



HANDBOOKS

Quasten, Johannes. *Patrology*. Westminster, MD: Newman, 1951–2006. 5 vols.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 67 .Q37]

Essays on each of the Fathers arranged in chronological order. Each essay includes a brief life of the Father and an examination of his theological thought as presented in his major writings. The bibliographies list the most important editions, translations, and critical studies. This is the appropriate tool to use when trying to locate an English translation of a patristic work.

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Dictionary of Early Christian Literature. Edited by Siegmur Döpp and Wilhelm Geerlings. New York: Crossroad, 2000.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .L4813 2000]

Alphabetically-arranged essays on each of the Fathers, including a number of lesser-known authors. The bibliographies – listing the most important editions, translations, and critical studies of each Father's works – are significantly more up-to-date than Quasten.

The Fathers of the Church: A Comprehensive Introduction. By Hubertus R. Drobner. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2007.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 67 .D7613 2007]

A chronological guide to the writings of the Fathers. The bibliographies often list editions, translations, and critical studies not included in the earlier volumes of Quasten.

The Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology. By John Anthony McGuckin. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 162.3 .M38 2004]

Concise articles on each of the Fathers, as well as particular theological topics.

Clavis Patrum Graecorum. Edited by Maurice Geerard. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 1983. 5 volumes + supplement.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .C53]

Clavis Patrum Latinorum. Edited by Eligius Dekkers and Aemilius Gaar. 3rd edition. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 1995.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .D44 1995]

Each of the claves lists the most important critical editions of patristic works. In the case of some patristic works they also list important translations and critical and textual works.

MAJOR COLLECTIONS (ORIGINAL LANGUAGE)

Patrologiae cursus completus. Paris: Migne, 1844-1880.

[Series graeca, 161 volumes, Pontifical Institute 4th Floor – BQ 310 .M34]

[Series latina, 221 volumes, St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BR 60 .M4 1844]

[Series latina available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

In spite of the fact that the two series published by Jacques-Paul Migne are over a century old, they remain the most comprehensive collections of patristic texts. Greek works are accompanied by Latin translations. Unfortunately the texts which Migne collected and reprinted were not always the best available; there are also numerous typographical errors.

Library of Latin Texts.

[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

The largest database of writings in Latin including all of the fathers as well as many medieval and even Counter-Reformation theologians. Series A is texts published by Brepols in *Corpus Christianorum: Series latina* (St Michael's 3rd Floor – BQ 310 .C6) and *Continuatio medievalis*; Series B is texts published by other publishers.

Corpus Christianorum : Series graeca. Turnholt: Brepols, 1977-present.

[Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Library – BQ 310 .C85]

Corpus Christianorum is designed to supplant Migne's *Patrologia* with new critical texts, as well as to make available works not found in Migne. Presently this series only includes a small percentage of the texts available in Migne; but these texts are far superior in quality and include a critical apparatus.

Sources chrétiennes. Paris: Cerf, 1942–present.

[Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Library] (each volume catalogued separately)

Original language versions with a French translation. Each volume is classified separately; check the online catalog to find a particular author and work.

MAJOR COLLECTIONS (ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS)

Each of these sets provides English language translations of a *selection* of patristic texts. None of them provides the comprehensive coverage of Migne's *Patrologia*. Use the bibliographies in Quasten's *Patrology* to find out if a particular patristic work has been translated in one of these sets.

Ancient Christian Writers : The Works of the Fathers in Translation. Paulist, 1946–present. 66 volumes and growing.

[St. Michael's – each volume catalogued separately]

The Fathers of the Church : A New Translation. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 1947–present. 125 volumes and growing.

[St. Michael's – each volume catalogued separately]

[Some volumes available online: http://www.orthodox.cn/patristics/frchurchnewtrans_en.htm]

The Ante-Nicene Fathers : Translations of the Writings of the Fathers down to A.D. 325. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994. 10 volumes.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 60 .A62 1994]

A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1994. First Series, 14 volumes; Second Series, 14 volumes
First Series, [St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 60 .S4 1994]
Second Series, [St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 60 .S42 1994]

Church Fathers in English.

[Available online: <http://www.ccel.org/fathers2/>]

Searchable versions of the texts found in *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* and both series of *A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church*.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

The Faith of Catholics : Confirmed by Scripture and Attested by the Fathers of the First Five Centuries of the Church. Edited by Joseph Berington and John Kirk. New York: Pustet, 1910. 3 volumes.
[Available online: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BQT 507 .B4]

Passages from Scripture and the Fathers arranged by subject. Within each subject section patristic texts are arranged in chronological order, enabling one to see the development of Catholic doctrine.

The Faith of the Early Fathers. Edited by William A. Jurgens. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 1970. 3 volumes.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BR 63 .F3 1970b]

A chronologically-arranged collection of the most important patristic passages needed for theological study. Volume three includes a classified index of subjects.

A Dictionary of Early Christian Beliefs. Edited by David W. Bercot. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1998.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .D53 1998]

Paragraph-length excerpts of patristic writings arranged according to 700 different theological, moral, and historical subjects. Only includes Ante-Nicene Fathers (i.e. Fathers who lived before the First Nicene Council of 325 A.D.).

Aurifodina universalis divinarum atque humanarum ex fontibus aureis sanctorum patrum. Edited by Robert de Cambrai. Paris: Vives, 1868. 4 volumes.
[Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Library – BQT 184 .R6]

Sentence-length excerpts from patristic and classical writings arranged by subject. In Latin.

Message of the Fathers of the Church. Wilmington, DE: Glazier; Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 1983–1992.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BR 63 .M47 v. 1-11, 13-22]

Each volume includes lengthy patristic excerpts on a particular topic (e.g. sacraments, social thought).

Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Edited by Thomas C. Oden and Christopher A. Hall. Downers Grove, IL.: Intervarsity, 1998-2010.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor] (each volume catalogued separately)

English translations of patristic biblical commentaries from the second to the eighth century.

INDEXES

Biblia Patristica : index des citations et allusions bibliques dans la littérature patristique. Paris: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, 1975–present. 7 volumes + supplement.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BR 66.5 .U53 1975]

An index to all the occasions when a Father quotes a particular verse of Sacred Scripture.

Index Patristicus, sive Clavis Patrum Apostolicorum Operum. Edited by Edgar J. Goodspeed. Naperville, IL: Allenson, 1960.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 67 .G6 1960]

A selective word index to the Apostolic Fathers.

DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church. 3rd edition by F.L. Cross. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997.
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .O8 1997]

Brief identifications of people, movements, organizations, and doctrines in Church history. Short scholarly bibliographies which emphasize primary sources.

Encyclopedia of Ancient Christianity. Produced by the Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP Academic, 2014. 3 volumes.
[Emmanuel College Reference Area – BR66.5 .D5813 2014]
[1992 edition St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .D5813 1992]

The most scholarly English-language dictionary of Christian antiquity with twice as many articles and a broader coverage than Ferguson's *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity* (below). The entries, ranging from one or two paragraphs to five or six pages in length, include substantial bibliographies of sources and major secondary works in English as well as in other Western European languages.

Encyclopedia of Early Christianity. 2nd edition by Everett Ferguson. New York: Garland, 1997. 2 volumes.
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 162.2 .E53 1997]

A slightly more readable dictionary of Christian antiquity than the *Encyclopedia of Ancient Christianity* (above). Specialists in patristics and early Christian history will find it useful for concise, accurate summaries, ready access to facts, and basic bibliographies.

Dictionary of Early Christian Literature. Edited by Siegmur Dopp and Wilhelm Geerlings. New York: Crossroad, 2000.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .L4813 2000]

Articles are mostly about individuals (many not found in other dictionaries), but also include specific works and genres of literature. Thorough bibliographies of editions and secondary works in the major Western European languages.

New Catholic Encyclopedia. 2nd edition. Washington, DC: Gale, 2002. 15 volumes.
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 841 .N44 2002]

This work is the major English-language encyclopedia on Catholic topics. It contains some 17,000 articles, each with a bibliography. Unfortunately many of the articles in the 2003/online edition are reprints from the 1967 edition without any updating. Use this work to get an overview of a subject and to see how it can be divided into narrower topics for a paper.

The Catholic Encyclopedia. New York: Encyclopedia Press, 1905-1922. 16 volumes + 2 supplements.
[Available online: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area - BX 841 .C25 1907]

For over fifty years this work was the chief source of information on the Catholic Church in English-speaking countries. Owing to its length (it has almost twice as many words as the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*) and its emphasis on historical articles, it is still useful.

Dictionnaire d'histoire et de géographie ecclésiastiques. Paris: Letouzey et Ané, 1912 – present. 28 volumes (in progress).
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .D52 1912]

The most comprehensive reference work in Church history; mostly brief articles (with bibliographies) on terms, persons, places, events, and movements. Complete only to the letter “K”.

The Oxford Dictionary of Byzantium. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991. 3 volumes.
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]
[Print version: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DF 521 .O93 1991]

Major survey articles as well as shorter articles on lesser topics covering the Byzantine Empire from the 4th to the 15th centuries.

Corpus Christi: An Encyclopedia of the Eucharist. Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1988.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 2215.2 .O28 1988]

Ecclesia: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Church. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1996.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 841 .O36 1996]

Theotokos: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1982.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BT 599 .O25 1983]

Trinitas: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Holy Trinity. Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1987.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BT 111.2 .O24 1987]

Veni Creator Spiritus: A Theological Encyclopedia of the Holy Spirit. Wilmington, DE: Glazier, 1990.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BT 121.2 .O335 1990]

Verbum caro: A Theological Encyclopedia of Jesus, the Christ. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1992.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BT 199 .O23 1992]

The subject-specific theological encyclopedias published by Glazier and Liturgical Press each include articles about the thought of particular Fathers (e.g. Saint John Chrysostom on the Trinity).

Augustine Through the Ages: An Encyclopedia. Edited by Allan D. Fitzgerald. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – B 655 .Z69 A84 1999]

Five hundred articles covering every area of Augustine studies.

FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

Bibliographical Information Base in Patristics.
[Available online: <http://www4.bibl.ulaval.ca/bd/bibp/english.html>]

Over 30,000 bibliographic citations to articles from some 325 journals. At present the database can only be searched in French.

Bibliographia Patristica : Internationale Patristische Bibliographie. Berlin : De Gruyter, 1956 - 1997.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .B5]

This was formerly the major annual index to books and articles about the Fathers as well as related historical or theological topics. For material on the writings of particular Fathers, look in the section entitled "Auctores" (Authors).

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.
[Available online (1949 - present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Over one million bibliographic citations to journal articles, essays in books, and book reviews in the field of religion. Covers all aspects of the major world religions and now includes all the content of the online *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index*. For Catholic journal articles published between 1930 and 1980 use the print version of *Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area - AI 3 .C3).

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Bibliographies for the Study of Early Christianity & Patristic Theology. William Harmless.
[Available online: http://moses.creighton.edu/harmless/bibliographies_for_theology/Patristics_0.htm]

Created by a professor at Creighton University.

Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods. By James E. Bradley and Richard A. Muller. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 138 .B69 1995]

The Early Church: An Annotated Bibliography of Literature in English. By Thomas A. Robinson. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1993.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 162.2 .R63 1993]

PATRISTIC SOURCES FOR HOMILIES

Journey with the Fathers: Commentaries on the Sunday Gospels. Edited by Edith Barnecut. Hyde Park, NY: New City Press, 1992-1993. 3 volumes.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2178 .J68 1992]

For each Sunday gospel of the three-year Roman lectionary, this work presents a two-page excerpt from a patristic homily.

Christ Our Light: Patristic Readings on Gospel Themes. Edited by Henry Ashworth. Riverdale, MD: Exordium Books, 1981-1985. 2 volumes.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BX 2170 .C55 C43 1981]

Excerpts from one or two patristic homilies on the gospel for each Sunday of the three-year Roman lectionary.

Thomas Aquinas. ***Catena Aurea: Commentary on the Four Gospels Collected out of the Works of the Fathers.*** Albany, NY: Preserving Christian Publications, 1993. 4 volumes in 7.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BS 2555 .A2 T513 1993]
[Matthew and Mark available online: <http://www.ccel.org/a/aquinas>]

Saint Thomas' "Golden Chain" is a collection of patristic passages on the verses of the gospels arranged in chapter and verse order.

The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers. Chicago: Regnery, 1958. 4 volumes.
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BS 2555 .T57]

For each Sunday of the old Roman lectionary (pre-1969), between three and six patristic sermons are presented.