

Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Care Research Guide

This guide is intended to provide an introduction to resources that take up questions related to Christian spirituality and pastoral care. Resources include general reference tools, resources in the Divinity library's collection, and more catalogs including [Acorn](#), [WorldCat](#), and [Discover Library](#). Please contact the Divinity Library directly for any assistance.

General Surveys and Collections

Reference and Introductory Texts to Christian Spirituality and Pastoral Care

General Compilations

The New Dictionary of Catholic Spirituality

Michael Downey, ed.

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 4

BX2350.65 .N49 1993

The Blackwell Companion to Christian Spirituality

Arthur G. Holder

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 4 and WebAccess

BV4501.3 .B535 2005

Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Rodney Hunter, ed.

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 4

BV 4011.3 .D53 2005

The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality

Philip Sheldrake, ed.

Divinity Reference Sub-Study 4

BV4488. N49 2005

Spirituality

Exploring Christian Spirituality: An Ecumenical Reader

Kenneth J. Collins

Divinity

BV4501.2 .E956 2000

Spiritual Traditions for the Contemporary Church

Robin Maas and Gabriel O'Donnell, eds.

Divinity

BV4490 .S72 1990

Exploring Christian Spirituality

Sandra M. Schneiders; Bruce H. Lescher; Elizabeth Liebert

Divinity

BV4511. E96 2006

Handbook of Spirituality for Ministers

Robert Wicks

Divinity

BV4011.6. H36 1995

Self-Ministry through Self-Understanding: A Guide to Christian Introspection

Robert J. Wicks

Divinity

BV4509.5 .W473 1990

Pastoral Care and Counseling

Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling

Howard Clinebell

Divinity

BV4012.2 .C528 1984

Women in Travail and Transition: A New Pastoral Care

Maxine Glaz

Divinity

BV4445 .W65 1991

Through the Eyes of Women: Insights for Pastoral Care

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner

Divinity

BV4445 .T57 1996

In Her Own Time: Women and Developmental Issues in Pastoral Care

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner

Divinity

BV4445 .I5 2000

Pastoral Counseling In A Global Church: Voices from the Field

Robert J. Wicks and Barry K. Estadt, eds.

Divinity

BV4012.2 .P294 1993

History of Spirituality

Christian Spirituality: Post-Reformation and Modern

Louis K. Dupré; Don E. Saliers; John Meyendorff

Divinity and Reference Sub-Study 5

BV4490. C49 1989

Christian Spirituality: Origins to the Twelfth Century

Bernard McGinn; John Meyendorff; Jean Leclercq

Divinity and Reference Sub-Study 5

BV4490. C464 1985

Body and Soul: Essays on Medieval Women and Mysticism

Elizabeth Petroff

Divinity

BV5077. E85 P48 1994

Performance and Transformation: New Approaches to Late Medieval Spirituality

Mary Suydam; Joanna Ziegler

Divinity

BV5083. P47 1999

Spirituality and Pastoral Care in Specific Populations

The Black Church in America: African-American Christian Spirituality

Michael Battle

Divinity

BR563. N4. B388 2006

Navigating the Deep River: Spirituality in African American Families

Archie Smith

Central and Divinity

BR563. N4. S565 1997

In the Power of Wisdom: Feminist Spiritualities of Struggle

María Pilar Aquino

Divinity

BL 458 .I55 2000

Women's Spirituality: Resources for Christian Development

Joann Wolski Conn

Divinity

BV4527 .W595 1986

Ageing, Disability, and Spirituality: Addressing the Challenge of Disability in Later Life
Elizabeth MacKinlay
Divinity
BL625.4. A33 2008

Time for Listening and Caring: Spirituality and the Care of the Chronically Ill and Dying
Christina M. Puchalski
Divinity
R726.8 .T564 2006

Helplessness and Hope: Pastoral Care in Terminal Illness
Bruce Rumbold
Divinity
BV4338 .R86 1986

Spiritual Care for Children Living in Specialized Settings
Michael F. Friesen
Divinity
BL625.5. F75 2000

Let the Children Come
Bonnie Miller-McLemore
Divinity
BT705 .M55 2003

Summons to Serve: The Christian Call to Prison Ministry
Richard Atherton
Divinity
BV4340 .A84 1987

The Principles of Prison Ministry
Tommy Seay
Divinity
BV4340 .S429 2002

Psychology in Spiritual Care

Spiritual Care
Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Divinity
BV4010 .B6313 1985

Changing Life Patterns: Adult Development in Spiritual Direction
Elizabeth Liebert
Divinity
BX2350.7 .L54 2000

Psychotherapy in a Religious Framework: Spirituality in the Emotional Healing Process

Rebecca Propst

Divinity

BV4012.2. P66 1988

Spirituality and Mental Health Care

John Swinton

Divinity

RC489 .R46 S757 2001

Spirituality and Pastoral Care

Nelson S.T. Thayer and Don S. Browning

Divinity

BV 4509.5 .T439 1985

Spirituality in Pastoral Counseling and the Community Helping Professions

Charles Topper

Divinity

BV4012.3. T67 2003

American Journal of Pastoral Counseling

Divinity

Web Access

BV4012. A547

Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health

Divinity

BV4012. A547

Practices of Spirituality and Care

The Practice of Spiritual Direction

William A. Barry

Divinity

BX2350.7 .B35 1982

The Friendship of Women: A Spiritual Tradition

Joan Chittister

Divinity

BV 4647 .F7 C45 2001

Protestant Spiritual Exercises: Theology, History, and Practice

Joseph Driskill

Divinity

BV4501.2 .D733 1999

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
Ignatius of Loyola
Divinity
BX 2179 .L7 E5 2000

Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation
Martin Laird
[Web Access](#)

Selections from Practicing Our Faith Series

Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People
Dorothy Bass
Divinity
BV4501 .P64 1997

Receiving the Day: Christian Practices for Opening the Gift of Time
Dorothy Bass
[Web Access](#)

Testimony: Talking Ourselves Into Being Christian
Thomas Long
Divinity
BV4520 .L56 2004

In the Midst of Chaos: Caring for Children As Spiritual Practice
Bonnie Miller-McLemore
Divinity
BV4529 .M56 2007

Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice
Stephanie Paulsell
Divinity
BT741.2 .P38 2002

A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as Spiritual Practice
Don Saliers
Divinity
ML3921 .S255 2005

Educating People of Faith : Exploring the History of Jewish and Christian Communities
John Van Engen
Divinity
BV4490 .E38 2004

Practicing Theology : Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life

Miroslav Volf

Divinity

BV3 .P6935 2002

Lord Have Mercy: Praying for Justice With Conviction and Humility

Claire Wolfteich

Divinity

BV210.3 .W64 2006

Acorn Catalog, Discover Library, and WorldCat

For some research, you will want to find out broadly what has been published on a specific area of study. For monographic treatments of an area of interest, Vanderbilt's [Acorn](#) and OCLC's [WorldCat](#) are the best places to start. (Acorn tells you what the Vanderbilt libraries own and WorldCat tells you what libraries around the world own.) Search WorldCat similarly to the way you search Acorn to generate a list of titles under a particular subject heading; use Kudzu and Interlibrary Loan (ILL) to request books from outside the Vanderbilt Collection.

Another excellent search tool is [Discover Library](#). Discover Library searches the Acorn Catalog as well as select online databases, including ProQuest, ATLA, JSTOR, Wiley Interscience Journals, and PsycINFO. This is an extremely efficient way to search multiple types of publications.

Standardized subject headings and call numbers are assigned to books and other material added to the library collection to describe and organize the intellectual content. Approaching a subject through the analytical logic of the catalog provides an efficient path to relevant material. Because your research papers may cross many areas of research, it will be vital to narrow your area of focus by honing your research question.

Examples:

Feminist Spirituality

Spiritual Exercises

People with Disabilities—Religious Life

Christianity and justice—Catholic Church—Meditations

Christianity and Culture

Icons—Worship

Databases for Finding Articles, Book Chapters, and Primary Sources

The following databases search a variety of sources and are most useful in researching Christian spirituality and pastoral care.

[ATLA Religion Database](#) compiles bibliographic information on publications related to religious studies.

[JSTOR](#) contains many full-text resources in the humanities.

[ProQuest](#) searches a wide array of journals, newspapers, and magazines.

[SpringerLINK](#) contains hundreds of journals related to the humanities and social sciences, including *Pastoral Psychology* and the *Journal of Religion and Health*.

The following sites and databases may be helpful depending on your particular focus. You may also want to browse through the listing of Religion-related databases on the Divinity library website for additional relevant databases.

[Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life](#) offers data sets and reports on trends in the American religious landscape.

[Notable Collections at the Divinity Library](#) are available across a wide spectrum of topics and interests, including the Kelly Miller Smith Research Collection and the Mary and Harry Zimmerman Judaica Collection.

[Project MUSE](#) is another database that includes articles from the journals *Spiritus* and *Franciscan Studies*.

Other Resources of Lived Experience in Spirituality and Care

Pastoral theology is a discipline which attends to the lived experience of persons in joy and hope, but also in suffering and pain. Spiritual practices of prayer, service and social action, liturgy and worship, Sabbath keeping, examination, and listening are closely linked to ways that persons desire wholeness in a pastoral care that guides, heals, sustains, and/or reconciles, and liberates, nourishes, and/or transforms. Much like historians who turn to archives for primary source data, pastoral theologians turn to the experiences of persons. The library collection includes videorecordings that go deeply into lived experience of persons, particularly in particular situations. Some titles follow below.

Broken Vows: Religious Perspectives on Domestic Violence

Divinity

HV6626 .B76 2003

Topics: Domestic violence, intimate partner abuse, congregational response, pastoral care

Deliver Us From Evil

Central-Gov

DVD-1697

Topics: Sexual abuse of minors, Vatican response, pastoral care

Praying With Lior

Contact Laurie Fleming, laurie.fleming@vanderbilt.edu or (615) 936-8852

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center

DVD

Topics: Care of child with developmental disability, prayer