" Makes you glad for the popes we have now).
7. **Any book with Jeeves** by P.G. Wodehouse (70 books about "silly asses" and Jeeves).
8. "***Collected Poems***" by Dorothy Parker ("guys don't make passes at girls who wear glasses!") and "***A Light in the Attic***" by Shel Silverstein (author of "***The Giving Tree***" and the song named "***A Girl Named Sue***")
9. "***The Enneagram***" by Helen Palmer (great fun with some wisdom).
10. "***The Gospel According to Peanuts***" Robert L. Short (a classic about the classic!)

Fr. Joyce's Picks

1. "***Being Catholic Now***" Kerry Kennedy – (a "Catholic Look" from religious and irreligious, far left and far right, stars of stage and screen, "here comes everyone".)
2. "***Reclaiming Catholicism***" by Thomas Groome and Michael Daley (Catholic treasures old and new, with perspectives and personalities and practices.)
3. "***In Dogged Loyalty***" by John Deane (commentary, explanation and original poems by Fr. Declan's famous brother.)

Fr. Dibble's All Time Favorite Movies! (August 2010)

1. *Brief Encounter!*
2. *Vertigo!*
3. *The Heiress!*
4. *Now, Voyager!*
5. *Way Out West!*
6. *The Innocents!*
7. *The Mission and A Man for All Season (a tie!)*
8. *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers!*
9. *Val Lewton Movies!*
10. *Disney!*

P.S. Fr. Joyce's two great movies about priests (that didn't make the summer "year of the priest" list – but actually much better!)

1. "***True Confessions***" with DeNiro and Duvall – one a Monsignor, one a detective which brother is the better priest!?
2. "***Priest***" (1994 British drama film – too explicit for parish wide consumption but well worth viewing)

My Favorite Five Movies! Fr. Donie

1. "***The Shawshank Redemption***" (solace, and eventual redemption through acts of common decency and friendship)
2. "***The Bridges of Madison County***" (after four days in the 1960's, family and community come first.)
3. "***The Exorcist***" (one life is given for another's freedom)
4. "***Shadowlands***" (true story of life, of love and of death about C.S. Lewis – grief is the other side of love)
5. "***City of Joy***" (all that is not given is lost – a journey of self discovery)

