MONASTIC RECOMMENDED READING:

MASTERS:

1. St Benedict, Rule
2. St Gregory of Nyssa, Ascetical Works (On Virginity, The Christian Life, Perfection, etc.)
3. St Gregory the Great, Pastoral Care
5. St John Climacus, The Ladder
6. St John of the Cross, Ascent of Mount Carmel, Dark Night of the Soul, Living Flame of Love
7. St. Maximus the Confessor, The Ascetic Life The Four Centuries on Charity
8. St Teresa of Avila, Life, Way of Perfection
9. St Therese of Lisieux, Autobiographical Writings, Letters
10. Thomas à Kempis, Imitation of Christ

CHURCH DOCUMENTS:

2. Essential Elements in the Church’s Teaching on Religious Life (May 31, 1983).
3. Fraternal Life in Community (Feb 2, 1994).
4. Instruction: Starting Afresh from Christ: A Renewed Commitment to Consecrated Life in the Third Millennium (June 14, 2002).
5. Instruction: The service of authority and obedience (May 11, 2008).
8. The Contemplative Dimension of Religious Life

BENEDICTINE READING LIST:

1. Benedictine Monachism; Butler
2. Benedictine Monasticism; Daly
3. Benedictine Monasticism; Schroll
4. Benedictine Pioneers in Australia; Birt
5. Benedictines Through the Changing Centuries; Hilpisch
6. Christian Monasticism; Knowles
7. Commentary on the Holy Rule of St. Benedict; Delatte
8. Dialogues, Book 2; St. Gregory the Great
9. Greater and Lesser Rules; St. Basil
10. Institutes and Conferences; Cassian
11. It Began with Benedict; Hunkeler
12. Life of St. Anthony; St. Athanasius
13. Monastic Constitutions of Lanfranc; Edited by D. Knowles
14. Monastic Life in the Middle Ages; Gasquet
15. *Regularis Concordia*; Edited by T. Simons
16. St. Benedict and His Monks; Maynard
17. St. Benedict and His Times; Schuster
18. St. Benedict of Nursia; Pius XII
19. St. Benedict; Lindsay
20. St. Benedict; McCann
21. St. Benedict; Tosti
22. St. Columban; O. Fecho
23. St. Gregory the Great; Snow
24. Tenacious Monks; Murphy
25. The Chronicle of Jocelyn of Brakelond
26. The Desert a City; Chitty
27. The Desert Fathers; Waddell
28. The Ecclesiastical History of the English People; St. Bede
29. The English Black Monks of St. Benedict; Taunten
30. The Holy Rule; Van Zeller
31. The Ideal of the Monastic Life; Morin
32. The Lausiac History; Palladius
33. The Life of St. Anselm; Eadmer, Edited by R. Southern
34. The Monastic Order in England; Knowles
35. The Rule of St. Augustine
36. Worship and Work; Barry

*Biography*
37. A Sicilian Borromeo (Cardinal Dusmet)
38. Anscar Vonier; Graf
39. Benedictines of Today; Rios
40. Cardinal Gasquet; Leslie
41. Dom Columba Marmion: A Biography; Tierney
42. Nine Martyr Monks; Camm

*Spiritual Life*
43. Christ in His Mysteries; Marmion, Columba
44. Christ the Ideal of the Monk; Marmion, Columba
45. Holy Wisdom; Baker
46. The Twelve Steps of Humility and Pride; St. Bernard
47. The Way to God According to the Rule; Heufleder, E.