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## Core Reading List

Since we are blessed with so many excellent resources for study in English, each of the books listed below is given as an example of the kind of book we recommend for each area/level. This list is meant to point people who are in training or being mentored towards resources that will allow all leaders in the Diocese to have a common base of knowledge. We also recognize that there are other ways of gaining knowledge (such as seminars, online courses, and courses on tape) that will accomplish the goal of building a strong foundation of clear thinking for a lifetime of fruitful ministry.

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	<b>Level One: Lay Catechist</b>	<b>Level Two: Deacon</b>	<b>Level Three: Priest</b>
<b>Biblical Studies</b>	<p><b>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</b>, Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart</p> <p><b>Epic of Eden</b>, Sandra Richter</p>	<p><b>New Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors</b>, Gordon Fee</p> <p><b>Old Testament Exegesis: A Handbook for Students and Pastors</b>, Douglas Stuart</p> <p>An Old Testament and New Testament introduction/survey</p>	<p><b>The Moral Vision of the New Testament</b>, Richard Hays</p> <p><b>Methodical Bible Study</b>, Robert Traina</p>
<b>Doctrine</b>	<p>ACNA Catechism and the Jerusalem Declaration</p> <p><b>Mere Christianity</b>, C.S. Lewis and/or</p> <p><b>Simply Christian</b>, N.T. Wright</p> <p><b>Basic Christianity</b>, John Stott</p> <p><b>Know the Creeds and Councils</b>, Justin Holcomb</p>	<p><b>On the Incarnation</b>, Athanasius</p> <p><b>The Cross of Christ</b>, John Stott</p> <p><b>Classic Christianity</b>, Thomas Oden</p> <p><b>The Reason for God</b>, Timothy Keller</p> <p><b>Delighting in the Trinity</b>, Michael Reeves</p>	<p><b>Christian Theology: An Introduction</b>, Alister McGrath (along with his <b>The Christian Theology Reader</b>)</p>
<b>Anglicanism</b>	<p><b>The Anglican Way</b>, Thomas McKenzie</p> <p><b>Our Anglican Heritage</b>, John Howe and Sam Pascoe</p>	<p><b>39 Articles Anglicanism</b>, Stephen Neill</p> <p><b>History of the Church of England</b>, John R.H. Moorman</p>	<p><b>Book of Homilies</b></p> <p><b>Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity</b>, Richard Hooker</p> <p><b>Essential Truths for Christians</b>, John Rodgers</p>

<p><b>Ascetical Theology</b></p>	<p><b>Celebration of Discipline and Prayer</b>, Richard Foster</p> <p><b>Practicing the Presence of God</b>, Brother Lawrence</p> <p><b>Praying</b>, J.I. Packer</p>	<p><b>Streams of Living Water</b>, Richard Foster</p> <p><b>Spiritual Theology: A Systematic Study of the Christian Life</b>, Simon Chan</p> <p><b>Christian Proficiency</b>, Martin Thornton (chaps. 1-5)</p>	<p><b>Conferences</b>, John Cassian</p> <p><b>Abandonment to Divine Providence</b>, Jean-Pierre de Caussade</p>
<p><b>Church History</b></p>	<p><b>Church History in Plain Language</b>, Bruce Shelley</p> <p>or</p> <p><b>Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity</b>, Mark Noll</p>	<p><b>The Story of Christianity</b>, Justo Gonzalez or</p> <p><b>A History of the Christian Church</b>, Williston Walker or</p> <p><b>A History of Christianity</b>, Paul Johnson</p> <p><b>Spirit of Early Christian Thought</b>, Robert Louis Wilken</p>	<p><b>The Rise of Christianity</b>, Rodney Stark</p> <p><b>The First 1000 Years</b>, Robert Louis Wilken</p> <p><b>History of Christian Missions</b>, Stephen Neill</p>
<p><b>Pastoral Theology</b></p>	<p><b>Working the Angles</b>, Eugene Peterson</p> <p><b>Life Together</b>, Dietrich Bonhoeffer</p> <p><b>Healthy Spirituality</b>, Peter Scazzara</p>	<p><b>The Christian Priest Today</b>, Michael Ramsey</p> <p><b>On Being a Priest Today</b>, Rosalind Brown and Christopher Cocksworth</p> <p><b>EAS Syndrome</b>, Trevor Walters</p> <p><b>Calling and Character: Virtues of the Ordained Life</b>, William Willimon</p> <p><b>Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry</b>, William Willimon</p>	<p><b>Pastoral Rule</b>, St. Gregory</p> <p><b>Rule of St. Benedict</b></p> <p><b>The Country Parson</b>, George Herbert</p> <p><b>Reformed Pastor</b>, Richard Baxter</p> <p><b>Pastoral Theology: Essentials of Ministry</b>, Thomas Oden</p>
<p><b>Mission of the Church</b></p>	<p><b>AND</b>, Hugh Slaughter and Matt Smay (<b>Tangible Kingdom</b> recommended for background)</p>	<p><b>The Gospel in a Pluralist Society</b>, Lesslie Newbigin (also <b>Foolishness to the Greeks: The Gospel and Western Culture</b>)</p> <p><b>Recovering the Past</b>, John Finney</p>	<p><b>The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church</b>, Roland Allen</p> <p><b>Center Church</b>, Timothy Keller</p> <p><b>Perspectives</b>, Ralph Winter and Steve Hawthorne (eds.)</p>

<p><b>Moral Theology and Ethics</b></p>	<p>Refer to ACNA Catechism and Jerusalem Declaration  <b>Ethics: A Very Short Introduction</b>, Simon Blackburn</p>	<p><b>Cost of Discipleship</b>, Dietrich Bonhoeffer</p>	<p><b>Moral Vision of the New Testament</b>, Richard Hays   <b>Kingdom Ethics</b>, David P. Gushee and Glen H. Stassen   <b>Faith and Faithfulness</b>, Gilbert Meilaender</p>
<p><b>Liturgics</b></p>	<p>ACNA liturgies and supporting documents  “Worship: Intimacy with God,” John and Carol Wimber</p>	<p><b>Our Common Prayer</b>, Winfield Bevins</p>	<p><b>Liturgical Theology</b>, Simon Chan</p>
<p><b>Homiletics</b></p>		<p><b>Between Two Worlds</b>, John Stott</p>	<p><b>Christ-Centered Preaching</b>, Bryan Chapell   <b>Biblical Preaching</b>, Haddon Robinson   <b>360-Degree Preaching: Hearing, Speaking and Living the Word</b>, Michael Quick</p>

**Reference Books:**

**The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church**, F.L.Cross and E.A.Livingstone (eds.)

## Suggestions for Further Reading

	Level One: Lay Catechist	Level Two: Deacon	Level Three: Priest
<b>Biblical Studies</b>			
<b>Doctrine</b>		<b>Dogmatics in Outline</b> , Karl Barth	<b>Evangelical Theology: An Introduction</b> , Karl Barth  <b>Institutes of the Christian Religion</b> , John Calvin  <b>Orthodoxy</b> , G. K. Chesterton  <b>Pensées</b> , Blaise Pascal
<b>Anglicanism</b>		Ancient-Future Series (Faith, Worship, Evangelism), Robert Weber	<b>English Reformers</b> , T.H.L. Parker <b>Celtic Threads</b> , Padraigin Clancy
<b>Ascetical Theology</b>	<b>Divine Conspiracy</b> , Dallas Willard  <b>Purpose Driven Life</b> , Rick Warren	<b>A Testament of Devotion</b> , Thomas R. Kelly  <b>The Prayer Life</b> , Andrew Murray  <b>Christian Proficiency</b> , Martin Thornton  <b>Desiring God</b> , John Piper	<b>The Sayings of the Desert Fathers</b> , Benedicta Ward  <b>Cloud of Unknowing</b> <b>Revelations of Divine Love (Showings)</b> , Julian of Norwich  <b>The Imitation of Christ</b> , Thomas à Kempis  <b>The Interior Castle</b> , St. Teresa of Avila  <b>Dark Night of the Soul</b> , St. John of the Cross  <b>The Pilgrim's Progress</b> , John Bunyan  <b>A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life</b> , William Law <b>The Way of a Pilgrim</b> <b>The Art of Prayer: An Orthodox Anthology</b> , Igumen Chariton

<b>Church History</b>		<b>The Lost History of Christianity</b> , Philip Jenkins	<b>History of the Christian Church</b> , Philip Schaff ( <a href="http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/history/About.htm">http://www.ccel.org/s/schaff/history/About.htm</a> )  <b>Truly Divine &amp; Truly Human: The Story of Christ and the Seven Ecumenical Councils</b> , Stephen W. Need
<b>Pastoral Theology</b>	<b>In the Name of Jesus</b> , Henri Nouwen  <b>The Living Church</b> , John Stott  <b>Forgotten Ways</b> , Alan Hirsch <b>When Helping Hurts</b> , Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert		<b>Confessions</b> , St. Augustine  <b>The Brothers Karamazov</b> , Fyodor Dostoevsky  The Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins  The Poetry of George Herbert  <b>The Seven Storey Mountain</b> , Thomas Merton  <b>The Return of the Prodigal Son</b> , Henri J. M. Nouwen  <b>The Divine Comedy</b> , Dante Alighieri
<b>Mission of the Church</b>	<b>The Next Evangelism</b> , Soong-Chan Rah  <b>Evangelism Outside the Box</b> , Rick Richardson  <b>Viral Churches</b> , Ed Stetzer and Warren Bird	<b>Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?</b> , Roland Allen  <b>Celtic Evangelism</b> , George Hunter	
<b>Moral Theology and Ethics</b>			
<b>Liturgics</b>			
<b>Homiletics</b>			