



SPIRITUAL CLASSICS

A CLASSIC IS A BOOK WHICH IS NEVER FINISHED SAYING WHAT IT HAS TO SAY ³²³

- SAINT OR DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
- ORIGINAL SOURCE... NOT DERIVATIVE
- PROMINENTLY FEATURES DOCTRINE/INSIGHTS ON LIFE OF CHRIST AND THE WAY OF PRAYER--especially DEEP CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER
- HAS SURVIVED TEST OF TIME... DECADES... CENTURIES
- SPIRITUAL READING BEFORE BLESSED SACRAMENT ESTABLISHES DISPOSITION OF EXCEPTIONAL RECEPTIVITY...

WHY ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX?

STORY OF A SOUL

[JOHN CLARKE translation... Institute of Carmelite Studies]

SIMPLE AND ACCESSIBLE

SHORT AND SURE

PRACTICABLE

WHY FRANCIS DE SALES?

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE

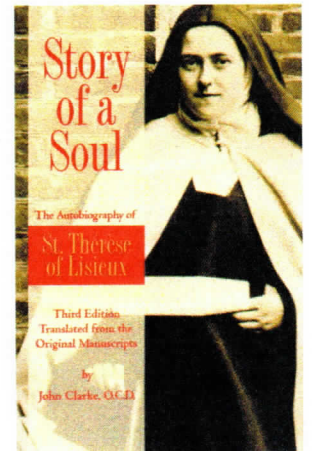
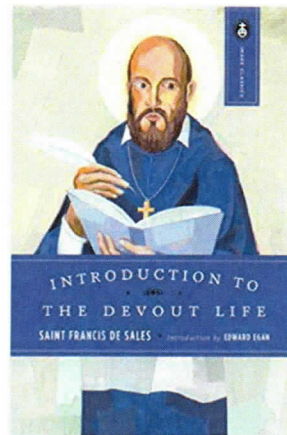
[JOHN RYAN translation--IMAGE BOOKS]

ENCYCLOPEDIA

"COMPREHENSIVE"

ENTERTAINING AND ACCESSIBLE

"DAILY BREAD"



WHY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI?

LITTLE FLOWERS of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

[RAPHAEL BROWN translation--IMAGE BOOKS]

UNIVERSAL APPEAL

HIS LIFE IS A SERIES OF PARABLES

--SHORT AND VERY READABLE

SIMPLICITY AND JOY

- PARTICULAR HALLMARKS of the NEW EVANGELIZATION





RECOMMENDED READING METHOD...

- 1) 1 to 3 pages per day. Use your own book so that you can mark it up (leave your tracks in the snow)
- 2) 15—5,5, & 5... [5 minutes of reading, 5 minutes of reflecting, 5 minutes of receiving (listening)]...
- 3) Mark and date your "stops"...
- 4) Highlight as you go—Gold!... **"DIAMONDS" IN BLUE**
- 5) Never let 3 days in a row go by without spiritual reading...
- 6) On Fridays look over your highlighting... sift out diamonds... type 'em up!

**BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEXT BOOK, I MOST HIGHLY RECOMMEND
EITHER AN ACADEMIC OR A SPIRITUAL READING OF**

THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Part 4 "Christian Prayer" -- pp. 613-688 [only 75 pages]

or---more focused readings: #2558-2584 and #2598-2621 and #2700-2758 ... about 25 pages

PERHAPS NEXT STEP... THE IMITATION OF CHRIST. THOMAS A KEMPIS.

FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY

BIOGRAPHIES OF ST. FRANCIS. BY THOMAS OF CELANO, ST. BONAVENTURE, FR. CUTHBERT
A RIGHT TO BE MERRY. MOTHER MARY FRANCIS, PCC

DOMINICAN SPIRITUALITY

THE DIALOGUE OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA.
SUMMA THEOLOGICA. ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

JESUIT SPIRITUALITY

THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST. IGNATIUS: OR MANRESA [TAN CLASSICS EDITION]
THE TREASURY OF CATHOLIC WISDOM. FR. JOHN HARDON, S.J.
HIDDEN VICTORY: A NOVEL OF JESUS. FR. HERBERT SMITH, S.J.

BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY

THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT. READILY AVAILABLE. ALSO, FREE ONLINE.

AUGUSTINIAN SPIRITUALITY

CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE. THE F.J. SHEED TRANSLATION.

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

"THE LIFE." in THE COLLECTED WORKS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA. ICS EDITION, VOLUME I.
"THE WAY OF PERFECTION & INTERIOR CASTLE. ST. TERESA OF AVILA. ICS EDITION. VOLUME II
THE COLLECTED WORKS OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS. ICS EDITION. BEGIN WITH ASCENT OF MT CARMEL
FIRE WITHIN. FR. THOMAS DUBAY

MODERN CLASSICS WORTH CONSIDERING...

PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD. BROTHER LAWRENCE OF THE RESURRECTION.
THE WAY OF A PILGRIM. [HELEN BACOVIN TRANSLATION].
THE SOUL OF THE APOSTOLATE. DOM CHAUTARD
THE LIFE OF CHRIST. BISHOP FULTON SHEEN...

IN DEPTH GENERAL STUDIES OF ASCETICAL MYSTICAL THEOLOGY

THE THREE CONVERSIONS IN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. FR. REGINALD GARRIGOU-LAGRANGE, OP.
THE SPIRITUAL LIFE: A TREATISE ON ASCETICAL & MYSTICAL THEOLOGY. ADOLPHE TANQUERAY
SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY. FR. JORDAN AUMANN, OP
CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION. FR. JORDAN AUMANN, OP.