



## MULTI-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIAS – GENERAL

***New Catholic Encyclopedia.*** 2nd edition. Washington, DC: Gale, 2003. 15 volumes+supplements. Online  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 841 .N44 2003]

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

***Routledge Religion Resources Online.*** Online  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

An online collection of thirty different encyclopedias and dictionaries on various religious topics. Because it is a compilation of several works, rather than a single encyclopedia, it is strong in some areas, but weak in others. Includes the *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, *Encyclopedia of Monasticism*, *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, and *The Papacy: An Encyclopedia*.

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

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

***The Encyclopedia of Christianity.*** Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999–2008. 5 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .E8913 1999]

This work is the major English-language theological encyclopedia from a Protestant perspective. It emphasizes post-Reformation and particularly contemporary Christianity. The articles included are substantial but selective; there are many topics which are not addressed. Many of the articles are translated from the German *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon* (Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .E92 1986).

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***Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy.*** Lanham, MD: Scarecrow, 2007. 2 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 1753 .E595 2007]

A comprehensive and broad-ranging analysis of how the Catholic religious, moral, and intellectual tradition has and should shape society and social life.

***Dictionnaire d'Histoire et de Géographie Ecclésiastiques.*** Paris: Letouzey et Ané, Online  
1912–present. 28 volumes (in progress).  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .D52 1912]

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

## ONE-VOLUME DICTIONARIES – GENERAL

***Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church.*** Edited by F.L. Cross and E.A. Livingstone. Online  
3rd edition revised. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .O8 2005]

Brief, scholarly articles on over 6,000 topics. The bibliographies identify the primary sources and the most important secondary works. This dictionary is particularly good for identifying individuals and for historical topics.

***The New SCM Dictionary of Church History.*** Edited by Robert Benedetto. London: SCM Press, 2008.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 95 .N49 2008]

Also published under the title *The New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*, this work is very comparable to the *Oxford Dictionary* (above). Only volume 1 (early church to 1700) has been published so far.

## ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES – BY PERIOD

See also the separate *Research Guide to Patristics*.

***Encyclopedia of the Early Church.*** Edited by Angelo Di Berardino. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992. 2 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 66.5 .D5813 1992]

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

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

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

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

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

***Dictionary of the Middle Ages.*** New York: Charles Scribners' Sons, 1982 – 1989. 13 volumes.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – D 114 .D5]

Articles (many of essay length) on all aspects of medieval scholarship. The *Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages* edited by Andre Vauchez is a much smaller work than the *Dictionary of the Middle Ages* – but it is more up-to-date and available online for UofT use.

***The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation.*** Edited by Hans J. Hillerbrand. **Online**  
New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. 4 volumes.  
[Available online for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 302.8 .O93 1996]

More than 1,200 scholarly articles. Many of the bibliographies are annotated and are divided into separate lists of primary and secondary sources.

## COLLECTIONS OF DOCUMENTS

***Documents of the Christian Church.*** Edited by Henry Bettenson. 3rd ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 141 .D6 1999]

A highly selective collection of major Christian documents, including statements from popes, bishops, councils, and synods.

***Readings in Church History.*** Edited by Colman J. Barry. Westminster, MD: Newman Press, 1965.  
[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BQX 24 .R42]

Over 300 contemporary writings which illustrate the history of the Church (excluding America).

### ***Internet Medieval Sourcebook.***

Online

[Available online: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook.html>]

Primary sources arranged according to type, excerpts from other writings, and lives of the saints from ancient, medieval and Byzantine sources.

## **ATLASES**

In addition to maps, these works also include numerous illustrations that provide a graphical representation of the history of Christianity.

***Atlas of the Christian Church.*** Edited by Henry Chadwick and G.R. Evans. New York: Facts on File, 1987

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 98 .A74 1987]

***The Macmillan Atlas History of Christianity.*** Franklin H. Littell. New York: Macmillan, 1976.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – G 1046 .E4 L5]

***Atlas zur Kirchengeschichte: Die Christlichen Kirchen in Geschichte und Gegenwart.*** Edited by Jochen Martin. Freiburg: Herder, 1970.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 146.5 .J43]

## **TIMELINES**

***The Timetables of History.*** Bernard Grun. 4th rev. ed. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1991.

[Victoria Pratt Library – D11 .G78 2005]

[3rd edition: St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – D 11 .G78 1991]

Contemporary names and events in various fields are presented in parallel columns (history, politics; literature, theater; religion, philosophy, learning; visual arts; music; science, technology, growth; daily life).

***Tabulae fontium traditionis christianae.*** J. Creusen and F. Van Eyen. Louvain: Editions du Museum Lessianum, 1926.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR955 .C73 1926]

Chronological tables showing in parallel columns the popes, councils, heresies, and major theologians of the Church. Do not be deterred by the Latin title of the work.

***Chronological and Background Charts of Church History.*** Robert C. Walton. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1986.

[Regis/Emmanuel/Trinity Reference Area – BR 146 .W35 1985]

Over 80 charts for use by both students and teachers of church history "as a way to gain rapid access to basic information . . . and as a way of providing orderly categories into which that information may be placed."

## GENERAL HISTORIES

The following works are comprehensive histories and are recognized as standards in their field. Each volume includes excellent bibliographies which list the most important primary and secondary works.

***History of the Church.*** Edited by Hubert Jedin and John Dolan. New York: Seabury Press, 1980. 10 volumes.

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – BR 145.2 .J413]

***The Cambridge History of Christianity.*** Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006 – 2009. 9 volumes.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 145.3 .C35 2006]

***The I.B. Tauris History of the Christian Church.*** New York: I.B. Tauris, 2007 – present. 5 (of 7 projected) volumes published.

[St. Michael's 3rd Floor – volumes have individual call numbers; check catalogue]

## BIOGRAPHY

***The Oxford Dictionary of Popes.*** J.N.D. Kelly. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. **Online**

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

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 955.2 .K45 2005]

A chronological arrangement of concise biographies of the popes and major anti-popes. The bibliographies include primary sources as well as specialized and more general studies.

***The Book of Saints.*** 7th edition. New York : Continuum, 2002.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4655.3 .B66 2002]

The most complete list of saints and blessed in English. Very brief biographies including birth and death years and feast days.

***Butler's Lives of the Saints.*** New full ed. Edited by Paul Burns. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1995-2000. 12 volumes + 1 supplement.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4654 .B8 1995]

The standard English-language reference work on the saints; biographies are arranged according to the feast day of the saint. This work provides the best brief biographies of the saints together with excellent bibliographies. The current edition includes many of those canonized or beatified in the last twenty years. The former edition edited by Herbert Thurston and Donald Attwater (St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4654 .B8 1956) is still sometimes useful.

***Dictionary of Catholic Biography.*** John J. Delaney and James Edward Tobin. Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1961.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BX 4651.2 .D52 1961]

A biographical dictionary of "outstanding Catholics from the time of the Apostles to the present day". Contains some 16,000 brief entries, many citing one or two sources.

## FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

### ***ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials.***

Online

[Available online (1949 – present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

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

### ***Catholic Periodical and Literature Index (CPLI).***

Online

[Available online (1981 – present) for UofT use: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

[Print version (1930 – 1980): St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – AI 3 .C3]

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

### ***Historical Abstracts.***

Online

[Available online (1949 – present) for UofT use only: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca>]

Index with abstracts to journal articles on historical topics from 1450 to the present (excluding North America).

### ***Humanities Abstracts.***

Online

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

Index with abstracts to over 400 humanities journals, including the most significant English-language history journals.

## BIBLIOGRAPHIES

***Church History: An Introduction to Research, Reference Works, and Methods.*** By James E. Bradley and Richard A. Muller. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1995.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 138 .B69 1995]

***The Early Church: An Annotated Bibliography of Literature in English.*** By Thomas A. Robinson. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow, 1993.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 162.2 .R63 1993]

***Reformation Europe: A Guide to Research.*** By Steven Ozment. St. Louis, MS: Center for Reformation Research, 1982.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – BR 305.2 .R39]

### ***The Catholic Mobile : Church History***

Online

[Available online: <http://www.shc.edu/theolibrary/history.htm>]

Guide to Early Church Documents. This hypertext document contains pointers to Internet-accessible files relating to the early church, including canonical documents, creeds, the writings of the Apostolic Fathers and other historical texts relevant to church history. The latest version of this document is located at: <https://christian.net/pub/resources/christian-history.html>. 2. The Apostolic Fathers. 1st Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians [ca 96]: A formal letter written on behalf of the Roman Christian community urging Christians who had been rebelling against church authority to be submissive and obedient. Tradition attributes it to Clement, allegedly one of the first bishops of Rome. Church History, is there a record of any sort with regard to the founding of Zion churches and how they descended? Relevant answer. Beth Snodderly. I am researching declining main line churches and the rapid growth of mega churches in the Tri-State area (Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Delaware). If anyone has information as to the location of published research articles or dissertations on this subject please let me know where I might find those articles. Relevant answer. Douglas Milford. Mar 24, 2016. Answer. See link to Hartford Institute's Megachurch research page. In addition, I have included links to a couple of dissertations. I am sure there are many, many more. Church History Study Guide. 5 December 2016. The Church's online resources offer a wealth of knowledge about the history of the Church. As we study the Doctrine and Covenants and Church history this year, these resources can help teachers and students understand the background of different revelations, bring lessons to life with extra stories and visual materials, and better prepare to answer questions. Lessons: 1. 2 My "History of the Apostolic Church" (which bears a relation to my "History of the Christian Church," similar to that which Neander's "History of the Planting and Training of the Christian Church by the Apostles" bears to his "General History of the Christian Religion and Church") appeared in German at Mercersburg, Pa., 1851, then in a revised edition, Leipzig the results of the latest German and English research, to the respectful attention of the American student. Accordingly, church history has various departments, corresponding to the different branches of secular history and of natural life. The principal divisions are: I. The history of missions, or of the spread of Christianity among unconverted nations, whether barbarous or civilized. The history of the church is the story of your family. Studying the church over the ages helps the modern church understand controversies and heresies. Cults were present in A.D. 200. the same as they are present today. To understand Christian doctrine in its context of history helps us to separate fads and falsehoods from the truth of the Bible. The cults of today have already been dealt with in the distant past. History of the Christian Church. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997. Shelley, Bruce L., Church History in Plain Language, Dallas: Word Publishing, 1982. Vos, Howard F., Introduction to Church History, Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1994. 2. Church History. Lesson 1 The Church Commences. A., to about AD 177.