

# NOTES FROM THE DIOCESAN LIBRARY

JUNE 2009

Tolle et lege  
"TAKE UP AND READ"  
St. Augustine (354-430)

The Diocesan Library: "NOT JUST FOR CATECHISTS ANYMORE!"

## PLAN AHEAD!!

July 4: Independence Day  
July 6: St. Maria Goretti  
July 11: St. Benedict  
July 14: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (American)  
July 25: St. James  
July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola



In honor of Independence Day

### Prayer for the Nation

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds... to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations. --- Abraham Lincoln, Second inaugural address (1864)

**LIBRARY WEBSITE:** <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/index.php> → "Departments" → "Catholic Formation" → "Diocesan Library"

**E-MAIL LIST:** Please share this information with Family, Friends, and Parishioners! Receive "NOTES" via email to include all or part of it in Sunday Bulletins, or post on Bulletin Boards! Just contact the Librarian – see contact info below.

**COMPUTER CATALOG:** Getting closer... It's still being tested so that it is perfect for you when it is unveiled!

**MAILING SERVICE:** We can mail Library items to you! We are here for **ALL** Catholics in Vermont!!

We just ask that you pay The return postage, and return the items within a **two week** time period.

**RENEW:** If you need items for longer than the two week borrowing period, just call or email the Librarian!

This will prevent any scary reminder (phone calls or emails) you may receive if your items are overdue! ☺

**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH: Faithful Citizenship** - <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/> - Part of the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* Website. In preparation for **Independence Day**, visit this site for a *Novena for Faithful Citizenship*, Media Resources, Articles, free Podcasts, free downloads from the USCCB, special pages for Parish & School Leaders, Diocesan & Community Leaders, and Young Catholics! Maybe send the link to your favorite political leaders...

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Do you know someone who is ill, or home-bound? Bring them a bag of books and movies from YOUR Diocesan Library to help them stay active in their Faith.

Here is a quote about the Corporal Works of Mercy:

"...On Judgment Day, either the day we die or at the end of the world, when Jesus, the Son of Man, the Just Judge (2 Tim 4:8), takes his glorious throne, and when all of the nations are assembled before him, each of us included, we will be judged on the basis of how we treated our neighbors because, as Jesus said, "Whatever you do for one of these least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me" (paraphrase, Mt 25:40)..."

From *The Corporal Works of Mercy* by Fr. Michael Van Sloun – [CatholicSpirit.com](http://CatholicSpirit.com) - Nov. 18, 2008.

## NEW MOVIES

**Clare and Francis: Together They Changed the World** – Ignatius Press - 2007

Produced under the sponsorship of the Franciscan Order, Clare and Francis was shot on location in Italy. Clare, the daughter of a patrician family, and Francis, the son of a rich merchant, leave it all to follow Christ. Francis renounces his inheritance to live the Gospel in poverty. Clare reads deep into his heart and decides to follow him, leaving her home and family to give herself as the bride of Christ. Both found major religious orders and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel, and their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.

**Faustina: The Mystical Life of The Visionary of Divine Mercy** – Directed by JerzyLukaszewicz

In 2000, Sister Faustina was canonized as the first saint of the new millennium. This stirring and evocative film depicts her life, from her girlhood through miraculous healings and her evolution within the Catholic church – based on Sister Faustina's own recordings in her spiritual diary. This is a film about a religious character facing the complexities of human life and the impenetrable mysteries of faith.

**John XXIII: The Pope of Peace** – Ignatius Press – 2008

An inspiring feature film on Blessed Pope John XXIII starring Edward Asner as the beloved pontiff who came from common stock and was known for his simplicity, goodness, courage and love for humanity. Shot on location in Rome and Italy, this movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth thru his young priesthood, Bishop, Cardinal and Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council. This film also underscores his wonderful sense of humor and great charity towards others, especially the poor, downtrodden, and the outcast.

**Keys of the Kingdom** – Based on the novel by A. J. Cronin

(Donated by a patron – Thank you so much!)

A classic religious feature film which was nominated for four Academy Awards in 1945, including Best Actor (Gregory Peck). After losing his parents and his childhood sweetheart to tragedy, Francis Chisholm (Peck) joins the priesthood and devotes himself to a life of service and compassion. But Chisholm's unorthodox beliefs raise eyebrows among his superiors,

especially Bishop Angus Mealy (Vincent Price). And when he is sent to the farthest reaches of China to rebuild an abandoned mission, Chisholm faces his greatest challenge of all: to tame a hostile land, win over a superstitious people and save his parish from an invading army.

**Pope Benedict XVI: A Love Affair With the Truth** - Ignatius Press & Rome Reports – 2008

The first in-depth biographical documentary film on the life of Pope Benedict XVI, from his childhood in Bavaria, Germany to his papacy as the Vicar of Christ. It includes unique film footage of his youthful days, his ordination to the priesthood, his consecration as Bishop, elevation to Cardinal, his work as head of the CDF and a close colleague of Pope John Paul II, his election as Pope, and what he has accomplished so far in his first three years of his papacy. This film reveals the real Joseph Ratzinger, a man who always sought and loved the truth, and has combined a brilliant mind with the pastoral heart of a shepherd in love with his flock. Includes Bonus Feature film footage of the highlights of the Pope's recent visit to the USA.

**St. Teresa of Avila [Teresa de Jesus]** - Ignatius Press – 2008

Teresa of Avila was called by God to reform and renew the Carmelite order, a daunting task. She was joined in this work by her great fellow Carmelite and spiritual director, St. John of the Cross. This film reveals the conversion that Teresa herself had to go thru to deepen her own union with Christ as she endeavored to bring about that same deeper spiritual reform of her Carmelite order. It shows the tremendous opposition that she and John both faced within (and without) their order to bring about this much needed spiritual renewal. She and John of the Cross were both great mystics who combined the essential dimensions of a profound spiritual life with the very practical aspects of being completely dedicated to the human tasks necessary for such a reform.

## NEW BOOKS

**Celebrations of the Word in the Year of St. Paul: Meditations of Pope Benedict XVI** – Pope Benedict XVI – Jan. 2009

Make a renewed commitment to the word of God in this Year of St. Paul with twelve special celebrations of the Word. Each celebration includes: An entrance antiphon, Song with music, Brief message from Pope Benedict XVI, Scripture reading, Meditation from Pope Benedict XVI, Intercessions, Concluding Prayer. Parish prayer groups, monastic communities, RCIA classes, Catholic schools, and youth/campus ministry groups will find this resource to be a source of prayer, spiritual growth, and revelation.

**St. Paul: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics (Jubilee Year of the Apostle Paul Edition)** – Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ – 2008

Immerse yourself in the person of the Apostle Paul--heroic in his martyr's death--but so recognizably human in his conversion story and subsequent letters to the faithful. Gain fresh insights into your own personal growth potential through the Scripture of St. Paul:

- What does Paul's conversion have to teach me about how power is perfected through my weaknesses?
- How does his experience as an apostle of Christ teach me about responding to my own vocation in life?
- How might I apply St. Paul's bold and creative approach to challenging today's cultural and social status quo?
- In what ways might I imitate his care and concern for the world?

Whether you use this guide for personal study, interactive journaling, or study with a group, you will find its format concise and easy to follow. Self-assessment charts invite you to test your knowledge of biblical passages, helping you retain what you learn.

**To Live Is Christ: A 40-Day Journey with Saint Paul** – Compiled by Peter Celano – Paraclete Press

Explore the life and spirituality of Saint Paul with popes, saints, and other great teachers of the Church. Published to coincide with Pope Benedict XVI's "Year of St. Paul," *To Live is Christ* will energize Christians of all backgrounds to study the great Apostle. It has been 2,000 years since St. Paul's birth. This is your guide to take forty days to deepen your life with Christ by discovering him once again. Also included is a 20-page opening section in which you will discover all of the major stages of St. Paul's life and ministry; and a unique collection of "Prayers of St. Paul," never before published in this format, and designed for easy memorization and application in your daily life.

**Mother Teresa's Secret Fire: The Encounter That Changed Her Life and How it Can Transform Your Own**

– Joseph Langford – Our Sunday Visitor - 2008

Thank you to OSV, for sending this book - free-of-charge.

Whatever you thought you knew - about God, about life, about the world - let Mother Teresa's spirituality take you deeper still. Written by the co-founder of her priest's community, Fr. Joseph Langford, and published at the personal request of Mother Teresa to share her message with the world. Includes personal stories of Mother Teresa, revealing insights, unprecedented access and understanding to Mother Teresa's source of passion, spirit, and relentless energy as a light of Christ.

**Diocese of Burlington Library (DOBL):** 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Bishop Brady Center – 351 North Ave. – Burlington, VT 05401

**Library Hours:** 9:00am - 5:00 pm every day that the Bishop Brady Center is open.

**Diocesan Librarian:** Kristina M. McSalis - [kmcsalis@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:kmcsalis@vermontcatholic.org) - 802-658-6110 Ext. 1135

Kristina works 15-20 hours per week, when schools are in session, **so she will be out of the Library all of July and August.**

**Self-Help System:** When the Librarian is not in, we use a self-help or "honor system", for checking out materials.

See signs for check-out procedure. If you need more help, an Office of Catholic Formation Staff Member can assist you too!

**Thank you for using YOUR Diocesan Library!** St. Joseph, pray for all Fathers on this Father's Day, June 21<sup>st</sup>.