

THINGS TO READ ABOUT PRIESTHOOD AND VOCATION

There are many good books, websites and articles about priesthood and vocation. This is just a small selection. It is good to be reading something that helps and inspires us.

Stephen Rossetti, *The Joy of Priesthood* [A very positive, inspiring, and realistic view of priesthood, which faces the big issues, written by someone who has spent much of his priestly life ministering to priests]

Tony Philpot, *Priesthood in Reality* [Reflections on priesthood in his own life and his rich experiences with other priests]

Michael Hollings, *Living Priesthood* [Autobiography and reflections of a much-loved Westminster priest]

Francis P Friedl and Rex Reynolds, *Extraordinary Lives: Thirty-four Priests Tell Their Stories* [Short, simple, inspiring testimonies from a wide selection of priests with very different experiences - all of them still devoted to their priesthood]

Roderick Strange, *The Risk of Discipleship* [A theology of priesthood, together with reflections on what is happening to priesthood in the world today]

Pope John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* [Pope John Paul's most important writing on the priesthood and on priestly formation. Full of rich theology; quite difficult in parts]

Timothy M Dolan, *Priests for the Third Millennium* [Talks given to seminarians by a hard-hitting rector, now bishop in the States. Pithy, rich, and full of stories and anecdotes]

Benedict J Groeschel, *From Scandal to Hope* [Co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. An analysis of difficulties confronting the Church in the West, but which contains a strong vision of the heart of the priesthood]

Matthew Levering (Editor), *On the Priesthood: Classic and Contemporary Texts* [Writings about the priesthood from the early saints to John Paul II]

Second Vatican Council, *Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests: Presbyterorum Ordinis* [This is the main text from the Council about the priesthood. It can be found in a collection of documents: Austin Flannery (Editor), *Vatican Council II*]

Another great source of inspiration is to read the lives of the saints, especially the priest-saints! There are too many to list here. Find a biography of a particular saint that you love; or find one of the many collections of short 'lives of the saints' that are available.

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