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AUDIO CATALOGUE

TALKING BOOK CARTRIDGES

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In Alphabetical Order

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*A Book of Quiet Prayer: for all the Seasons, Stages, Moods, and Circumstances of Life,* by William J. Byron, SJ (DBX0808): Invites us to let God touch our lives wherever we may be, in whatever age or state of mind, and in all imaginable circumstances. Also available in braille and BRF (B1099).

*A Friendship like No Other: Experiencing God's Amazing Embrace,* by William J. Barry, SJ (DBX0832): Father Barry explores the premise that God wants to relate to us as a close friend. Offers three well-supported and practical sections: prayerful exercises to help lead you to the conviction that God wants your friendship; a close look at objections to this idea; and reflections on experiencing the presence of God and discerning those experiences. Brief, personal meditations are woven throughout. Also available in braille and BRF (B1110).

*A Gift for God: Prayers and Meditations,* by Mother Teresa (DBX0156): The letters, meditations, lectures, and private prayers collected here reveal Mother Teresa's wisdom, compassion, and abiding faith in God, and offer a glimpse into the heart of the gentle sister of Calcutta. By sharing a taste of Christ's own love with those she served and with us, she has offered inspiration and hope for all.

*A Mind at Peace: Reclaiming an Ordered Soul in the Age of Distraction,* by Christopher Blum and Joshua P. Hochschild (DBX1251): Drawing on the wisdom of the world's greatest thinkers, including Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, and St. Thomas Aquinas, these pages help you identify and show you how to cultivate the qualities of character you need to survive in our media-saturated environment. This book offers a calm, measured, yet forthright and effective approach to regaining interior peace. Also available in braille and BRF (B1731).

*A Pope and a President: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Extraordinary Untold Story of the 20th Century,* by Paul Kengor (DBX 1203): In this fascinating book, Kengor reveals a singular bond which included a spiritual connection between the Catholic pope and the Protestant president that drove the two men to confront what they knew to be the great evil of the twentieth century: Soviet communism.

*A Priest Answers 27 Questions That You Never Thought to Ask,* by Michael Kerper (DBX1253): Fr. Michael Kerper has collected and answered over two dozen questions that most of us have asked, but rarely took the time to seek an answer. With wit and enthusiasm, Fr. Kerper tackles each question head-on, relying on Scripture, tradition, the *Catechism*, and the writing of the saints to provide us with answers. Fast-paced and thoroughly enjoyable, this book provides you with a treasure trove of little-known knowledge to share with your family and friends. Also available in braille and BRF (B1730).

*About Hoping,* by Edward Allemand (DBX0002): Explores the place of hope in our daily lives.

*About Loving,* by David P. O'Neill (DBX0003): Explores the role of love in the growth process.

*Against the Tide: The Radical Leadership of Pope Francis,* by John Allen, Jr. (DBX1015): Pope Francis has fascinated the world with his humility, his compassion, and his radical vision for the Church. He has welcomed the homeless into the Vatican, embraced people with diseases, and shaken a complacent hierarchy. Shepherds, he said, should acquire the smell of the sheep. In short, as he has urged young people to do, he swims against the tide. Also available in braille and BRF (B1396).

*American and Catholic: Stories of the People Who Built the Church,* by C. Walker Gollar (DBX1264): The Catholic Church in America was built in the missions of the West, the slums of New York, and the heartland of the Midwest by ordinary believers forging extraordinary lives. C. Walker Gollar tells their stories, which become the story of the Church. *American and Catholic* tackles difficult topics such as slavery, the treatment of Native Americans, martyrdom, the role of women, and immigration in a balanced and nuanced way. From the time of the first European explorers to the twenty-first century, it offers glimpses into the long, sometimes painful, and always changing life of the Church in the United States. Also available in braille and BRF (B1741).

*Angels and Saints: A Biblical Guide to Friendship with God's Holy Ones,* by Scott Hahn (DBX1135): Dispels traditional notions of angels and saints, telling stories of several and explaining that we need to be more like the saints if we want to live in heaven someday. Dr. Hahn shows us that our heavenly life can begin now.

*Angels of God, Our Guardians Dear: Today's Catholics Rediscover Angels,* by Mary Drahos (DBX1205): Captivating stories of angels at work in the lives of the saints. Inspiring accounts of angels intervening in the lives of people today.

*Anthony of Padua: Proclaimer of the Gospel,* by Lothar Hardick, OFM (DBX0630): A detailed account of the life of St. Anthony and the various customs associated with him.

*Archbishop Romero: Martyr of Salvador,* by Placido Erdozain (DBX0513): Portrait of the martyred Archbishop by a priest who worked with Romero in San Salvador. Archbishop Romero was a prelate of the Catholic Church in El Salvador who served as the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture amid a growing war between left-wing and right-wing forces. In 1980, Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass in the chapel of the Hospital of Divine Providence. Archbishop Romero was recently named "Blessed" by Pope Francis.

*As I Lay Dying: Meditations upon Returning,* by Richard John Neuhaus (DBX0824): This title tells the story of one person's encounter with death and what he learned from that encounter. Richard John Neuhaus has been to the very edge of mortality, and he has lived to tell about it with deep wisdom, relentless realism, unconquerable hope, and more than a touch of humor.

*Audio Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska* (DBX0889): A thorough presentation of the intimate conversations between the humble Polish nun, Jesus and Mary. Spoken and sung versions of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are included.

*The Autobiography of a Hunted Priest,* by John Gerard, SJ (DBX0029): The gripping true story of an Elizabethan hunted priest. John Gerard was a Lancashire man, educated at Oxford and ordained in Rome. After a ministry in East Anglia he was arrested and tortured in the Tower of London but, miraculously, escaped and continued working as a priest for the next eight years, even gaining access to the courts of Elizabeth I and James I. After the Gunpowder Plot, however, he fled to the continent where he wrote this autobiography, which transports the reader into a world of priest-holes, secret Masses and high intrigue. He died in Rome in 1637 without ever seeing England again.

B

*Be Brave in the Scared: How I Learned to Trust God during the Most Difficult Days of My Life,* by Mary E. Lenaburg (DBX1265): *Be Brave in the Scared* is an uplifting account of human frailty (and stubbornness) surrendered to faith. Lenaburg tells the heart-rending story of how caring for her severely disabled daughter affected her self-image, marriage, family life, and faith. Although she initially struggled to accept God's will and her own limitations, Lenaburg ultimately learned how to trust God. She found in that trust inexplicable joy, even during the most difficult days of her life. She writes boldly and authentically about challenges we all encounter, such as trials with control, blame, exhaustion, fear, and acceptance. Lenaburg's extraordinary story affirms that God's redeeming love never fails and that he is there to help us through all of the challenges we encounter. Also available in braille and BRF (B1797).

*Beautiful Hope: Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World,* by Pope Francis, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, Matthew Kelly, Dr. Allen R. Hunt, Father Mike Schmitz, Sister Miriam James Heidland (DBX1252): We live in a culture that produces hopelessness with astounding consistency. When everything seems chaotic and we are faced with a multitude of negative realities, we might be tempted to say that nothing makes sense anymore. But we are not alone God walks with us and his lively presence fills us with hope. And so we are able to smile in spite of our difficulties. Despair is defeated because God is among us. Hope does not disappoint! Also available on BARD (DBC16632)! Also available in braille and BRF (B1622)

*Becoming Who You Are: Insights on the True Self from Thomas Merton and Other Saints,* by James Martin, SJ (DBX0835): By meditating on personal examples from the author's life, as well as reflecting on the inspirational life and writings of Thomas Merton, stories from the Gospels, as well as the lives of other holy men and women (among them, Henri Nouwen, Thérèse of Lisieux and Pope John XXIII) the reader will see how becoming who you are, and becoming the person that God created, is a simple path to happiness, peace of mind and even sanctity.

*Before I Sleep: The Last Days of Tom Dooley,* by James Monahan (DBX0035): This book about the man who dedicated his life to helping the sick and the poor of southeastern Asia "is made up of the recollections of the people who were with Dr. Dooley from the time of his cancer operation in August, 1959, to his death in January, 1961. Also available in braille and BRF (B1584)

*Bernadette of Lourdes: A Life Based on Authenticated Documents,* by Rene Laurentin (DBX0142): Recounts the day-to-day experiences of the saint to whom Our Lady appeared at Lourdes. Also available in braille and BRF (B1175)

*The Best Is Yet to Be: Life's Meaning in the Aging Years,* by Eugene S. Geissler (DBX0476): Brings to light the positive aspects of growing older and calls to mind the great potential of the golden years.

*Beyond Broken Dreams: A Scriptural Pathway to New Life,* by Karen Berry, OFM (DBX0140): It is no secret that the words of Scripture possess a profound healing power—a power to touch our pain, bring light to our confusion and restore life after the many dyings we face in a lifetime. Beyond Broken Dreams unleashes that power. This collection of Scripture reflections charts a way through personal experiences of loss and brokenness. Sister Karen Berry, seeking ways to deal with her own hurt, turned to the experiences of Jesus and the people who knew him, and found messages of hope even when she wasn't feeling hopeful herself. So, if you have ever felt broken, cried in pain or had a dream that became a nightmare, then let this book be your guide along the pathway that leads beyond your broken dreams. Also available in braille and BRF (B1951).

*Beyond the Mirror: Reflections on Death and Life,* by Henri Nouwen (DBX0627): With searing honesty Henri J. M. Nouwen describes the events leading up to his near fatal accident and recalls the transformative experience at the portal of death. *Beyond the Mirror* helps us contact the powerful reality of unconditional love that Nouwen experienced as he touched eternity. His insight inspires us to live our lives freely with confidence and trust that we belong to God. Also available in braille and BRF (B0951)

*A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy,* by Dr. Edward Sri (DBX1210): As Catholics, the Catholic Mass is the center of our Faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? Dr. Edward Sri takes us on a unique tour of the liturgy. Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this book explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and explains their profound significance. This intriguing look at the Catholic Mass is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist. Also available in braille and BRF (B8131)

*Black Elk: Holy Man of the Oglala,* by Michael F. Steltenkamp (DBX1212): Based on conversations with Black Elk's surviving friends and relatives, especially his daughter Lucy Looks Twice: a reassessment of the Lakota holy man's religious vocation and devotion to his fellow American Indians.

*The Boy Child is Dying: A South African Experience,* by Judy Boppell Peace (DBX0022): A short portrait of everyday life in South Africa during apartheid. The author lived there 8 years, and writes about "feeling the pain of loving this land". This book gives an intimate view of a painful time.

C

*Caryll Houselander: That Divine Eccentric,* by Maisie Ward(DBX0062): Dubbed "that divine eccentric," Caryll Houselander married prodigious artistic and literary talents with unstinting devotion to the poor, the sick, and the sinners in her midst. Ronald Knox said that she "seemed to see everything for the first time, and…seemed to find no difficulty in getting the right word; no, not merely the right word, the telling word, that left you gasping." In her own words, "broken across psychologically" by neuroses and temptations, "not by nature patient, kind, gentle," Houselander's critical faculty made charity a constant challenge—despite her persistent efforts to "see Christ in everyone." Nevertheless, her distinguishing characteristic was a deep, genuine love of God, finding expression in a mysticism which ultimately kept her sane and centered on Christ until her untimely death at the age of fifty-four. In this absorbing, competently crafted biography, Maisie Ward pays tribute to a woman who offered her very self unreservedly to Christ and his brethren, from greatest to least. *Caryll Houselander: That Divine Eccentric* shows clearly that, like her written works, Houselander herself is "still alive, still contemporary."

*Catechism of the Catholic Church* (DBX7106): A historic document that clearly states the essential and fundamental teaching of the Catholic Church.

*Catherine of Siena,* by Sigrid Undset (DBX0942): One of the greatest novelists of the twentieth century, Undset was no stranger to hagiography. Catherine of Siena was a particular favorite of Undset, who also was a Third Order Dominican. An extraordinarily active, intelligent, and courageous woman, Catherine at an early age devoted herself to the love of God. The intensity of her prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor won her a reputation for holiness and wisdom, and she was called upon to make peace between warring nobles. With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

*The Catholic Answer Book of Mary,* by Father Peter Stravinskas (DBX1213): It's no wonder Mary represents a major stumbling block to Christian unity. Now from the pages of the award-winning *The Catholic Answer* magazine, *The Catholic Answer Book of Mary* is a compilation of the most popular articles that have been written about the beloved virgin.

*The Catholic Church: A Short History,* by Hans Küng (DBX1204): Kung chronicles the Roman Catholic Church's role as a world power throughout history. Along the way, he examines the great schisms between East and West, and Catholic and Protestant as well as the evolving role of the papacy, the stories of the great reforming popes, and the expansion of a global church infrastructure. Also available in braille and BRF (B1599)

*The Catholic Classics I,* by Dinesh D'Souza (DBX0697): Introduction to the lives and works of great Catholic thinkers, including the biographical context of their writing. These include: Augustine's *Confessions*, *Boethius' Consolation of Philosophy,* Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, Aquinas' *Summa Theologica*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, Pascal's *Pensées*, Thomas à Kempis' *Imitation of Christ,* Newman's *Apologia Pro Vita Sua,* Chesterton's *Orthodoxy* and Merton's *Seven Storey Mountain.* This is an ideal book for anyone interested in the literary heritage of the Catholic faith. Also available in braille and BRF (B1256)

*The Catholic Classics II,* by Dinesh D'Souza (DBX0519): Brief life and work of ten great writers, including Benedict, Teresa of Avila, Robert Bellarmine, Jacques Maritain, and C.S. Lewis. Also available in braille and BRF (B1262).

*Christ Lives in Me: A Pastoral Reflection on Jesus and His Meaning for Christian Life,* by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (DBX0012): Guidance from the eminent Cardinal from Chicago. Bernardin's original academic ambition was to become a physician, inspiring him to enroll in the pre-medical program at the University of South Carolina. However, a year later, Bernardin recognized his calling to serve as a Catholic priest. He served as President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as Archbishop of Chicago from 1982 until his death in 1996.

*Christmas at the Nativity,* by Pope Francis (DBX1321): Written with his beloved down to earth style, Pope Francis tells the story of Christmas through the lens of the different characters of the Nativity scene. This book, in English for the first time, is destined to be a perennial Christmas classic. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. Also available in braille and BRF (B1983)

*Church Fathers: From Clement of Rome to Augustine,* by Pope Benedict XVI (DBX7205): Biographical history of the Apostolic Fathers of the Early Church. Figures include Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus of Lyon. Benedict also discusses such great Christian figures as Tertullian, Origen, and Cyprian of Carthage, the Cappadocian Fathers, as well as the giants John Chrysostom, Jerome, Augustine, Leo the Great, and Benedict of Nursia.

*Confederate Chaplain: A War Journal of Rev. James B. Sheeran, C.SS.R* (DBX0083): This is the fascinating Civil War diary of a Redemptorist priest, Rev. James Sheeran, C.Ss.R., who was chaplain to the 14th Louisiana Regiment of the Confederacy. The journal tells of all the major events of his life in abundant detail: on the battle field, in the hospitals, and among Catholics and Protestants whom he encountered in local towns, on the trains, and in the course of his ministrations. The window given into the pastoral dimension of serving in America's bloodiest war is further enhanced by a running commentary on politics, race, religion, and charitable works throughout the South.

*Confessions of a Convert,* by Robert Hugh Benson (DBX1024): Mentioned by Pope Francis as a writer whom everyone should read, Robert Hugh Benson shares his spiritual journey from being an Anglican and son of the archbishop of Canterbury to becoming a Roman Catholic priest. Through his humble, honest, and memorable story, Benson invites us to think about what it means to wrestle with the deep questions of our Catholic faith while rejoicing in the power of their universal truths. He shows us that coming closer to Christ and his Church is not always neat and tidy. Benson's humor and humility help bridge the century-long gap between his time and ours and he teaches us to embrace the questions, struggles, and falterings of our faith in a way that's full of God's love.

*The Confessions of St. Augustine,* translated by John K. Ryan (DBX7100): Heartfelt, incisive, and timeless, *The Confessions of Saint Augustine* has captivated readers for more than fifteen hundred years. Retelling the story of his long struggle with faith and ultimate conversion—the first such spiritual memoir ever recorded—Saint Augustine traces a story of sin, regret, and redemption that is both deeply personal and, at the same time, universal. Also available in braille and BRF (B1460).

*Conquistador without Sword: The Life of Roque Gonzalez, S.J,* by C.J. McNaspy, S.J. (DBX0304): Son of one of the original conquistadors, Roque dedicated his intense life to the defense of the Guaraní people of Paraguay and became the main founder of the famed "Reductions" – havens for those against enslavement by the colonists. Roque was the First American-born martyr who died while serving the Guaraní. The irony of Roque's martyrdom is that those who executed him were unaware that they were killing their most stalwart defender. Also available in braille and BRF (B1023).

*The Cross Gives Me Courage,* by Mary Ujka (DBX0016): Mary Ujka spent years in institutions because she has Cerebral Palsy. Filed away as a "low grade", termed unable to be educated and given a life expectancy of seven years on admittance, only her remarkable courage and faith sustained her. The reader is given a rare opportunity to view the life of an institutionalized, severely handicapped person through her own words—the friends that she made, the growth she was determined to achieve, and especially the deep faith in God that guided and comforted her. It is a story that celebrates the human spirit.

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*Dagger John: Archbishop John Hughes and the Making of Irish America,* by John Loughery (DBX1227): The story of John Hughes, son of Ireland, friend of William Seward and James Buchanan, founder of St. John's College (now Fordham University), builder of Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue, pioneer of parochial-school education, and American diplomat. Also available in braille and BRF (B1662).

*Daily Gospel Meditations for Lent: The Christian Dilemma,* by Isaias Powers, CP (DBX6007): Prayers and meditations focusing on the practical concerns of the first Christians: how to respond to people who ask for help. Also available in braille and BRF (B6007).

*The Dangerous Act of Loving Your Neighbor: Seeing Others through the Eyes of Jesus,* by Mark Labberton (DBX1106): Jesus didn't see a sick woman, he saw a daughter of God. He didn't see an outcast from society, he saw a child of Israel. He didn't see a sinner, he saw a person in the image of the Creator. Are we able to see others with the eyes of Jesus? Seeing rightly is the beginning of renewal, forgiveness, healing and grace. Seeing rightly, says Mark Labberton, is the beginning of how our hearts are changed. Through careful self-examination in the Spirit, we begin to bear the fruit of love toward others that can make a difference. Also available in braille and BRF (B1555).

*Daniel Rudd: Calling a Church to Justice,* by Gary B. Agee (DBX1269): Agee offers a compelling look at the life and work of this visionary born into slavery who found inspiration in his Catholic faith to fight for the principles of liberty and justice. Rudd's hopeful spirit lives on today in the important work of the National Black Catholic Congress, as it carries forward his pursuit of social justice. Also available in braille and BRF (B1682)

*The Day Christ Was Born: The True Account of the First 24 Hours of Jesus's Life,* by Jim Bishop (DBX0645): The nativity story is retold in colorful detail and with sympathetic understanding. It includes the coming of the magi, the flight to Egypt, and the family's return home.

*Deus Caritas Est: God Is Love,* by Pope Benedict XVI (DBX7420): In today's high-tech, fast-paced world, love is often portrayed as being separate from Church teaching. Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical sought to overturn that perception and describe the essential place of love in the life of the Church. The Holy Father explains the various dimensions of love, highlighting the distinctions between "eros" and "agape," Jesus as the incarnate love of God, and the scriptural law of love. In part two, he links the Church's charitable work with the love of God as Trinity, noting that the Church must express love through acts of justice and charity. This encyclical is an ideal reflection for religious and civic leaders, those preparing for marriage, and those engaged in justice and charitable work. Also available in braille and BRF (B7420)

*The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of* *Disability,* by Nancy L. Eiesland (DBX1259): Draws on themes of the disability-rights movement to identify people with disabilities as members of a socially disadvantaged minority group rather than as individuals who need to adjust. Highlights the hidden history of people with disabilities in church and society. Eiesland contends that in the Eucharist, Christians encounter the disabled God and may participate in new imaginations of wholeness and new embodiments of justice.

*Discovering Our Jewish Roots: A Simple Guide to Judaism,* by Anna Marie Erst, SHJC (DBX0712): A simple, readable presentation of the principal beliefs, traditions, and rites of Judaism that includes an account of Judaism's influence on Christianity.

*The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation,* by Richard Rohr (DBX1163): What if changing our perception of God has the potential to change everything? God is not what you think. Visions of an angry, distant, moral scorekeeper or a supernatural Santa Claus handing out cosmic lottery tickets to those who attend the right church or say the right prayer dominate our culture. For many others, God has become irrelevant or simply unbelievable. In *The Divine Dance,* Fr. Richard Rohr (with Mike Morrell) points readers to an unlikely opening beyond this divinity impasse: the at-times forgotten, ancient mystery of the Trinity-God as utterly one, yet three.

*Do You See What I See? Discovering the Obvious: Finding a Better, More Meaningful Life,* by Robert Hanley (DBX1787): Robert Hanley has an insightful way of looking at the world—finding deeper meaning in everyday events that seem to float past the observations of most people. His unique perception has helped make his life better, bringing him greater understanding, joy, fulfillment, and peace. He reveals his common-sense process through wise, humorous, and heartwarming real-life tales taken from his own personal experiences. They may well make you laugh, cry, think, and help you to see the common threads of what he calls "discovering the obvious." Whether filling up his car at a gas station or having his teeth cleaned at the dentist, auditioning for a film starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino or giving the eulogy at Dean Martin's memorial, the universal truths and values Robert uncovers in these anecdotes and stories relay the everyday applicability of a simple perspective that can provide enormous benefits to each of us in our respective journeys through life. Also available in braille and BRF (B1787)

*Down Gospel Byways: 18 Stories of People Who Met Jesus,* by Mary Terese Donze (DBX0559): Factual stories and fictional vignettes about Biblical characters that you may or may not be familiar with, but who were touched and changed after meeting Jesus. Also available in braille and BRF (B1605)

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*The Ear of the Heart: An Actress' Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows,* by Mother Dolores Hart (DBX1188): Dolores Hart stunned Hollywood in 1963, when after ten highly successful feature films, she chose to enter a contemplative monastery. While contracted for another film and engaged to be married, she abandoned everything to become a bride of Christ. Now, fifty years later, Mother Dolores gives this fascinating account of her life, with co-author and life-long friend, Richard DeNeut. Also available in braille and BRF (B1564).

*Edith Stein: A Biography,* by Waltraud Herbstrith, O.C.D. (DBX0821): The powerful and moving story of the remarkable Jewish woman who converted to Catholicism, gained fame as a great philosopher in Germany, became a Carmelite nun, and was put to death in a Nazi concentration camp.

*El Santo Rosario,* by Ruben Quezada (Spanish, DBX1293): The Holy Rosary is a Catholic prayer highly recommended to invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rooted in Scripture, sometimes called "the Gospel in miniature," its simplicity makes it ideal for private meditation, community prayer, and for family devotions. In this presentation, the traditional catholic music, serves as a backdrop for the recitation of the Rosary, creating an inspiring environment in which anyone can easily pray.

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*Father, Forgive Me, for I Am Frustrated: Growing in Faith When You Don't Find It Easy Being Catholic,* by Father Mitch Pacwa (DBX1196): Father Pacwa reveals how many Catholics are rediscovering the riches of their faith-despite the spiritual challenges they face. He also offers realistic, practical advice to help you find the sources of support you need to keep growing where you've been planted.

*Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope,* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli (DBX1215): Though the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima took place almost a hundred years ago, Our Lady's call to prayer and penance for the salvation of souls and peace in the world is as relevant now as when first delivered to three Portuguese peasant children in 1917.At the peak of the First World War, Our Lady warned of another worldwide conflict, the rise and spread of Communism, and a terrible persecution of the Church unless people repented of their sins and returned to God. Also available in braille and BRF (B1138).

*Finding Hope in Depression: A Catholic Approach,* by Sister Kathryn Herems (DBX0985): A personal journey through the world of depression. Your guide, Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, struggled with depression for many years and shares in these presentations a holistic approach to finding peace in the darkness and hope for a new dawn. A best-selling author, Sr. Hermes is an expert on spirituality and depression. *Finding Hope in Depression: A Catholic Approach* explores the link between struggling with depression and faith. The treasures of the Catholic tradition can be among the most powerful means to well-being and wholeness for those suffering depression or finding themselves discouraged and disillusioned, anxious and uncertain.

*Finding Jesus: Living through Lent with John's Gospel,* by Gerard O'Collins, SJ (DBX0153): Meditations from the Gospel of John containing essays about Jesus. The Jesus of these essays is not the serene figure of some holy pictures. He knocks, questions, challenges, heals, suffers, and urges a choice from everyone he touches.

*Finding Jesus among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me a Better Catholic,* by Jordan Denari Duffner (DBX1255): Why should Christians engage in interfaith dialogue with Muslims? Does Islam have anything to offer Christians? What is Islamophobia, and what should we do about it? Drawing from church teaching, the stories of saints and martyrs, and her extensive personal experiences living among Muslims in both the United States and the Middle East, Duffner explains why all Christians are called to participate in a "dialogue of life" with Muslims. Also available in braille and BRF (B1807).

*Finding Spiritual Direction: How to Find Your Way in a Chaotic World,* by Joseph Tetlow, SJ (DBX0930): Whether you are seeking to deepen your religious faith, learn more effective methods of prayer, or find a companion on your path to the Lord, you will gain invaluable insights. Rev. Tetlow describes the *lectio divina* and how to use consideration, meditation, and contemplation in prayer. He also describes methods of direction in the great spiritual traditions like Carmelite, Franciscan, and Ignatian. Rev. Tetlow presents a synthesis of the best practices in listening, giving you necessary tools to interpret scripture and apply the wisdom of great spiritual writers to your life.

*The Five People You Meet in Heaven,* by Mitch Albom (DBX1114): Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him, as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?" Also available in braille and BRF (B1094).

*Flowers in the Desert: A Spirituality of the Bible,* by Demetrius Dumm (DBX1231):The Bible is, above all other things, a record of God's love for the human race. In its words and through its stories God reveals himself and calls those who hear the word into communion with him. When we first approach the bible, however, we encounter a variety of literary styles—histories, poetry, sagas, moral advice and visionary productions. There is often a problem of discerning the simple theme of call-and-response in all these styles, or of finding a connection in the bible to our 20th century existence.

*The Four Teresas,* by Gina Loehr (DBX0867): An out-of-the-box look at four of the greatest women of the Church: Thérèse of Lisieux, Teresa of Avila, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and Mother Teresa. Lively, determined, devout but never passive, they were all straight-shooters with an abundance of common sense. They were also deeply in love with God, clinging to him with a tenacity that freed them to do the impossible.

*The Friendship Project: The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-Filled Friends,* by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet (DBX1254): Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet are busy wives, mothers, and volunteers. In the midst of their active lives, Faehnle and Jaminet found themselves missing their old friends and searching for new ones. They also realized that they needed to continually work to develop deep, meaningful relationships that would allow them to be themselves, to care for others and be cared for, and to deepen their Catholic faith. Also available in braille and BRF (B1623).

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*The Gift of Peace: Personal Reflections,* by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin (DBX0714): The reflections of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin during the final two months of his life—he died of cancer on November 14, 1996. Cardinal Bernardin talks openly of events that occurred during the previous three years, including the false accusation of sexual misconduct, diagnosis of cancer, and return of cancer after 15 months of being in remission. Throughout the book, he shares the peace he accepted as a gift from God. Also available in braille and BRF (B1507)

*The Girl in White Armor: The Story of Joan of Arc,* by Albert Paine Bigelow (DBX0159): Biography of the 15th century peasant girl who led a French army to victory against the English, witnessed the crowning of King Charles VII, and was later burned at the stake for witchcraft. A succinct and interested read, suitable for younger readers and anyone interested in the life story of the patron saint of France.

*G.K. Chesterton,* by Dudley Barker (DBX0161): Cloaked all the while beneath his familiar and memorable public persona, G.K. Chesterton had a private life of extraordinary emotional, mental, physical, psychological and spiritual intensity and complexity. He ate, drank and worked too much. Late in 1914, in fact, he very nearly died after a complete physical and mental collapse. It seems almost incredible now that he succeeded even half as well as he did, not only in the playing of the larger-than-life character he filled out for himself in public but in his truly prodigious output as a writer for which, despite all fashions, he justly remains a phenomenon of literature.

*Go into the Streets! The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis,* edited by Tom Rausch, SJ and Richard Gaillardetz (DBX1221): Starting with an examination of how Francis' papacy both advances the themes of his predecessors and represents genuinely new developments, this volume considers his concern for a fresh reception of Vatican II, his efforts to move the church toward the periphery and accompany those who live on the margins of church and society. The pope seeks to shape a dialogical church that listens. Key chapters also explore the tension between the church universal and local churches, Francis' understanding of the importance of popular religion, and his particular vision of social justice.

*God Goes to Murderer's Row,* by M. Raymond (DBX0163): Tom Penney, a man with a bad criminal record, was involved in a robbery and murder in Lexington, Kentucky. He was apprehended, tried and convicted along with two accomplices, and executed. But soon after his conviction Tom Penney came under the influence of Roman Catholic priests and sisters and was converted to the Catholic faith. This book is the record of his spiritual struggles and of the achievement by him of a triumphant faith during the fourteen months in murderer's row. It is also a record of the unremitting and self-sacrificing effort of his Catholic advisers to save the soul of this self-confessed murderer. The unsuccessful effort of Penney to convert his accomplice in crime adds drama to the story. The power of religion radically to transform personality is here given vivid documentation.

*The Gospel in Gerard Manley Hopkins: Selections from His Poems, Letters, Journals, and Spiritual Writings,* by Gerard Manley Hopkins and Margaret (DBX1270): Seamlessly weaving together selections from Hopkins's poems, letters, journals, and sermons, Peggy Ellsberg lets the poet tell the story of a life-long struggle with faith that gave birth to some of the best poetry of all time. Even readers who spurn religious language will find in Hopkins a refreshing, liberating way to see God's hand at work in the world.

*The Gospel of John: A Bible Study Course,* by Rev. Donald Senior (DBX1198): Explore the remarkable philosophical and theological understanding John kindled. Inspiring and beautifully written, the Gospel of John will move you to encounter the Word of God anew.

*Great Men and Women of the Bible,* by Stephen Fortosis (DBX0713): There is a universal and enduring fascination with the personalities in the Bible. We are curious about these people who lived so long ago, and we're looking for those few insights that will get to the heart of what made these people tick and help us understand why they offer important lessons in faith. This title reveals these personalities in all their human response to God and gives us a clear explanation of the spiritual values behind the biblical stories. Also available in braille and BRF (B0619).

*The Greatest Gift: The Courageous Life and Death of Sister Dorothy Stang,* by Binka Le Breton (DBX0834): In 1966, Sister Dorothy Stang went to Brazil as a missionary, and in 1982 she moved to a small town in the Amazon to work with an organization to protect poor farmers and their land from loggers and land-developers who stop at nothing including murder in pursuit of profits. After testifying at a government panel investigating illegal incursions into protected areas, Sister Dorothy was denounced as a terrorist by powerful companies and began receiving death threats. Refusing to be intimidated, she continued her work until two gunmen shot her six times on a rural Amazon road. This book presents not only the story of Sister Dorothy's tragic death, but the powerful and beautiful lessons of her life.

*The Greatest Gift of All: Reflections and Prayers for the Christmas Season,* by Mark G. Boyer (DBX0758): It takes only a few moments—just one reflection or prayer—to focus anew on the true meaning of Christmas. This collection of brief, practical reflections, meditations, prayers and Bible passages encourages people to pause and experience the religious significance of holiday symbols like bells, holly, wreathes, cookies and ornaments. Other meditations give new meaning to angels, kings and shepherds, holy places and the Holy Family. Also available in braille and BRF (B1058)

*Growing Old Gratefully,* by William Byron, SJ (DBX1222): As we reflect on our life, we develop a personal spirituality that sustains us as we grow older. Far from shutting down our life and waiting for death, *Growing Old Gratefully* provides hope and presents a roadmap for navigating the challenges and adversities that are yet to confront us in the elder years. As Christians, it affirms that death is not what we are moving toward, it's what we are coming from.

*Guadalupe y el Misterio del Verbo Encarnado,* by Xavier Fernandez (Spanish, DBX1292): The Apparition on Tepeyac brought the Son of God to the New World like He was brought to that cave in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. The sacrifices at the Aztec Pyramids have been replaced by the sacrifice of the eternal Lamb on the alters of the Catholic church. Each miraculous sign has a meaning and that of Guadalupe is to remind us that through the Eucharist, the Word Incarnate that entered Mary's body, enters anew into each one of us. In this presentation of the story of Guadalupe is revealed an amazing perspective of the relationship between Mary, the Apocalypse and the Holy Eucharist.

*Guía de Bolsillo para Rezar el Rosario,* by Matt Fradd (Spanish, DBX1298): *The Pocket Guide to the Rosary* helps Catholics deepen their prayer life and improve their ability to pray what St. Padre Pio called "the weapon of our times", the Rosary. Drawing from the writings of the saints, the Bible, and Catholic tradition, Matt Fradd has produced a book that every Catholic should read. Its small size makes it easy to carry to adoration, keep around for family Rosary night, or hand out at your parish. Catholics who find it difficult to enter into the mysteries of the Rosary, or who need some encouragement and inspiration to pray this essential Catholic prayer, will deeply appreciate this small but powerful book.

H

*Handbook for Today's Catholic: Beliefs, Practices, Prayers,* Redemptorist Pastoral Publications (DBX0550): The basic purpose of this handbook is to provide information on the essentials of Catholicism and to enlighten all who wish to live out the teachings of Vatican II. Draws together important aspects of what it means to "Live in the Spirit of Vatican II." Since Vatican II provides guidelines for renewal, included is an outline of the sixteen Documents of Vatican II, which Pope Paul VI called "the great catechism of our times."

*The Happiness of God: Holiness in Thérèse of Lisieux,* by Susan Leslie (DBX0647): A new look at Thérèse as a contemporary source of inspiration.

*Holy Desperation: Praying as If Your Life Depends on It,* by Heather King (DBX1278): When life has driven you to your knees, the only thing that works is prayer. Heather King demonstrates that, when we're desperate, it's precisely the right time to cry out to God. King, a survivor of addiction and other forms of desperation, begins with the basics of how to pray when you're uncertain that God exists or when you feel that you're beyond God's reach. She challenges the assumptions that only the saintly can pray and that prayer ought to be tidy and nice. She reveals how prayer leads us beyond ourselves and into a life of purpose, lived for the good of others. Ultimately, *Holy Desperation* is an invitation to engage in bold, come-exactly-as-you-are prayer, offering a way forward, upward, and outward for anyone desperate enough to cry out for God's help and presence. You are not alone. Also available in braille and BRF (B1677).

*How Can I Find God?: The Famous and the Not-So-Famous Consider the Quintessential Question,* edited by James Martin, SJ (DBX0817): Brings together Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist voices to speak of the journey that is the essence of all human life.

*How to Be a Hero: Train with the Saints,* by Julia Harrell (DBX1257): What if you could be a superhero with superpowers? This book explores the superpowers of the saints (better known as virtues). With stories illustrating cardinal, theological, and "little" virtues, this comprehensive Catholic virtue training will help children build strong faith to last a lifetime. Using a snapshot from the saint's life exemplifying the virtue, each short vignette includes a Bible verse, virtue definition, story, questions for reflection and an original prayer to help children develop the specific virtue.

I

*I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit,* by Matthew Kelly (DBX1258): Is Your Life Working? Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy this problem. When our bodies are hungry, our stomachs growl. When our souls are hungry, we become irritable, restless, confused, overwhelmed, exhausted, anxious, discontent, and tend to focus on the things that matter least and neglect the things that matter most. Are you taking care of your soul? Are you feeding it and nurturing it? Or are you ignoring it and neglecting it? The reality is, most people have never really been taught how to tend their souls. *I Heard God Laugh* will help you to do just that, and so much more. Also available in braille and BRF (B1799).

*If I'm a Christian, Why Be a Catholic: The Biblical Roots of Catholic Faith,* by James Hanson (DBX1219): There are many similarities and differences between the Catholic Church and the Protestant denominations. This title shows the Biblical relatedness of Catholic faith and practice and explains what sets Catholicism apart from other Christian Churches: authoritative teaching.

*Imitation of Christ,* by Thomas à Kempis (DBX0193): *Imitation* is perhaps the most widely read devotional work next to the Bible, and is regarded as a devotional and religious classic. The text is divided into four books, which provide detailed spiritual instructions: "Helpful Counsels of the Spiritual Life", "Directives for the Interior Life", "On Interior Consolation" and "On the Blessed Sacrament". The approach taken in the Imitation is characterized by its emphasis on the interior life and withdrawal from the world, as opposed to an active imitation of Christ by other friars. The book places a high level of emphasis on the devotion to the Eucharist as key element of spiritual life. Also available in braille and BRF (B1454).

*Imitation of Mary,* by Thomas à Kempis (DBX1106): An excellent companion volume to the beloved and highly esteemed *The Imitation of Christ*. In this book, culled from the deeply spiritual works of Thomas à Kempis, the reader is treated to beautiful writings about Our Lady set forth in the style of *The Imitation of Christ* (also available in braille and BRF (B1454) and audio). He offers the reader a splendid way to grow in following Jesus through imitating His Blessed Mother. This is a profoundly spiritual road map for readers who wish to travel with Mary and Jesus.

*In Sinu Jesu: When Heart Speaks to Heart—The Journal of a Priest at Prayer,* by a Benedictine monk (DBX1266): In 2007, Our Lord and Our Lady began to speak to the heart of a monk in the silence of adoration. He was prompted to write down what he received, and thus was born *In Sinu Jesu*, whose pages shine with an intense luminosity and heart-warming fervor that speaks directly to the inner and outer needs of our time with a unique power to console and challenge. The pages of this remarkable record of spiritual communication range across, and plunge into, many fundamental aspects of the spiritual life: loving and being loved by God; the practice of prayer in all its dimensions; the unique power of Eucharistic adoration; trustful surrender to divine providence; the homage of silence; the dignity of liturgical prayer and the sacraments; the mystery of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; priestly identity and apostolic fruitfulness; the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the saints in our lives; sin, woundedness, mercy, healing, and purification. *Read with computer generated voice.*

*Into the Deep: Finding Peace Through Prayer,* by Dan Burke (DBX1261): Prayer—it's mysterious, challenging, frustrating ... and life-changing. Discover why growing in prayer, which sometimes can be compared to a battle, is worth every ounce of effort you give it. Even if you've never prayed, or if you've never developed the habit of daily prayer, God is waiting to meet you where you are and encourage you every step of the way. Using a simple approach to prayer, you'll learn how even ten minutes a day can change your life. Author Dan Burke explains how to set up your own sacred prayer space, discusses the common obstacles to prayer, and provides practical ways to overcome them. You'll also read stories of others who are seeking to orient themselves to God through prayer. If you're ready for God to transform your heart and mind, you will know the life that Jesus has promised; a life of peace and joy that cannot be taken away by the trials of this world. Also available in braille and BRF (B1644).

*Invitation to Acts: A Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles with Complete Text from the Jerusalem Bible,* by Robert J. Karris (DBX7007): Text from Acts with lively commentary.

*Invitation to John: A Commentary on the Gospel of John with Complete Text from the Jerusalem Bible,* by George W. MacRae (DBX7006): Lays bare the less than saintly behavior of thirty-two venerated holy men and women, it presents the scandalous, spicy, and sleazy detours they took on the road to sainthood.

*Invitation to Love: The Way of Christian Contemplation—20th Anniversary Edition,* by Thomas Keating (DBX1263): *Invitation to Love* provides a road map for the journey that begins when Centering Prayer is seriously undertaken. This is a practical book, articulating the stages of the process of spiritual growth, and outlining how we might develop a deeper relationship with God and move from contemplation to action. Also available in braille and BRF (B1783).

*Invitation to Luke: A Commentary on the Gospel of Luke with Complete Text from the Jerusalem Bible,* by Robert J. Karris (DBX7005): The complete text of the Gospel of Luke from the Jerusalem Bible together with a lively commentary on its major themes.

*Invitation to Mark: A Commentary on the Gospel of Mark, with Complete Text from the Jerusalem Bible,* by Paul Achtemeier (DBX7004): The complete text of the Gospel of Mark from the Jerusalem Bible together with a lively commentary on its major themes.

J

*The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life,* by James Martin, SJ (DBX0850): A practical spiritual guidebook based on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. Centered around the Ignatian goal of "finding God in all things," this title shows us how to manage relationships, money, work, prayer, and decision-making, all while keeping a sense of humor. Also available in braille and BRF (B1831).

*Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence,* by Sarah Young (DBX1122): Experience a deeper relationship with Jesus as you savor the presence of the One who understands you perfectly and loves you forever. With Scripture and personal reflections, *New York Times* bestselling author Sarah Young brings Jesus' message of peace—for today and every day. Written as if Jesus Himself is speaking directly to you, Jesus Calling invites you to experience peace in the presence of the Savior who is always with you. Also available in braille and BRF (B1337).

*Jesus Sings the Psalms in Your Heart,* by Joseph E. Brown, SJ (DBX9008): This book is comprised of 100 Psalms in rhymed verse that will help bring you closer to the Lord.

*John Neumann: Harvester of Souls,* by Tom Langan (DBX0211): Biography of the saint who immigrated to the U.S., was ordained and later joined the Redemptorist order. He went on to become the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia (1852-1860). He is the first U.S. bishop (and to date the only male U.S. citizen) to be canonized. While Bishop of Philadelphia, Neumann founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the U.S. Also available in braille and BRF (B1157)

*Joyce Kilmer's Anthology of Catholic Poets,* by Joyce Kilmer (DBX0017): Joyce Kilmer, the editor of this book, says in the introduction that, "This is not a collection of devotional poems. ... What I have tried to do is to bring together the poems in English that I like best that were written by Catholics since the middle of the Nineteenth Century. There are in this book poems religious in theme; there are also love-songs and war-songs. But I think that it may be called a book of Catholic poems. For a Catholic is not a Catholic only when he prays; he is a Catholic in all the thoughts and actions of his life. And when a Catholic attempts to reflect in words some of the Beauty of which as a poet he is conscious, he cannot be far from prayer and adoration."

K

*Kateri Tekakwitha: The Mohawk Maid,* by Evelyn M. Brown (DBX0216): The inspiring story of a holy, young Native American woman who was converted to Christianity by the French missionaries led by Saint Isaac Jogues during the 1600s affectionately known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" and canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II in 2012. Also available in braille and BRF (B1299)

*Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life,* by Father Jeffrey Kirby S.T.D.: In this encouraging, easy-to-read book, Father Jeffrey Kirby offers hope to the tired, overburdened, and unhappy. He reminds us that we are made for happiness. But he goes beyond that, showing us the path to achieving happiness. It's not a new path. In fact, Jesus showed us the way in the Beatitudes, but Kingdom of Happiness reveals how these aren't merely nice sayings, they are powerful ways of living. Also available in braille and BRF (B1755).

L

*La Biblia: Introducción a la Sagrada Escritura,* by Father Rafael Ramirez (Spanish, DBX1287): Offers Hispanic Catholics a foundation for understanding the Bible and praying with it in harmony with the traditions of the Church. By approaching the Bible as loving communication—as encouraged in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and in recent statements by Popes Benedict XVI and Francis—the book's three-part structure helps us understand how the Word of God has passed through three great stages in salvation history.

*La Misa Explicada,* by Father Larry Richards (Spanish, DBX1291): Inspiring speaker Fr. Larry Richards presents exciting and powerful insights into the history, spirituality, and biblical foundations of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. He opens the door for us to enter more profoundly into this most perfect prayer and unite our offering with that of the priest. This will change the way you experience this most sacred of all mysteries, the source and summit of our lives!

*Last Testament: In His Own Words,* by Pope Benedict XVI with Peter Seewald (DBX1160): Pope Benedict made history when he became the first Pope in over 700 years to resign from office, stunning the Catholic Church the world over. Last Testament is a stunning and frank autobiography from the shy and private man who remained cloistered in a former convent in the Vatican gardens until his death in December 2022. In interviews with Peter Seewald, the Pope Emeritus broke his silence on corruption within the Vatican, clerical sex scandals, and the challenge of reforming the Papacy.

*The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering,* by Daniel Horan, OFM (DBX1050): Much has been written on the last words of Jesus, the traditional phrases taken from Scripture that depict the final moments of Jesus's life as he dies on the cross. Horan brings a fresh perspective to this time-honored meditation as he challenges readers to look at their lives through the lens of Jesus's suffering and death. Yet interlaced with suffering, the focus throughout is on the immense love of God for human beings, shown in the gift of Jesus, God made flesh. An ideal Lenten companion, especially during Holy Week, *The Last Words of Jesus* will also serve as a useful meditation throughout the year on the deep love Jesus bore for us in taking on the human condition.

*Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home,* by Pope Francis (DBX7425): The second encyclical of Pope Francis critiquing consumerism and irresponsible development, laments environmental degradation and global warming, and calls all people of the world to take "swift and unified global action." Also available in braille and BRF (B6050).

*Lent, Holy Week, and Easter,* by John Baldovin, SJ (DBX0981): Award-winning professor and world-renowned theologian Fr. John Baldovin, SJ discusses the significance of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. First, you will look at the history of Lent. You will look at its origins, tracing how it has come to be celebrated as a 40-day season. After looking at the practices and spiritual meaning of Lent, you will then look at Palm Sunday and Holy Week, paying special attention to the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday). Finally, you will learn about the 50-day season of Easter, including the Sundays of Ascension and Pentecost.

*The Life of Blessed Margaret of Castello, 1287-1320,* by William Bonniwell*,* OP (DBX0507): Blessed Margaret (1287-1320) was born a hunchback, dwarf, blind, and lame. When she was 6, her proud, noble parents walled her up beside a chapel. She could not get out, but could attend Mass and receive the Sacraments. After 14 years of imprisonment, her parents took her a shrine to pray for a cure. When no cure was forthcoming, they abandoned her. She became a lay Dominican and spent the rest of her life in prayer and works of mercy.

When she died at age 33, the townspeople thronged to her funeral and demanded that "the saint" be buried in a tomb inside the church. The priest protested, but when a crippled girl was miraculously cured at the funeral, the people had their way. Blessed Margaret's story is one of the most moving we have ever read. Her body is still incorrupt. Also available in braille and BRF (B0981).

*The Life of Christ,* by Fulton J. Sheen (DBX1162): Declared a definitive work of Christian faith, *The Life of Christ* has been celebrated as the most articulate of Fulton J. Sheen's many books. The output of many years of reflection and prayer, this is a dramatic and moving recounting of the birth, life, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ. It is an enchanting portrait of the God-Man, the teacher, the healer, and most of all the Savior, whose promise has supported humanity for two millennia. With his ancestral insight and reverence, Sheen interprets the scripture and describes Christ, not only in historical perspective but also in exciting and contemporary terms, seeing in Christ's life both modern parallels and timeless lessons. His wistful, probing research nourishes a new understanding of famous Gospel occasions.

*A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives,* by Robert Ellsberg (DBX1277): Robert Ellsberg, the author of many acclaimed works on the saints, looks on the "living gospel" that is written in human lives. From biographical reflections on traditional saints and spiritual masters (including Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, Thomas Merton, Flannery O'Connor, and Oscar Romero), he reflects on what it means to read the spiritual text that is written in such lives. From that, we learn to read our own lives in the same light. Ellsberg shares the gift of the saints—not unreachable, perfect people, floating in prayer, but real human beings who lived close to the ground, who sought to follow Jesus despite their own flaws and their moments of doubt and disbelief; in other words, people like us.

M

*The Manual of Life: The New Testament for Daily Living,* by M. Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O. (DBX0301): The Bible is indeed "the manual of life." It is a guidebook for human happiness. Its instructions, however, are not always in plain sight. They must be discerned by finding the "inner meaning" of the scriptures, by peeling away the literal sense to discover the inner, spiritual sense of the holy text. That is what this book attempts to do.

*Martin de Porres: Saint of the New World,* by Ellen Tarry (DBX0271): Martin de Porres, a brother of the Dominican Order, was made a saint in 1962. During his lifetime in Lima, Peru, in the seventeenth century, Brother Martin was a wonderworker, a prophet, a mystic whose friends include the Viceroy of Peru and the Archbishop of Mexico.

*Mary Lou Williams: Music for the Soul,* by Deanna Witkowski (DBX1284): Witkowski brings a fresh perspective to the life and music of the legendary jazz pianist-composer Mary Lou Williams (1910-81). As a fellow jazz pianist-composer, adult convert to Catholicism, and liturgical composer, Witkowski offers unique insight gleaned from a twenty-year journey with Williams as her chosen musical and spiritual mentor. Viewing Williams's musical and corporal acts of mercy as part of a singular effort to create community no matter the context, Witkowski examines how Williams created networks of support and friendship through her decades long letter correspondence with various women religious, her charitable work, and her tireless efforts to perform jazz in churches, community centers, concert halls, and schools. Throughout this fascinating story told with equal amounts of deep love and scholarly research, Witkowski illumines Williams's passionate mantra that "jazz is healing to the soul." *Read with computer generated voice.* Also available in braille and BRF (B1911).

*Miracle in Motion: Living a Purposeful Life,* by Father TJ Martinez, SJ (DBX1267): *Miracle in Motion* is Father TJ's last will and testament to the kids he helped pluck out of the barrios of Houston and put on a path, in the Cristo Rey school, to success they never imagined was possible through education. It is a memoir that teaches by revealing his own failures, disappointments, and struggle to find purpose in his life. Father TJ informs the kids and their parents what hard work can accomplish, but also teaches the elite the CEOs of large corporations, and the investment bankers, lawyers and accountants who serve them the value of opening the doors to a better life for all, especially the forgotten smart kids of the ghetto. Father TJ became a reluctant rock star in Houston and beyond for his efforts, and the message of this book informs us all how to live a more purposeful life and face our fears. Also available in braille and BRF (B1672).

*The Miracle of Father Kapaun: Priest, Soldier and Korean War Hero,* by Robert Wenzl and Travis Heying (DBX1282): Emil Kapaun―priest, soldier and Korean War hero―was a rare man. He was awarded posthumously the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award, and is also being considered by the Vatican for canonization as a saint. Just as remarkable are the many non-Catholic witnesses who attest to Father Kapaun's heroism: the Protestants, Jews and Muslims who either served with the military chaplain in the thick of battle or endured with him the incredibly brutal conditions of a prisoner of war camp. These Korean War veterans, no matter their religion, agree that Father Kapaun did more to save lives and maintain morale than any other man they know. Then there are the alleged miracles―the recent healings attributed to Father Kapaun's intercession that defy scientific explanation. Under investigation by the Vatican as a necessary step in the process of canonization, these cures witnessed by non-Catholic doctors are also covered in this book. In tracking down the story of Father Kapaun for the Wichita Eagle, Wenzl and Heying uncovered a paradox. Kapaun's ordinary background as the son of Czech immigrant farmers in Kansas sowed the seeds of his greatness. His faith, generosity and grit began with his family's humility, thrift and hard work. Also available in braille and BRF (B1879).

*Model of Faith: Reflecting on the Litany of Saint Joseph,* by Leonard J. DeLorenzo (DBX1274): Saint Joseph alone was called to be a father to the Son of God, and his fidelity and courage show each of us how to respond to our vocation as a disciple of Jesus and friend of God. In his wisdom, the Lord empowers Joseph to open his fatherly care to all Christians, to show us how to hear the word of God and act on it, and to shine in every age as a model of faith. Also available in braille and BRF (B1852).

*Mother Angelica: Her Life Story,* by Dan O'Neill (DBX0176): Relates the personal story and television achievements of the Franciscan nun who, with almost no knowledge of television, has built an enormously successful national satellite network.

*Mother of Christ Crusade's Our Lady of Fatima Precious Little Book,* by Joao de Marchi (DBX1218): Published in 1947, this book contains the very important message of the Mother of Christ to the world. What happened in Fatima, Portugal proclaims the miracle. It is the presage of what the Immaculate Heart has prepared for the world.

*My Life with the Saints,* by James Martin, SJ (DBX0821): Martin introduces us to saints throughout history from St. Peter to Dorothy Day, St. Francis of Assisi to Mother Teresa and chronicles his lifelong friendships with them. Filled with fascinating tales, Martin's funny, vibrant, and stirring book invites readers to discover how saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives.

*The Mystery of Christmas: A Comment on the Magnificat, Gloria, Nunc Dimittis,* by Raniero Cantalamessa (DBX0673): This small work takes the three canticles of the Gospel of Luke (Magnificat, Gloria and Nunc Dimmittis) and draws an abundance of material for reflection. Cantalemessa first considers each canticle in a historical setting and then moves towards a personal and spiritual interpretation of the text. Very fitting for Christmas meditations or even to assist a bible study on the Gospel of Luke.

N

*The New St. Joseph Revised Baltimore Catechism, No. 2,* by Fr. Bennet Kelly, CP (DBX1142): This title contains the revised text of the official *Baltimore Catechism* (No. 2) in a user-friendly format and design. Written for students in Grades 6, 7, and 8, this book explains Catholic doctrine with the aid of many exclusive features, including many pictures to help children understand each lesson. Extensive use of Sacred Scripture demonstrates the basis of Catholic doctrine and brings it to life. This book combines a contemporary viewpoint and language with a solid time-tested exposition of Catholic Church teachings.

*No Cross, No Crown: Black Nuns in Nineteenth-Century New Orleans,* by Sister Mary Bernard Deggs (DBX1276): Among New Orleans' most compelling stories is that of the Sisters of the Holy Family, which was founded in the 19th century and still thrives today. The community's difficult early years are portrayed in a remarkable account by one of the sisters, Mary Bernard Deggs. While Deggs did not officially join the community until 1873, as a student at the sisters early school she would have known Henriette Delille and the other founders. It was not until 1852 that the sisters were able to take their first official vows and exchange their blue percale gowns for black ones, and it was 1873 before they were permitted to wear a formal religious habit. This community of mixed race nuns faced almost insurmountable obstacles, but the women remained unflagging in their dedication to the poor, to education, and to the care of the elderly and the orphaned to the needs of "their people." Also available in braille and BRF (B1757).

O

*Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace,* by Valerie Schultz (DBX1271): Valerie Schultz almost stumbled into prison ministry, a happy accident of a beginning. Initially fearful of the scary people she'd meet and the dark place she'd be working, she found that some inmates were dangerous, but many were kind; some were mean and some were friendly; some were misogynistic and some were respectful; some were quiet and some were loud. In short, they were a lot like the non-incarcerated population. As Schultz went from volunteering to working in a clerical position and then running a library on a yard, she learned to see the prisoners as human beings. They possessed all the quirks and gifts and flaws, the nobility and the sin, that define humanity—every single one of them a human being created and loved by God. It was no challenge to find God in all things in prison, because God was palpably everywhere. Also available in braille and BRF (B1784).

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*Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism,* by Douglas Brinkley (DBX0822): Born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the son of Irish immigrants, Father Michael McGivney's (1852-1890) legacy of hope is still celebrated around the world. At a time when discrimination against American Catholics, homelessness, and starvation were widespread, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, an organization that has helped save countless families from the indignity of destitution. This work re-creates the all-too-brief life of perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history and chronicle the process of canonization that may well make this fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man the first American-born priest to be declared a saint by the Vatican. Also available in braille and BRF (B1801).

*The Passion and the Cross,* by Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I. (DBX1202): Beautifully written meditations on the passion and the cross invite you to a new understanding of redemption and offers insight into the meaning of your own loss and suffering. Take a journey into the deeper meaning of pain with guidance from a trusted spiritual advisor.

*The Peace of Saint Francis,* by Maria Sticco (DBX0328): St. Francis is one of the most loved of all saints. Many lives of him are so concerned with his charm and his naive holiness that they have a tendency to obscure the purpose of his life in relationship to the times in which he lived. But the author of this book, starting with a brilliant picture of the age, proceeds to the analysis of the intent of the saint's life and its basic meaning against that background.

*Peter the Apostle,* by William Thomas Walsh (DBX0384): This biography of the Prince of the Apostles is one of the few works of its kind on a subject strangely neglected. Many mysteries about St. Peter are probed and explained in this fine book: the motivation of his denials of his Lord, the friendship and disagreement with St. Paul, his sorrowful decision to separate the Church from the synagogue in which it was cradled and to which it owed so much. Peter the Apostle, without fictionalizing, has the suspense, the movement and the color of a good novel.

*The Poetry of Saint Teresa of Avila* (DBX0991): St. Teresa was a prominent Spanish, mystic, Roman Catholic saint, Carmelite nun, author during the Counter Reformation, and theologian of contemplative life through mental prayer. She was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered to be a founder of the Discalced Carmelites along with John of the Cross. This anthology was recorded in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Saint's birth.

*Prayer,* by Hans Urs von Balthasar (DBX0344): This is perhaps the best and most comprehensive book on prayer ever written. From the persons of the Trinity through the Incarnation to the Church and the very structure of the human person, this book is a powerful synthesis of what prayer is and how to pray. The testament of a great theologian on something which is most personal and interior, contemplative prayer.

*The Proverbs Explained: A Blueprint for Christian Living,* by Father Mitch Pacwa (DBX1262): Acquiring wisdom is both a human task and a divine gift. Wisdom aims at the formation of character, and there is no better guide than the Book of Proverbs. The Proverbs teach us how to be wise and self-controlled, and how to do what is honest, right and fair. Fr. Mitch Pacwa will help you make the most of the treasure-trove of practical advice found in the Book of Proverbs. He explains in a succinct and readable way how God's blessing is related to our behavior, how you can be like God, and how to live in accord with His law. Also available in braille and BRF (B1661).

*The Psalms are Our Prayers,* by Albert Gelin (DBX0359): Introduction to the psalms, leading to their appreciation both as literature and as prayer. Also available in braille and BRF (B0212).

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*Questions and Answers,* by Pope Benedict XVI (DBX0831): Question and answer sessions held between Pope Benedict XVI and various groups, including Italian priests and youth, that cover such topics as divorce and remarriage, consumerism, sacraments, Scripture, and Mass.

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*Reaching Jesus: Five Steps to a Fuller Life,* by David Knight (DBX0801): Father David Knight maps out a new path to a fuller life in Jesus Christ, offering readers a clear and compelling guide. Those who choose to follow it will know where they are, what steps they have already taken, and what steps they need to take next in order to arrive at the abundant life Jesus came to give.

*Reflections on Growing Old,* by John LaFarge, SJ (DBX0367): At 84, Fr. John LaFarge was struck by the many advantages and blessings of aging, and he observed that modern men and women have lost touch with the traditional view of old age as the crowning of life. Seeing it instead as a calamity, he says, is what makes aging such a misery for many. The right approach? The one the respected Jesuit himself cultivated: Old age is a gift. Thank God daily for it. The challenge is to not only say that but mean it. Which begins, writes Father LaFarge, with the recognition that after all old age has its own meaning, like other phases of human life, and that the wisest thing we could do, when age creeps up on us, is to explore that meaning and to adopt some general plan of action, so as really to profit by it.

*Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary,* by Fr. Mark Toups (DBX1272): You don't change your life for an idea. You change your life for a person. This Advent, don't get caught up in the busyness. Don't get lost in the anxiety of preparing for a day. Joyfully anticipate the coming of the person of Jesus through an encounter with his Most Blessed Mother. Imagine having an Advent that is more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful than ever before. The *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Mary* Journal not only lets you walk beside Mary during the first Advent, but also lets you get to know her in a way you haven't before. *Rejoice!* offers more than insights and information about Mary's life―it offers an opportunity for you to encounter Mary in the quiet of your heart. Also available in braille and BRF (B1930)

*Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family,* by Fr. Mark Toups (DBS1296): *Rejoice! Advent Meditations with the Holy Family* is a prayer resource with daily meditations that will enrich your Advent by inviting you to experience the first Advent with Joseph and Mary, as they await the birth of their son, the Savior of the world. Each day, in a few short pages, Fr. Toups provides you with aids to help guide your prayer. Also available in braille and BRF (B1929)

*The Remarkable Curé of Ars: The Life and Achievements of St. John Mary Vianney,* by Michel de Saint-Pierre (DBX0368): Life story of St. John Vianney, often referred to as the "Curé d'Ars" (i.e. the parish priest of Ars). He was internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France, because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community and its surroundings. Catholics attribute this to his saintly life, mortification, persevering ministry in the sacrament of confession, and ardent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*Remember Your Death: Memento Mori Lenten Devotional,* by Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP (DBX1279): When Theresa Aletheia Noble, FSP, began keeping a ceramic skull on her desk and tweeting about it, she had no idea she'd be starting a movement. Her daily tweets about *memento mori*—Latin for "remember your death"—contained quotes and insights that have inspired others to remember death daily. Many have found this ancient practice to provide an important perspective on their lives in view of Jesus' call to repentance, conversion, and the hope of resurrection. Lent is a time when we remember the death of Christ and the sacrifice he made to give us eternal life. This devotional will help you to meditate on your own mortality and the incredible gift of salvation in preparation for Easter. It is vitally important to the Christian life to remember the fragility of your life on earth—because one day you will die. Also available in braille and BRF (B1834)

*Responses to 101 Questions on the Bible,* by Raymond E. Brown, S.S. (BDX0452): In his long career of lecturing on the Bible, Father Raymond Brown may have appeared before a thousand different audiences, and in the question-and-answer periods that followed he may have responded to ten thousand queries. Over a period of time he noticed how the same questions repeated themselves. For this book he has chosen 101 of the most commonly asked questions on the Bible. The questions cover a wide range of subjects: various translations of the Bible, reasons for reading the Bible, the inspiration and historicity of the Bible, miracles, the resurrection of Jesus, the virginal conception, what Jesus knew, the founding of the church, evidence for the sacraments, the structure of the early church, the role of Peter, and more. All people who have read and reflected on the Bible will fine questions here they have wanted to ask, along with the concise responses of a noted biblical scholar.

*Responses to 101 Questions about Jesus,* by Michael Cook, SJ (DBX0836): Inspired by the Ignatian desire to know, love and follow Jesus, this book is a very personal statement of who Jesus is by a theologian who has spent his entire life seeking to deepen his knowledge of Jesus and to express that knowledge within the community of faith.

*Responses to 101 Questions on the Biblical Torah: Reflections on the Pentateuch,* by Roland Murphy, O. Carm. (DBX0719): The first five books of the Bible are known in the Jewish faith as Torah and to Christians as the Pentateuch. In them is the foundational basis for the Judaeo-Christian faith in God's primary revelation of the Old Testament. These books have always raised the most questions about what God intended, how God speaks to human beings, why Israel was chosen, and the great themes of creation, election, covenant, and salvation. Roland Murphy, one of the leading biblical scholars in the United States, answers everything you ever wanted to know about these important biblical books. He gives clear, easy-to-understand responses to the questions most frequently asked of a biblical scholar. To read this book is almost to have studied an encyclopedia on the basic biblical education every contemporary Christian should have. It will be ideal for classrooms, study groups, and whoever reads the Bible for spiritual richness. Also available in braille and BRF (B1062).

*Richard Rohr: Essential Teachings on Love,* selected by Joelle Chase and Judy Traeger (DBX1283): Richard Rohr, OFM, is a Franciscan priest, the director of the Center for Contemplation and Action in Albuquerque, NM, and one of the most popular spiritual writers today. Drawn from his many books, writings, and interviews, this collection introduces many of the teachings for which he has become known, all organized around the central theme of Love. Interwoven with a probing personal interview, the writings gathered here illuminate a lifelong journey—his own and that of anyone open and willing—of growing in love: how we love God by loving others, how we learn to love ourselves, and how we ultimately seek and find love in everything. Experiences from Rohr's life, both joyful and sorrowful, illustrate how the path has unfolded for him and how we each might come to know love more intimately.

*Rome Sweet Home,* by Scott and Kimberly Hahn (DBX0938): Scott Hahn was a Presbyterian minister, the top student in his seminary class, a brilliant Scripture scholar, and militantly anti-Catholic ... until he reluctantly began to discover that his enemy had all the right answers. Kimberly, also a top-notch theology student in the seminary, is the daughter of a well-known Protestant minister, and went through a tremendous dark night of the soul after Scott converted to Catholicism. Their conversion story and love for the Church has captured the hearts and minds of thousands of lukewarm Catholics and brought them back into an active participation in the Church.

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*Sacred Strangers: What the Bible's Outsiders Can Teach Christians,* by Nancy Haught (DBX1273): The Bible is laced with stories in which strangers behave better than believers. What do these encounters with "others"—people from different cultures, religions, genders, economic and social classes—teach us about our own spiritual values, about the faith and God behind them? Haught leads readers through these stories, line-by-line, offering insight to open hearts to sacred strangers at a time when personal encounters can make us or break us—as people, Americans, and citizens of the world. Also available in braille and BRF (B1785).

*Sadhana, a Way to God: Christian Exercises in Eastern Form,* by Tony de Mello, SJ (DBX1226): Truly a one-of-a-kind, how-to-do-it book, this small volume responds to a very real hunger for self-awareness and holistic living. It consists of a series of spiritual exercises for entering the contemplative state—blending psychology, spiritual therapy, and practices from both Eastern and Western traditions. Anthony de Mello offers here an unparalleled approach to inner peace that brings the whole person to prayer—body and soul, heart and mind, memory and imagination.

*Saint Joseph and Daily Christian Living: Reflections on His Life and Devotion,* by Francis L. Filas, SJ (DBX0381): An outstanding biography of Christ's foster father, together with a series of meditations inspired by the saint's life.

*Saint Katharine Drexel: Friend of the Oppressed,* by Ellen Tarry (DBX0217): Katharine grew up in a happy, devout, and wealthy Catholic family in Philadelphia. Her parents were greatly loved and admired by many for their kindness and generosity to the poor and needy. Acting upon the words she had heard come from a statue of Our Lady, "Freely you have received, freely give", and from the direct advice given her by Pope Leo XIII to become a missionary, Katharine Drexel became a religious sister and founded the order of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in 1891. Mother Katharine and her sisters worked tirelessly to serve the material and spiritual needs of the downtrodden through numerous schools and institutions she established around the country. Also available in braille and BRF (B1222)

*Saint Mary Magdalene: Prophetess of Eucharistic Love,* by Father Sean Davidson (DBX1288): This work is an extended meditation on the life of Saint Mary Magdalene, known as the "Apostle to the Apostles" because the Risen Christ appeared to her first and then sent her to announce the Resurrection to the apostles. Based on the biblical texts traditionally associated with Mary Magdalene, this book helps readers to learn from her inspiring example and to enter more deeply into adoration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Also available in braille and BRF (B1760).

*Saint Paul, Apostle of Nations,* by Henri Daniel-Rops (DBX0383): Across 2000 years of Christian history, the accomplishments of Saint Paul still command awe and respect. From fanatical hatred of the new religion, Paul transformed himself into the most zealous of the first Christian witnesses and apostles. He carried the new faith from its obscure origin in Palestine to the corridors of Roman imperial power on the fringe of Europe, and then to the epicenter, Rome itself. This transplantation soon created the Christian culture that remains a dominant force in world affairs to this day.

*Saints Behaving Badly: The Cutthroats, Crooks, Trollops, Con-men, and Devil-worshippers Who Became Saints,* by Thomas Craughwell (DBX0825): Lays bare the less than saintly behavior of thirty-two venerated holy men and women, and presents the scandalous, spicy, and sleazy detours they took on the road to sainthood. Also available in braille and BRF (B1332).

*Saints for the Modern Woman,* by Luke A. Farley (DBX0387): Vignettes on fourteen women from various cultures, centuries, and walks of life: Frances X. Cabrini, Rose of Lima, Teresa of Avila, Thérèse of Lisieux, Margaret of Scotland, Joan of Arc, Elizabeth of Hungary, Hedwig, Hilda of Whitby, Monica, Catherine of Siena, Louise de Marillac, Zita and Helena of Constantinople.

*The Saints' Guide to Happiness: Practical Lessons in the Life of the Spirit,* by Robert Ellsberg (DBX0853): "What is happiness and how can I find it?" may be one of the most frequently asked questions there is. Perhaps that's because it is so hard to experience lasting happiness. In *The Saints' Guide to Happiness*, Robert Ellsberg suggests that some of the best people to show us are holy men and women throughout history—from St. Augustine to Flannery O'Connor, Thomas Merton to St. Theresa of Avila and Mother Theresa. These people weren't saints because of the way they died or their visions or wondrous deeds. They were saints because of their extraordinary capacity for goodness and love, which—in the end—makes us happy.

*Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope,* by Joan Chittister (DBX0837): Building on the biblical story of Jacob wrestling with God and on the story of her own battle with life-changing disappointment, Sister Joan Chittister deftly explores the landscape of suffering and hope, considering along the way such wide-ranging topics as consumerism, technology, grief, the role of women in the Catholic Church, and the events of September 11, 2001.

*Searching for God at Ground Zero,* by James Martin, SJ (DBX0778): In response to the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, James Martin dropped everything to minister to those in need at Ground Zero. In this extraordinary journal, Jim recounts the days working with the firefighters, police officers, and rescue workers laboring in the ruins. Expecting to find only discouragement and despair, Father Martin instead encounters charity, hope, and above all, grace. *Searching for God at Ground Zero* leads readers into a world not only traumatized by the attacks of September 11, 2001, but also galvanized by an overwhelming love and solidarity. Also available in braille and BRF (B1060).

*The Seven Storey Mountain,* by Thomas Merton (DBX0402): *The Seven Storey Mountain* tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man, who at the age of twenty-six, takes vows in one of the most demanding Catholic orders—the Trappist monks. At the Abbey of Gethsemani, "the four walls of my new freedom," Thomas Merton struggles to withdraw from the world, but only after he has fully immersed himself in it. At the abbey, he wrote this extraordinary testament, a unique spiritual autobiography that has been recognized as one of the most influential religious works of our time. Translated into more than twenty languages, it has touched millions of lives.

*The Shepherd Cannot Run: Letters of Stanley Rother, Missionary and Martyr,* edited by David Monahan (DBX0053): Letters written by a priest who worked with the poor in Guatemala. Fr. Stan was a priest, missionary, martyr and may soon be canonized a saint. The life of Fr. Stanley Rother is worthy for reading not only by Catholics but for all people interested in the history of Central America—how the interplay of US foreign policy, anticommunism, and greed led to the death of a holy man. Rother represented full well the optimism and energy of a man of the Midwest with the courage and charity of a sincere Christian.

*Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots,* by Scott Hahn (DBX1129): Signs of Life is beloved author Scott Hahn's clear and comprehensive guide to the Biblical doctrines and historical traditions that underlie Catholic beliefs and practices. Devoting single chapters to each topic, the author takes the reader on a journey that illuminates the roots and significance of all things Catholic, including: the Sign of the Cross, the Mass, the Sacraments, praying with the saints, guardian angels, sacred images and relics, the celebration of Easter, Christmas, and other holidays, daily prayers, and much more.

*Silent Lamp: The Thomas Merton Story,* by William H. Shannon (DBX0105): Shannon shares his intimate knowledge and unique insights in this biography of the monk whose own autobiography became a bestseller much to his chagrin. Silent Lamp is the name given to Merton two years before he died by the Chinese philosopher John Wu—and a perfect metaphor for the healing light that still spreads from his life and work to people everywhere. *Silent Lamp* is a reflective biography: it illuminates Merton's inner life and thoroughly chronicles his outer journey, telling the story in terms of the significant events and experiences that shaped his spiritual path. It sheds light on the principal themes that Merton developed as a writer and teacher, from the renewal of monastic life to the poetry of Latin America, from the demands of interracial justice to the teachings of the Sufi masters. This book attempts to look at the inner journey which alone gives meaning to the exterior one.

*Solanus Casey: The Official Account of a Virtuous Life,* by Michael Casey (DBX1194): This true story of an American saint, excerpted from the official 1300-page canonization document, is both a moving spiritual biography and an inside look at the canonization process. Includes detailed instances of Ven. Solanus' life, but also life changing events that set him on the path to sainthood. This is a wonderful book to become more informed about Ven. Solanus Casey's life as well as the roles that he played at various Friaries.

*The Song at the Scaffold: A Novel,* by Gertrud von Le Fort (DBX0059): Set during the French Revolution, this classic novella is based on the true story of the Carmelite nuns of Compiègne, who offered their lives for the preservation of the Church in France. The story unfolds around the fictional character of Blanche de la Force, an excessively fearful aristocrat who enters the Carmelite convent in order to flee the dangers of the world. As the Reign of Terror begins, Blanche is no safer in the convent than in the streets of Paris, and some of the sisters begin to doubt her ability to endure persecution and possibly martyrdom. The fates of Blanche and the other Carmelites take several unexpected turns, leaving the reader with an inspiring witness not only of martyrdom but of God's power being glorified in human weakness.

*The Song of the Bird,* by Anthony de Mello, SJ (DBX0061): Everyone loves stories; and in this book Fr. De Mello shares 124 stories and parables from a variety of traditions both ancient and modern. Each story resonates with life lessons that can teach us inescapable truths about ourselves and our world. De Mello's international acclaim rests on his unique approach to contemplation and ability to heighten self-awareness and self-discovery. His is a holistic approach cuts across all times and peoples and is truly a universal invitation. *The Song of the Bird* uses the familiar yet enduring medium of the story to illustrate profound realities that bring us in touch with the problems and concerns of daily life, as well as with our common spiritual quest. The aim is to develop the art of tasting and feeling the message of each story to the point that we are transformed. "Let the story speak to your heart, not to your brain," the author directs. "This may make something of a mystic out of you."

*The Spiritual Exercises: A Heart-Centered Approach,* by James Kubicki, SJ (DBX1096): Discover the power of the Spiritual Exercises through this inspiring retreat. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, are a tried and true method for growth in the spiritual life. Now, you can enjoy this innovative Ignatian retreat that uses a unique heart-centered approach to help you apply the Spiritual Exercises to your daily life. Through these lively talks you will explore Scripture, personal anecdotes, and the wisdom of St. Ignatius to arrive at a deeper spiritual understanding.

*The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola,* translated by Lewis Delmage, SJ (DBX0419): Composed 1522-1524, these Spiritual Exercises are a set of Christian meditations, contemplations, and prayers written by Saint Ignatius of Loyola, a 16th-century Spanish priest, theologian, and founder of the Society of Jesus.

*Spiritual Surrender: Yielding Yourself to a Loving God,* by James A. Krisher (DBX9184): The author asserts that surrender is the fundamental life stance that strengthens all choices. He focuses on surrender as a choice we make repeatedly no matter what the circumstance.

*The Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi,* by Brother William Short, OFM, STL, STD (DBX1165): Invites you to learn from the Franciscan tradition of living the gospel. In this inspiring course, you will look at the spiritual writings of St. Francis and his followers as well as how they put their beliefs into practice. Br. William Short's powerful yet accessible lectures deliver you the heart of the treasures from this "little poor man of Assisi." In these lectures, you will explore St. Francis's spiritual practices, life of prayer, and meditations on the Crucified Christ. You will also reflect on profound questions posed by the Franciscan tradition.

*Summa Theologica,* by St. Thomas Aquinas (DBX0962): The best-known work of Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274), a scholastic theologian and Doctor of the Church. It is a compendium of all of the main theological teachings of the Catholic Church, intended to be an instructional guide for theology students, including seminarians and the literate laity. Presenting the reasoning for almost all points of Christian theology in the West, topics of the Summa follow the following cycle: God; Creation, Man; Man's purpose; Christ; the Sacraments; and back to God. Although unfinished, it is "one of the classics of the history of philosophy and one of the most influential works of Western literature." It remains Aquinas' "most perfect work, the fruit of his mature years, in which the thought of his whole life is condensed".

*The Sun Danced at Fatima,* by Joseph A. Pelletier (DBX0606): Stunning book about the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the 3 shepherd children in Fatima Portugal in 1917. Well written and full of vivid detail, this book is a wonderful story of Blessed Virgin Mary's call for repentance for the sins against the Sacred Heart of Jesus and her Immaculate Heart. And it is a story full of hope. A great read and it will leave you wondering and asking yourself questions.

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*Tell Me Why: A Father Answers His Daughter's Questions about God,* by Michael and Jana Novak (DBX1217): World-renowned theologian Michael Novak is suddenly forced to bring his learning and many years of reflection close to home when his twentysomething daughter Jana, a journalist in her own right, sends him a long fax filled with practical questions about religion and life. As he attempts to answer, Jana challenges what she doesn't understand, raising the provocative questions of her generation and people of all ages. She is not interested in a scholarly essay but straight and honest replies—and she never hesitates to bat back an answer she doesn't like.

*Tender un Puente,* by James Martin, SJ (Spanish, DBX1256): Spanish translation of *Building a Bridge*. A moving and inspiring book, offering a powerful, loving, and much-needed voice in a time marked by anger, prejudice, and divisiveness.

*Teresa's Interior Castle: Introduction and Overview,* by Jordan Aumann, OP (DBX9100): An ideal introduction to St. Teresa of Avila's masterpiece, The Interior Castle. Father Aumann takes a fresh and discerning look at the book, showing its relationship to her other major works, *The Life* and *The Way of Perfection.* He surveys each of the Seven Mansions in great detail, giving penetrating glimpses into the heart and mind of this important saint.

*Theodore Hesburgh, CSC: Bridge Builder,* by Edward P. Hahnenberg (DBX1297): When asked what he wanted written on his tombstone, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh responded with one word: Priest. This giant of a man—a man who advised presidents and counseled popes, who championed civil rights and world peace, who accepted 16 presidential appointments and 150 honorary degrees, who served an unprecedented thirty-five years as president of the University of Notre Dame—could have listed any number of accolades. Instead, he chose his first and most important vocation. This biography is the first to tell the story of the spirituality that shaped one of the twentieth century's most distinguished public servants. It is a story to inspire all those who strive to live out their faith in the midst of a deeply divided world. Also available in braille and BRF (B1808).

*33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration,* by Fr. Michael Gaitley (DBX0950): From Fr. Michael E. Gaitley, MIC, author of the bestselling book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus,* comes an extraordinary 33-day journey to Marian consecration with four giants of Marian spirituality. St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, and Blessed John Paul II. Fr. Michael masterfully summarizes their teaching, making it easy to grasp and simple enough to put into practice. More specifically, he weaves their thought into a user-friendly, do-it-yourself retreat that will bless even the busiest of people. So, if you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're simply looking to deepen and renew your devotion to her, *33 Days to Morning Glory* is the right book to read and the perfect retreat to make. Also available in braille and BRF (B0975).

*Tongues of Fire,* by Frances Parkinson Keyes (DBX0456): This title brings together dramatic and inspiring stories of Christian missionaries, from St. Paul to the present. The selection is a personal one based on the author's lifelong interest in the Christian missionary service, and what emerges in the pages of her book is a tumultuous, monumental history marked by ordeal, challenge, and ultimate triumph.

*Touched by Christ: Twelve Stories about Lesser-known People in the Bible,* by Louis G. Miller, C.Ss.R. (DBX0459): From the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, stories of people that are not as well-known but can help us discover our Faith. Also available in braille and BRF (B1184).

*365 Días Acompa**ñados por los Santos,* by Carmen Aguinaco (Spanish, DBX1281): Stay close to the saints and feel their accompaniment in your day-to-day life. The lives of the saints, who have inspired so many over the centuries, continue to inspire us today. Although the world has changed over time, the human spirit remains the same. Let the example of these wonderful human beings accompany you every day and their lives serve as a guide for yours. *365 Días Acompañados por los Santos* will surprise you every day. Presenting the most important events in the life of a saint of the day, this title offers a reflection on how that saint's message can be applied to our reality today and calls us to action. This book is also available in BRF (B1908).

*The Trials of Saint Patrick,* by Augustine Institute Radio Theater (DBX1186): the epic story of one man's spiritual odyssey through hardship and loss, mercy, and forgiveness. Dramatized with a fresh boldness by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre, the characters will come alive through the talents of dozens of accomplished, award-winning actors, combined with cinematic sound and music. Your imagination will be quickened. Your heart will be inspired.

*Tuned In: The Power of Pressing Pause and Listening,* by Art and Laraine Bennett (DBX1260): Relationship experts Art and Laraine Bennett offer advice, techniques, and practical suggestions for shutting out the distractions and becoming a better listener. Using real life situations woven throughout with scriptural reflections, the Bennetts offer profound and practical advice for improving your relationships through the art of listening. Also available in braille and BRF (B1685).

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*Understanding Mary the Undoer of Knots,* by Pope Francis (DBX1014): Our Lady's ingenuity and her practical streak are captured in the title dear to the heart of Pope Francis. While studying in Germany in the 1980s, Jorge Bergoglio was inspired by a Bavarian painting entitled, "Holy Mother, Our Lady, Untier of Knots." Devotion to Our Lady under this title is growing by leaps and bounds. It can touch those beset by sudden illness, sudden financial trouble, sudden "anything." Devotion to Our Lady under this title is especially popular among married people, given her active role at the wedding at Cana. Also available in braille and BRF (B1252).

V

*Vesper Time: The Spiritual Practice of Growing Older,* by Frank J. Cunningham with foreword by Joyce Rupp (DBX1280): *Vesper Time* addresses the yearning among elders for continued growth, expansiveness of heart, improvement of mind, and a meaningful understanding of our lives. As with Christianity's age-old practice of Vespers, or evening prayer, observed at the time of the lighting of the lamps just before darkness descends, Frank Cunningham views it is a time of life, when colors deepen and our experience of aging becomes spiritual practice. With humor and wisdom, he looks at five facets of this integral spirituality—memory, intimacy, diminishment, gratitude, and acceptance—offering guidance and encouragement for those who are on this stage in their journey of life. Also available in braille and BRF (B1753).

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*Walking Humbly: Scripture Meditations in Verse,* by Thomas Flowers (DBX0839): The author, a published poet, presents 32 selected passages from scripture and follows each with a poetic meditation that offers a perspective on the people and events of the passages that is not necessarily part of our normal reaction to these mostly familiar biblical accounts. The book is meant to open a door for readers to enter into their own meditation, and as such is not so much intended to be read as to be prayed. Walking Humbly is a book about our relationship with the Lord and is appropriate as an instigator of faith sharing, as an aid for individual prayer, as a starting point for meditation, and as a companion for those on retreat.

*A Way to the Heart of Christmas,* edited by Brian Linard (DBX0118): With its carefully selected extracts from many different writers, this title gives us a chance to discover the spiritual depth of the Christmas message. It offers us a glimpse of a few of the strands of this awe inspired symphony raised up by a grateful people which, aware that God now lives with us, "had to write a poem." The beauty of Christmas touches everyone. Perhaps, however, we need help in penetrating the truth at the heart of this beauty—a truth that is ageless and always up to date. With its carefully selected extracts from many different writers, it gives us a chance to discover the spiritual depth of the Christmas message. It is in a way the perfect Christmas present—for others, for ourselves, or even for the babe himself who wants nothing more than for us to enter into his mystery.

*Wellsprings: Guided Prayer Exercises,* by Tony de Mello, SJ (DBX1225): One of the most important inspirational writers of our time, and an internationally acclaimed spiritual guide, Anthony de Mello here presents a way toward peace of mind, inner power, and joy through simple spiritual exercises that blend the ancient traditions of the East with the psychological and philosophical perspectives of the West. Wellsprings is intended to guide us to a deeper appreciation of the physical and mystical realms within us. In these pages, numerous aspects of self-awareness are explored that for many people are often left uncultivated in the rapid pace of modern life. In the tradition of the great spiritual leaders of the past, de Mello directs the whole person toward a state of harmony and grace—in heart and mind, body and soul.

*Why the Rosary, Why Now?,* by Gretchen Crowe (DBX1207): An accessible and inspiring compilation of texts woven together with personal anecdotes that outline eight persuasive reasons why the Rosary should be an essential part of every Catholic's life, now more than ever.

*The Wisdom of the Beguines: The Forgotten Story of a Medieval Women's Movement,* by Sr. Laura Swan, OSB (DBX1120): The beguines began to form in various parts of Europe over eight hundred years ago. Beguines were laywomen, not nuns, and they did not live in monasteries. They practiced a remarkable way of living independently, and they were never a religious order or a formalized movement. But there were common elements that these medieval women shared across Europe, including their visionary spirituality, their unusual business acumen, and their courageous commitment to the poor and sick. The beguines, across the centuries, have left us a great legacy. They invite us to listen to their voices, to seek out their wisdom, to discover them anew. Also available in braille and BRF (B1577).

*The Wit and Wisdom of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen,* edited by Bill Adler (DBX0548): Arranged alphabetically by topic and containing 1,300 entries on hundreds of subjects from Absolution to Zoophilists, this comprehensive anthology exemplifies the tremendous faith, wisdom, humor, and goodness of the beloved prelate.

*The Woman Who Couldn't Be Stopped,* by Delphine Wedmore, S.C.C. (DBX0576): Life of Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt, a German Roman Catholic professed religious and the foundress of the Sisters of Christian Charity. Born into an aristocratic household as the daughter of a Lutheran father and Catholic mother, from her adolescence she began to tend to the blind and sick. This venture expanded into what became a religious congregation which spread at a rapid pace; she herself traveled to a range of places to oversee its growth and development. She later was beatified on 14 April 1985.

*Women in the Eyes of Jesus: Yesterday, Today and Forever,* by Antoine Nachef (DBX0813): Women were heavily involved in Jesus' ministry. He healed them and welcomed their faith. He opened conversations with them and changed their lives. This very readable work presents a balanced analysis of the social, cultural, spiritual and theological dimensions of Jesus' encounter with women. Every scene in which Jesus interacts with women is studied from these points of view. The implications of the Gospel vision of women's ultimate role in the world today make up the conclusion of each scene.

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*The Yellow Brick Road: A Storyteller's Approach to the Spiritual Journey,* by William J. Bausch (DBX0814): Father Bausch recruits classic figures from *The Wizard of Oz* and uses a treasury of stories and experiences to reveal the many roads that lead to prayer. The stories are not only for entertainment; they are meant to invite and provoke.

*Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church* or *YOUCAT,* translated by Michael J. Miller (DBX7108): This book aims to be an aid for youth to better understand the *Catechism of the Catholic Church.* Written in a question and answer format, this book is aimed at explaining the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in a language more suitable for the young. Also available in braille and BRF (B8127).

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