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In the late 19th century, Fr. Charles Arminjon preached a series of conferences to help his parishioners turn away from this life’s mean material affairs and toward the next life’s glorious spiritual reward.

His wise and uncompromising words deepened in them the spirit of recollection that all Christians must have: the abiding conviction that heavenly aims, not temporal enthusiasms, must guide everything we think, say, and do.

When Father Arminjon’s conferences were later published in a book, many others were able to reap the same benefit — including 14-year-old Thérèse Martin, then on the cusp of entering the Carmelite convent in Lisieux. Reading it, she says, “plunged my soul into a happiness not of this earth.”

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Art Bennett is a licensed marriage and family therapist with twenty years’ experience in the field. He writes a monthly column for the National Catholic Register. Art’s wife, Laraine, is a freelance writer whose articles appear in Catholic journals.

In their bestselling book, The Temperament God Gave You, Art and Laraine Bennett re-introduced the age-old concept of the four classic temperaments, and showed how to use them to understand yourself, get along with others, and grow closer to God.

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Homeschooling her kids has left Susie wise beyond her years: she’s learned why pi is square instead of round, and searched out the best places to buy a cow’s eyeball for the science fair. “You know,” she says, “Socrates had it easy. His students never interrupted him to go to the bathroom or ask when lunch was.”

Susie’s husband is always there to support her: “Greg tells me that education would have no purpose if kids didn’t start out ignorant. He seems to think that will keep me from strangling them.”

Yet she’s always patient, even when strangers gawk at her five daughters and ask, “Are they all yours?” “Are you done yet?” “Don’t you have a TV?”

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Susie Lloyd (b. 1966) writes for Faith and Family, The Latin Mass, and other Catholic periodicals, and is a popular guest speaker. She lives in Pennsylvania with her husband and a gaggle of children.

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Teaching her kids about the Facts of Life: “Somewhere there must be a book which can aid me in my duty. In it there would be many pages devoted to birds, bees, and flowers. None involving kegs and station wagons.”

Handing on Catholic customs: “When I was small, my mother taught me to say a Hail Mary whenever I heard an ambulance. It’s really a beautiful habit and habit is the word — I don’t know how many people I’ve prayed for whose car alarm was going off.”

Getting older: “Some people tell me I could be my teens’ older sister. These people are usually 103 years old and wear their glasses hanging from a chain. But I’ll take it.”

Strangers who question her family size: “What’s funny is, the people who call you nuts really expect you to act sane, and not like this: ‘Nuts? Children, would one of you be a good girl and get the gun out of Mommy’s diaper bag?’”

Enduring her children’s music lessons: “Recitals are a time-honored way of gaining a plenary indulgence, provided we hold no attachment to murdering the piano teacher.”

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With humility and care, Armstrong here explains ninety-five key Bible passages that confound all who would use Scripture to criticize the Church and Her doctrines. These are the verses that have drawn so many serious believers — including Armstrong — out of their Protestant congregations and into the Catholic Church.

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The Catholic Verses is essential reading for all persons seeking to understand God’s word in the Bible and to discover the Church that continues to preach His word faithfully today.

Dave Armstrong was a Protestant campus missionary before he converted to Catholicism in 1991. He is the author of A Biblical Defense of Catholicism and has many articles on the Faith for Catholic periodicals.

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Usually, we can think of no more than one or two things at once. That's why most of us are not able to think of God or pray while we fulfill any but the most mindless of our daily duties.

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Raoul Plus, S.J. (1882–1958) wrote more than forty books to help Christians understand God’s love for the soul. His works stress the vital role of prayer in the spiritual life and show how you can live the truths of the faith.
This Dumb Ox taught the whole Church

Because he was big and strong and sometimes slow to speak, Thomas Aquinas's schoolmates called him the *Dumb Ox*. Not long afterward, he came to be called *Doctor* (which means "teacher") because, in truth, he could understand complicated things quickly and explain them well.

Which is what he loved to do, preaching often and writing in the course of his lifetime no fewer than eighty-five works of philosophy and theology — books that changed the Church and the world.

Indeed, in 1320, less than fifty years after Thomas died, Thomas's biographer said that “throughout the entire world Thomas's teachings have spread among the faithful, and the whole Church is instructed by his voice.”

Today, the Church Herself calls Saint Thomas Aquinas the *Angelico Doctor* (“the teacher who is like an angel”): pure, strong, close to God, and truly a messenger of divine light.

Scholar he was, but to those who knew him, Saint Thomas gave not only beautiful sermons and books, but also his heart, his devotion, and his love.

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Thus begin Nicholas's adventures in a pious underground army of resistance that shelters priests and leads them in secrecy and danger from one estate to another, so the Catholic faithful can continue to receive the Sacraments the law now forbids.

In this adventure for all ages, author Henry Garnett brings to life the drama of a nation where unjust laws forced good men and women to choose between their country and their Faith, and young people heard early and well the call to heroism that Christians must be ever ready to heed.
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Celia Costain

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Being Catholic has never been easy, but now Celia’s friends are all dating and say she’s uptight.

Celia can deal with that, but how can she relax with someone stalking her friend Allie?

And no one will tell her what’s really going on!
Delightful tales for bedtime reading

This, truly, is a bedside book of saints, crafted like an old-fashioned quilt — a colorful thing of threads and patches meant to brighten the bedroom and lift the spirits of souls wearied by the day.

Like the patchwork quilts made by your grandmother, these tales of holy men and women have been sewn together without great study and with very little plan: variety and charm are often the very thing needed to cheer a downcast soul and bring consolation and hope to the Christian who takes up a book just before falling asleep.

In these pages, Fr. Aloysius Roche shows you the saints not so much from a new angle as from a less familiar one, a comfortable angle that makes for a certain coziness. Without diluting the intensity and holiness of the saints, he tries to bring them near, to bring them home, to bring them to your very bedside.

So he lets the saints themselves do most of the talking. “I am like a parrot who has learned to speak,” wrote St. Teresa. Exactly! In writing this book, Fr. Roche seeks to be a parrot like St. Teresa, not reporting his own thoughts, but giving you the words of the saints themselves.

But whoever’s doing the talking, it won’t be loud. It would never do to send you off to bed with a book about the saints that keeps you awake all night. Some nights, however, even after reading a few of these pages, sleep may evade you. At those times, read a few more. (You’re likely to come across that holy friend of those with sleep-related woes: St. Vitus, whose symbol is a rooster: he helps sleepyheads who find it hard to wake up in the morning!)

Whatever you do, don’t read this book all in one sitting. Take just a few pages a night — no more. The charming, often humorous stories of these eminently human saints will ease your soul and help bring you good dreams. In the morning, you’ll rise with fresh hope, and carry with you into your day greater confidence in God and his saints.

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Aloysius Roche (b. 1886) was a parish priest in Essex, England, where he was known for his great familiarity with the lives of the saints, his wise sermons, and his simple, holy lifestyle.
For nearly a thousand years, monks of the Carthusian Order have withdrawn from the world so they can place themselves in the presence of God. Alone in their cells, they pray, work, and take their meals, freed from worldly distractions and the cacophony of thoughts that course through your mind and mine, when, at the end of busy days, we finally kneel down to pray.

A thousand years’ silence has enabled the Carthusians to perfect a way of praying suited for the cloister, but it’s also right for those of us whose obligations force us to work and pray in the rush and hurry of the world.

In these pages, the monk Augustin Guillerand reveals the secret of the Carthusian’s remarkable prayer of the presence of God. Obviously, this way of praying excludes quick Our Father’s and hasty Hail Mary’s, but it also requires that we do more than pause and say our prayers slowly.

In fact, the Carthusians know that the prayer of the presence of God isn’t primarily a question of speed . . . or even of speech. Like love, it’s not so much a deed as an attitude — a habit of tranquil listening that allows God to enter our souls by all paths and to establish His presence there.

Failure to listen poisons love in marriages; and failure to listen poisons love of God. That’s why the prayer of the presence of God is essential not just for monks, but for all of us, no matter what our circumstances may be.

Yet how can we listen in a way that allows God to enter our souls? How can we even hear Him in the noise of our days and ways?

A thousand years of Carthusian experience provide sure answers to these questions. Though this is no step-by-step manual (listening can’t be reduced to steps), you’ll learn where you must begin and how to proceed if you’re finally to bring to maturity in your own soul the habit of tranquil listening that’s essential for all those who would know God and love Him as they ought.

Dom Augustin Guillerand (1877-1945) was a French Carthusian monk whose writings have been treasured by generations of Christians.

Learn to pray as monks pray.

Henri Daniel-Rops (1901-1965), a French scholar, wrote more than seventy books of theology, history, poetry, and fiction. He was perhaps best known for his masterpiece, Jesus and His Times.
One of the greatest Catholic minds of the twentieth century was a journalist, playwright, novelist, literary critic, poet, cartoonist, essayist, broadcaster, and even president of the Detection Club.

But he was also a theologian.

G. K. Chesterton, famous for defending Christian belief in his books *Orthodoxy* and *The Everlasting Man* (the latter helped to convert C.S. Lewis) could not help thinking theologically — even when he was making jokes — and his writings illuminate the profoundest religious themes.

In his hands, Christian truth is rescued from becoming a purely academic exercise. He gives us an “experience of the fullness and many-sidedness of the truth, in which the Christian can romp without a care” (Balthasar).

In fact, like Lewis, Chesterton, who was one of the great converts of the twentieth century, draws us directly into an encounter with the Word of God, showing us the faith of the Church as most of us have never seen it before. No wonder Pope Benedict XVI tells us that “in every age the path to faith can take its bearings by converts.”

But Chesterton wrote so much — literally millions of words in thousands of essays and books — that the average reader may feel daunted. There has never been one book that introduces his thoughts on God and the Church... until now, courtesy of the wise Dominican priest, Aidan Nichols.

In these pages, Fr. Nichols has gathered the most powerful theological passages from the many works of Chesterton, and included his own concise explanations of the keen and sometimes surprising ways they illuminate the most profound questions ever asked by man.

Readers new to Chesterton as well as his lifelong fans will delight in the fresh light he sheds here on the existence of God, the nature of man, the meaning of Christ, and the universal call to holiness, which in these pages rings out as loudly as it did when G.K. Chesterton first wrote these words over a century ago.

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Fr. Aidan Nichols, O.P., of Blackfriars, Cambridge, is a lecturer in Cambridge University and the most prolific writer on Catholic theology in the English language. His books include important studies of St. Thomas Aquinas, modern thinkers including Hans Urs von Balthasar, and the theology of Pope Benedict XVI.
How to Read the Bible
Abbé Roger Poelman
An ARKive Edition
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Publication date: July, 2010

Of all books, the one we need to know best is the Bible, which contains the revelation of Christ.

God has spoken to us, and the Bible contains His message. God has redeemed us, and the Bible shows us our Redeemer. It tells us what God wants us to know, about Himself, and about ourselves.

But the Bible does not interpret itself, and the Catholic Church has always rightly protected the faithful from erroneous interpretations. The Bible is such a diverse collection of texts, of so many types and ages, that in order to unlock its treasures we need the wisest of guides.

Abbé Poelman is such a guide, writing entirely under the guidance of the Church’s authority and that of the Holy Spirit who makes the Church live. He begins not with Genesis but with the Gospels, the “loftiest, most sacred, and most mysterious part of the whole Bible,” wherein Christ is revealed, the inmost life of God and the source of our promised joy. Christ is the key to the whole of Scripture, the summit of the mountain to which all roads lead, and all the books of the Bible make most sense when read with him in mind.

Only then, having introduced us to Christ through the Gospels of Luke and John, does Abbé Poelman turn to Genesis and to the creation of the world, to the Patriarchs and the story of the Covenant. This is the story of how God formed a universe and a people in which Christ might be born.

Each chapter is short and to the point, and passages of Scripture are selected for prayerful reading, so that by the time we arrive back at the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, we understand Christ to be truly the center and goal of human history. Brief summaries of the Acts, Letters of the Apostles, and Book of Revelation complete this wonderful little book, leaving us full of love for the God of our salvation.

Sixty-three Saints of the Western Church from the 1st through the 20th Century

Saints are the men and women who best love Christ and His Church. They may be kings or queens, statesmen or soldiers, scholars, visionaries, workmen or beggars. They teach us the real meaning of human history, and they show us how to live in any walk of life or set of circumstances.

Included in this anthology are famous saints — Francis of Assisi, Dominic, Joan of Arc, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Ávila — but also more obscure ones, such as Raymond Lull and Hugh of Lincoln.

Many of these saints were martyrs, killed in periods of persecution. Others died trying to bring the knowledge of Christ to pagan tribes. Yet others built up the Church through their example and their teaching, but were never called upon to shed their blood.

These beautifully written stories follow one from another, linked through time in such a way that the reader easily obtains a vivid picture of the sweep of history, the history of Christendom as it unfolds in the lives of individual men and women right up to modern times, with the first citizen of the United States to be pronounced a saint, Mother Cabrini.

Every saint is different, every one a unique personality. Each of them finds his vocation and destiny in a different way — teaching us that God has in mind for you and me a very special adventure that will be all our own. The purpose of our lives is to find that mission that only we can fulfill in the body of the Church, for the love of God and our neighbor.

The Young People’s Book of Saints
Hugh Ross Williamson
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Hugh Ross Williamson (1901-1978) was a prolific British historian and playwright. At first a Nonconformist, he became an Anglican clergyman and later converted to Catholicism in 1955. This book was written in 1960.
Lessons in How to Live from the Son of Man Himself

We all know imperfection, only too well. We are conscious of human imperfection, sin, and failure on all sides. We have been trained to suspect hypocrisy under every façade. And yet there was one man who was perfectly good, a perfect man in whom no fault can be found. That man can show us that goodness is not an illusion, that holiness is worth striving for, that our existence has a meaning and a direction.

Jesus Christ was the Perfect Man that philosophers and storytellers have searched for since the dawn of history. He was greater than storytellers have been able to imagine, more sublime than we had a right to hope.

Our Lord was Perfect Man because he was also God. By being divine he was able to show us our human nature as he had desired to create it, with his infinite power. He reveals the nature of man to us, at the same time as he reveals God.

We possess the historical and literary portrait of this Perfect Man in the Gospels, where we see him walking and talking among us, answering questions, healing and consoling the men and women who are drawn to him. The Gospels give us this portrait in order to provide us a model for our own lives, whoever we are and wherever we live.

The Saints demonstrate that it is possible, by grace, to imitate that model and share in his perfection—not by copying his outward appearance, but by living in his spirit.

It is Our Lord’s example of love that calls us to become truly human. Love as he taught it was a new thing in the world. Love as he practiced it has made the world another place.

How can I pray better?
How do I know God hears my prayers?
How can I ‘pray always,’ as Jesus commands?
Why must I ask for things God already knows I need?

Such were the questions that perplexed a young North African man, Augustine Aurelius (354-430), whose intense yearning for God led him into a profound and lifelong encounter with Christ in prayer.

There Augustine found answers to these questions and countless more—answers not grounded in his own brilliance, but in prayer itself.

In time, Augustine became a bishop and a Father of the Church, and has long been numbered among her saints. Yet of all the Church’s saints, not one expresses the longing for God more beautifully, or explores the nature of prayer more helpfully, than St. Augustine. His words speak to us today as freshly as they did to his contemporaries.

St. Augustine wrote many books, but never one devoted to prayer alone. Indeed, his teachings on prayer are scattered in many places. So from over 200 works, Fr. Cliff Ermatinger has gathered and translated Augustine’s teachings on prayer, and now presents them here in a simple question-and-answer format. What emerges is nothing less than a rich new “catechism on prayer” by one of the Church’s greatest saints.

Alban Goodier (1869-1939) was a Jesuit who served as Archbishop of Bombay, India. He was a well-respected writer who contributed articles to the magazine The Messenger of the Sacred Heart, and wrote more than a dozen books, including Saints for Sinners.
Contrary to what many believe, Catholic doctrine is not made up by popes and theologians but is derived entirely from revelation, as this book shows.

In it, veteran Catholic apologist Dave Armstrong gathers in one place countless passages from Holy Scripture that point directly to the teachings of the Catholic Church. This galaxy of more than 2,000 passages from the Bible is overwhelming evidence that on every side Catholic teachings are confirmed by Scripture. Indeed, these passages show that the Catholic Church has a more complete grasp of the meaning of Scripture than those who try to use Scripture to discredit the Church.

That's because Catholic teaching is based not on selective readings of Scripture but on understanding and veneration of the whole Bible in its organic interrelatedness. Catholic doctrines are not distilled from single passages quoted in isolation or out of context; they arise from an encounter with the whole of Scripture, wherein passages on the same theme are read in light of each other, so that together they lead the mind to a complete picture of the truth.

That's why Dave Armstrong has gathered here under 115 thematic headings all the passages in Scripture relating to key Catholic doctrines. This arrangement makes it easy for readers to consider systematically — as the Church does — all the parts of the Bible that relate to any particular Catholic belief.

Whether you’re a Protestant seeking to understand Catholicism, or a Catholic wanting to defend Catholic teaching or learn more about its biblical basis, this is the one book you need.

Prayer is our lifeline to heaven, but most of us find prayer easy to neglect and even to forget. We tend to avoid it, and sometimes even resist it. Our fitful efforts at regular prayer frustrate and disappoint us.

Dom Hubert van Zeller knows why.

“Prayer,” says this beloved Benedictine monk who taught scores of souls to pray, “comes from God, is kept going by God, and finds its way back to God by its own power.” Prayer is not something we do, but something God does in us.

Which means that all these years, most of us have approached the problem of prayer backward: we’ve struggled to pray instead of working to remove obstacles to prayer from our hearts — obstacles that prevent God from praying in us and through us.

Sound mystical? Perhaps. But living in accordance with this single truth, elaborated in these pages, not only will make regular prayer possible for you; it will transform your prayers into a source of joy.

Here you’ll discover the true meaning and the proper ways of prayer. You’ll learn the secret of prayer from the example of Christ in the Gospels and from prayers of the saints. You’ll find out how to overcome distractions in prayer and how to deal with disappointment when your prayers seem not to have been answered.

Finally, you’ll learn how to accept God’s will, no matter how puzzling it may seem; and even — yes — to love it.

Never forget that prayer is your lifeline to heaven. These pages will help you grasp it firmly and never let go. What more could you ask of any book?
A holy Trappist monk explains how to find out who God wants you to be

Long years of prayer and contemplation disclosed to a Trappist monk many long-forgotten secrets about God and man — surprising secrets that reveal to you who God is . . . and who you are in His sight.

In spellbinding detail filled with holy fire, Trappist Father M. Raymond here shows that the reality of who you are in Christ is much greater than you think. Indeed, the spiritual realities that Father Raymond unveils are beyond the wildest dreams of most believers. He reveals how Almighty God actually needs you, how you can live your life in the fullness of God’s freedom, and how — no matter what — you can even stand in the world as straight as Christ Himself. Father Raymond also gives you the keys to unlock the mysteries of pain and of success and failure. In a startling way, he even discloses the mysteries of the future itself.

These are just a few of the many spiritual secrets revealed here — secrets that, understood rightly, are staggering in their implications for you and for your spiritual development. Father Raymond’s electrifying message will revolutionize your view of yourself and of mankind that, if widely accepted, will heal the world’s wounds.

Absorb the wisdom of these spiritual secrets, and you’ll soon develop a transcendent view of yourself and of mankind that, if widely accepted, will heal the world’s wounds. Father Raymond’s refreshing view of God will set your soul — and the world around you — aflame with the fire of the Holy Spirit!

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For example, although in the year 304 Agnes of Rome was only thirteen years old, pagan authorities tortured and murdered her because she was a Christian. For the same reason — and just over a hundred years ago — a Bantu king in Uganda burned to death young Charles Lwanga and his companions.

The tales of these saints are told here, along with those of many others who, though young, have joined the ranks of the greatest saints: some by dying for their faith; many more by living for it.

Louis IX is here. Crowned king of France in 1226 when he was but twelve years old, Louis’s holiness and wisdom, and his care for the poor, won him renown while he still lived, and lifted him swiftly to the ranks of canonized saints after he died.

St. Joan of Arc is here, too, leading armies in the 1400s while yet a teen; but also saints whose names are not writ large in the book of history: Dominic Savio, canonized for the simple goodness that marked each day of his brief fifteen years; and Bernadette Soubirous, the destitute 14-year-old to whom our Lady appeared at Lourdes.

Their lives of great and simple virtue remind us that “valor does not wait on years,” nor does holiness. To live in the love of God, in absolute obedience to His commandments, to practice the noblest Christian virtues, and even to offer our life in sacrifice — we don’t have to be grown up.

Christ is calling you to be like these young saints, to cultivate in yourself what you know is best: kindness, courage, perseverance, faith, charity, and absolute trust in God. The example of these bold young saints will help you do so.

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From St. Augustine to Cardinal Newman, the greatest among the saints and men of God have lived on familiar terms with the angels; and the Church has always accorded them a very large place in her theology.

Recent theologians have dwelt on dry questions about the nature of the angels, but the early Fathers of the Church, with the memory of Jesus fresh in their minds (and of the angels of whom He spoke often) were fascinated with the energetic action of the angels among men and the ways in which the angels have carried out that mission from the instant of Creation through the time of Jesus; and how they will continue their work even unto the end of time.

From the works of these early Fathers of the Church, the late French Cardinal Jean Daniélou has drawn forth threads of knowledge and wisdom which he has here woven into a lucid and bright tapestry that shows us who the ministering angels really are, and how—in every instant and in every way—they are working for your salvation and mine.

Here you’ll find no sentimental cherubs: the Fathers knew that majesty and power cloak actual angels, which is why God gave them the formidable tasks of shepherding not only souls, but entire nations, and the motions of the entire material universe itself.

Open these pages to meet the glorious angels as they were known by the Church’s greatest saints and theologians: Origen and Eusebius, and Sts. Basil, Ambrose, Methodius, Gregory of Nyssa, Clement of Alexandria, and John Chrysostom (among others). Soon you, too, will find yourself on familiar terms with the angels, and they’ll begin to play in your life the larger role that God intends them to play.

The Truth About Angels
— According to the Fathers of the Church

Jean Cardinal Danielou, S.J. (1905-1974) was a French Catholic theologian, historian, and author. Among his works are God and the Ways of Knowing and The Bible and the Liturgy. Toward the end of his life, he devoted much of his time to the poor.

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Our Christian faith isn’t based on an idea or a philosophy, or on some accumulation of myths and traditions. It’s based on a man: Jesus, the God who was born in ancient Nazareth and lived in the flesh and died; Jesus, the Word of the Father who was and is and ever shall be, a man.

We also believe that knowing this man is essential to our very salvation. That’s why Cardinal Giacomo Biffi, archbishop emeritus of Bologna, Italy, and close friend of Pope Benedict XVI, wrote The Man Christ Jesus — to give us an intimate portrait of Jesus as we meet him in the Gospels. Only by experiencing a close, personal encounter with Jesus in his full humanity — just as his first disciples did — can we develop a true and salvific belief in the Christ of Faith. And so, meticulously following the Gospel data, Cardinal Biffi reveals:

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When we are brought face-to-face with the unique mystery of the man Christ Jesus, writes Cardinal Biffi, “either we reject him, or we fall on our knees before him.” There is no middle way. Let these pages reveal to you the face of Christ, and bring you more readily and lovingly to your knees.

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Although Giovanni di Bernardone left but a few pages of writing, men and women worldwide know and revere him as the humble St. Francis of Assisi.

Behind the legends lies a real man of flesh-and-blood: a dissolute youth not above cross-dressing and drawing other young people into serious sin and crime; a haughty fellow who joined the local militia for the love of battle; a headstrong young-adult whose conversion took years as he struggled mightily — like you and me — to turn his will away from what he wanted so that he could serve the God he only slowly came to know and love.

For all those reasons — and because he sought mightily to be good in an age as corrupt as ours (when even the clergy frequently succumbed to the temptations of lust and power) — Francis is a model for us today, a source of hope in a time when hope is hard to come by.

In these pages, master biographer Michael de la Bedoyere has gathered all the known facts and uncovered the truth embedded in the more credible legends about Francis. You’ll get the truth about Francis’s hugging the leper and his preaching to the birds. Here, as well, is a reliable account of Francis’s perilous journey into the heart of Islam, where Catholics were killed merely for professing Christ — and where Francis actually offered to be set on fire to establish the truth of the Catholic Faith!

Sifting through facts and legends, author de la Bedoyere has created the definitive biography of Francis, whose sanctity, orthodoxy, and uncompromisingly moral temper enabled him to fulfill the command that, eight centuries ago, Christ gave him (and that Christ gives you and me today): “Repair my Church.”

Francis, the sinner, did just that: repairing the Church in those areas where reparation and rebuilding matter most and are most effective — in the hearts of men and women. Take up these pages to learn from Francis how to reform your own sinful heart so that you can join Francis in reforming our Church today.

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Fr. Esper considers over forty of life’s common problems, showing how saints overcame these challenges and difficulties, and even grew holier as they did so. Better yet, he explains how you can, too.

In each chapter, Fr. Esper includes thought-provoking quotes from saints for further reflection, a practical section entitled “Something you might try,” and solid recommendations for further reading. That makes Saintly Solutions immensely valuable for everyone who struggles with life’s common problems and wants to face them with the unquenchable joy of the saints!

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Marigold Hunt (d. 1994) was a speaker for the Catholic Evidence Guild and served as advertising manager of Sheed and Ward publishing company. In addition to this book, she wrote The First Christians, A Book of Angels, and A Life of Our Lord for Children.

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Alice Curtayne (1901-1981) lived in County Kildare, Ireland. Her other books include The Trial of Oliver Plunkett, St. Brigid of Ireland, and St. Catherine of Siena.

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Marigold Hunt was a speaker for the Catholic Evidence Guild and served for many years as advertising manager of Sheed and Ward publishing company.

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Archbishop J. Michael Miller is Secretary to the Congregation for Catholic Education for the Vatican. From 1997 to 2003, he was president of the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas.

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Holly Pierlot (b. 1961) is a popular speaker at marriage programs and catechetical and homeschooling conferences. She lives with her husband, Philip, on Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she homeschools her five children.
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A sound Catholic answer to the most vexing problem that every soul must face

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Van Zeller, author of Holiness for Housewives, shows that you can understand the mystery of suffering only by means of the Passion of Christ. In this book, he explores the Stations of the Cross, plumbing the inner meanings of each in order to reveal why there has to be pain, and what you should do about it.

In the Stations, van Zeller finds a great deal to help you in dark times. He shows you how to accept your crosses with love. He reveals how you can learn from Christ to turn your failures into victories and alleviate others’ suffering by imitating Mary’s compassion. Above all, van Zeller shows you that suffering has a purpose and he uses Christ’s Passion to sharpen your vision of life’s meaning.

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Best of all, you’ll learn how to seek friendship with God. As you discover the joys of this friendship that transcends death and as you enrich your friendships here on earth, you’ll come to see how truly Black speaks when he says that “no one would care to live without friends, even if he had all other good things.”

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Meet Jesus more fully in the Eucharist — and tap into all the riches of Christ

In The Basic Book of the Eucharist, Fr. Lawrence Lovasik, author of the beloved bestseller The Hidden Power of Kindness, says that in the Eucharist Catholics can find “the unsearchable riches of Christ.” In this book, he shows how.

Fr. Lovasik emphasizes Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, helping you recognize His presence there. With deep and warm faith, he shows you how you can receive everything that God offers you in the Mass — including quite a few important spiritual graces that you probably aren’t aware of. He tells you how Holy Communion can bring you to real union with God, give you joy and consolation, and even bring peace and happiness to your family.

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Diane Moczar, D. Arts, is the author of Ten Dates Every Catholic Should Know, and has written for many publications, including The Latin Mass. She teaches history at N Virginia Community College.
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