

## 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*
4. St. John Cassian, *Conferences*.
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:

1. Directives for Formation (Feb 2, 1990).
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).
6. Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation: Vita Consecrata (March 25, 1996).
7. Religious and Human Promotion (April 25-28, 1978).
8. The Contemplative Dimension of Religious Life
9. Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church (October 4, 2015)

### 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. Feach
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; Taunton
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.