Biblical Citations

In general, biblical references are not footnoted, but placed in parentheses after the quote. The edition of the Bible must be indicated by its italicized abbreviation following the reference to the biblical book, chapter number, and verse number (e.g., 1 Tim 3:12 NAB). This is only necessary the first time the Bible is cited if the same edition is used throughout the text.

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent references appear in parentheses after the biblical book, chapter, and verse numbers, as follows (1 Tim 1:12 RSV).

Bib.:

Papal documents

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:
3 Pastores dabo vobis, §43.

Bib.:

Documents from the USCCB

Before 2001, the bishops of the U.S. acting jointly were known as the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and their documents were published by the United States Catholic Conference. Thus these titles should be used respectively for author and publisher of the bishops' documents before 2001, as the documents themselves should make clear.

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:
4 Program of Priestly Formation, §74.

Bib.:

Documents published in the Acta Apostolica Sedis or other journals
The section or paragraph number follows the promulgation date of the document, while the page number follows the monograph's publication date in the first reference only:

Acta Apostolicae Sedis

5 Pope Pius XII, Encyclical on Promoting Biblical Studies Divino afflante Spiritu (30 September 1943), §26, Acta Apostolicae Sedis 35 (1943), 311.

Abbreviated subsequent reference:
6 Divino afflante Spiritu, §26.

Bib.:

Origins and other journals

7 Pope John Paul II, Encyclical on the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church Ecclesia de Eucharistia (17 April 2003), §26, Origins 32, no. 46 (2003), 760.

Abbreviated subsequent reference:
8 Ecclesia de Eucharistia, §26.

Bib.:

Latin sources


Abbreviated subsequent reference:
10 Council of Trent, Canones de sacramento confirmationis, 1-3, ed. Tanner, 686.

Bib.:

Sources in translation


Abbreviated subsequent reference:
12 Sacrosanctum concilium, §21.

Bib.:

Papal addresses accessed online
documents accessed online

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

16 *Caritas in veritate*, §16.

Bib.:


Code of Canon Law

*When citing the Code of Canon Law, the abbreviation c. indicates one canon, cc. indicates two or more canons. The section symbol § indicates two or more sections within a single canon.*

The 1983 Code

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

18 *CIC*, c. 312, § 1.

Bib.:


The 1917 Code

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

20 *CIC/1917*, cc. 2186-2187.

Bib.:


The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
References to the Catechism of the Catholic Church always indicate section numbers, and never page numbers. If consulting the Catechism in English, be sure to use the most recent edition.

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:
22 CCC, 863.

Bib.:

Liturgical Books

Citations of liturgical texts should proceed from the specific to the general (for example, "opening prayer" is more specific than Sacramentary), followed by the publication information of the source from which the text is cited. In all citations of liturgical books, paragraph or section numbers must be specified with the section symbol § (or §§ where more than one section is referenced), and pages must be marked by "p." or "pp." This is to avoid confusion in light of the variety of formats in which liturgical books are published.

Missale Romanum

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:

Bib.:

Liturgical books published as monographs

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:
26 Rite of Baptism for Children, §91.

Bib.:

Liturgical books published in collected volumes

FN:
Abbreviated subsequent reference:
28 Blessing of Rings, Rite of Marriage, §27.

Bib.:
Ancient Primary Sources (patristic, medieval, etc.)

St Thomas Aquinas' *Summa theologiae*

The *Summa theologiae* of St Thomas Aquinas is cited by part (I, I-II, II-II, III), question, and article. For example, ST II-II, q. 23, a. 3, ad 1 means, the second part (half) of the second part, question twenty-three, article three, reply to the first objection. "Obj." refers to an objection within an article. To cite more than one article at a time, use the abbreviation "arts" for articles, as in the following example: ST, I, q. 13, arts 5-6.

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

30 ST, III, q. 72, a. II, trans. English Dominican Province, 2426-2427.


Aristotle

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:


Plato

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:


Biblical commentaries in a series (multi-volume commentaries)

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

Biblical dictionaries or single-volume commentaries by various authors

Article from single-volume commentary

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:

38 Deer, "How the Bible Came," 173.

Bib.:


Article from the New Jerome Biblical Commentary

FN:


Abbreviated subsequent reference:


Bib.: