

Recommended Resources List: Results of a Survey of Religious & Seminary Formation Personnel

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The following list of resources has been generated as a result of a national survey of seminaries and religious communities exploring current practices for celibacy formation in United States seminaries and religious communities. This survey was undertaken in preparation for a national conference on celibacy formation cosponsored by Saint Luke Institute and Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary & School of Theology in December 2015.

As part of the survey, formation directors of seminaries and men's and women's religious communities were asked the following question: "What resources for celibacy formation would you recommend to others who are engaged in celibacy formation work in seminaries/religious communities?" The resources listed below are those that were recommended by more than one respondent.

Church Documents:

Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos. 1579, 1599, 915, 916)

Pastores dabo vobis, Pope John Paul II

Program for Priestly Formation, USCCB

Sacerdotalis caelibatus, Pope Paul VI

Vita consecrata, Pope John Paul II

Speakers:

Ray Carey

Sr. Lynn Levo

Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB

Dr. Kevin McClone

Programs and Institutions:

Saint Luke Institute (website: <http://sli.org/>)

Guest House (website: <http://guesthouse.org/>)

Southdown (website <http://southdown.on.ca/>)

Institute for Priestly Formation (website: <http://priestlyformation.org/>)

Institute of Religious Formation at Catholic Theological Union (website: <http://www.ctu.edu/IRF>)

Institute for Sexuality Studies at Catholic Theological Union (website: <http://issmclone.com/>)

Books:

Living Celibacy: Healthy Pathways for Priests, Sonny Manuel, SJ, Paulist Press, 2012.

Thoughts Matter by St. Mary Margaret Funk, OSB, Continuum, 1988

The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything (Chapter 9) by James Martin, SJ, Harper, 2012

The Joy of Priesthood by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, Ave Maria Press, 2005

The Theology of the Body by Pope John Paul II, Pauline Press, 1997

The Charism of Priestly Celibacy: Biblical, Theological and Pastoral Reflections, edited by John Cavadini, Ave Maria Press, 2012

Virginity: A Positive Approach to Celibacy for the Sake of the Kingdom of Heaven by R. Cantalamessa, Alba House, 1995

The Courage to be Chaste by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, Paulist Press, 1988

Spiritual Direction for Priestly Celibacy by David Songy, OFM, Cap, available on Amazon, 2012

The First Five Years of Priesthood: A Study of Newly Ordained Catholic Priests by Dean Hoge, Liturgical Press, 2002

Selling All: Commitment, Consecrated Celibacy, and Community in Catholic Religious Life by Sandra Schneiders, IHM, Paulist Press, 2001

Finding the Treasure: Locating Catholic Religious Life in a New Ecclesial and Cultural Text by Sandra Schneiders, IHM, Paulist Press, 2000

Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality by Ronald Rolheiser, Image, 2009

When God Asks for an Undivided Heart by Andrew Apostoli, Basilica Press, 2007

And You are Christ's: the Charism of Virginity and the Celibate life (1987) by Thomas Dubay, Ignatius Press, 1987

Strangers to the City: Reflections on the Beliefs and Values of the Rule of Saint Benedict (Chapter 5, Chastity) by Michael Casey, Paraclete Press, 2006.

Holy Eros: Pathways to a Compassionate God by James and Evelyn Whithead, Orbis, 2008.

Periodicals:

Human Development Magazine (website: <http://www.hdmag.org/>)

Horizon (Journal of the National Religious Vocations Conference; website: https://nrvc.net/home_page)

Webinars:

Living Celibacy: four-part webinar series by Br. John Mark Falkenhain, OSB offered by SLI Connect
(website: <https://www.sliconnect.org/>)

Technological Resources:

Covenant Eyes (internet accountability software ; website: <http://www.covenanteyes.com/>)