HANDBOOKS


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.


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.


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.


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


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: heept://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.

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

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[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 60 .A62 1994]

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/]


**SUBJECT SELECTIONS**


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.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – 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.

[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.

[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).
**INDEXES**


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

**DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS**


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


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.


A slightly more readable dictionary of Christian antiquity than Angelo Di Berardino’s *Encyclopedia of the Early Church* (above). Specialists in patristics and early Christian history will find it useful for concise, accurate summaries, ready access to facts, and basic bibliographies.
[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.

[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.

[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.

[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”.

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

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

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 2215.2 .O28 1988]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 841 .O36 1996]

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).

Five hundred articles covering every area of Augustine studies.

**FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES**

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .B5]

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).

*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.

*Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI).*  

Over 200,000 bibliographic citations to Catholic books, book reviews, and journal articles from more than 160 Catholic magazines. A much larger number of articles on historical topics will be found in the older volumes of the print version.

*ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.*  
[Available online (1949 - present) for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca. Search “E-resources” for ATLA. Click on “go”.]  

Over one million bibliographic citations to journal articles, essays in books, and book reviews in the field of religion.
BIBLIOGRAPHIES


PATRISTIC SOURCES FOR HOMILIES


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


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


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


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

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NOTICE: The Board of the North American Patristics Society regrets having to announce the cancellation of our 2020 Annual Meeting. We're here to help you write your research papers. Scholars and librarians have collated some of the best resources for literary research and we have the latest styleguides to guide you through footnoting, referencing and bibliographies. Explore our in-depth resources for key literary works or visit our ask & answer section to submit your research dilemmas. Writing Guides. How to Write a Research Paper. Research, writing and style guides.