

RMLetter

Your news about the Library

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New history exhibit in the library

Spring 2017 Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:30a-10:00p

Friday: 8:30a-4:30p

Saturday: 9:30a-4:30p

Sunday: 1p-10p

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For the Spring 2017 semester, RML will exhibit “The Seminary As It Was: History of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1832-1948” in the main reading room.

Spread across two display cases, the exhibit showcases various artifacts from the seminary’s past, including photos, objects and books. Letters from famous Seminary figures lie next to class photos, and current pictures of the seminary grounds stand in stark contrast to the way they looked before.

Most interesting are the sacristan’s record books, of which there are two. They, along with two massive books of receipts from the building of the original Theology building



One of the two display cases full of interesting artifacts from the seminary’s history.

in the 1860s and 70s, will be flipped to new pages every week, showing interesting moments from the seminary’s past.

Be sure to check out the exhibit whenever you visit RML for the rest of the semester!

Note from the Director’s Desk

When this issue goes to press, it is likely that we still will see snow resting on our lawns, bunched at the sides of streets, crushed into corners of our windshields. These sights are the products of Thursday’s snowfall, an incident preceded by a day of sixty-degree sunniness.

By the time you read this, the temperature should have climbed back up from its brief plunge. The day before the

snow came to pass, I found it hard to believe we would see anything at all, given the unseasonal warmth.

Scientific explanations aside, I wonder what to make of the fact that perhaps our only significant snow of the season came and went like a thunderbolt of wintry anger in the midst of spring-like calm. Any unexpected, isolated phenomenon usually draws forth questions of its “meaning,”

since humans, in general, don’t like surprises.

But maybe that’s the point.

As we soon begin to approach the unsurpassable surprise of the Resurrection, this snowfall shows us that we’re never more human than at moments when our disbelief is dispelled by an extraordinary occurrence.



Calendar of Events:

Rector’s Weekend	Feb. 10-12
Archbishop’s Lecture Series	Feb. 13, 7 pm
Theology on Tap	Feb. 17, 7 pm
Mid-Terms	Feb. 27- Mar 10
Ash Wednesday	Mar. 1

Did You Know? St. Valentine's Day edition (compiled by Chelsea Post)

While the Valentine's Day we know is over-commercialized with millions of greeting cards sent every year, the origin of the holiday reveals its true spirit of love and kindness. After doing a bit of research, I've created a list of facts about Valentine's Day and the various traditions we are familiar with. Enjoy!

- There is no definite answer on the identity of the "real" Saint Valentine. Two, sometimes three, men have been listed, all of whom were martyred or imprisoned by Emperor Claudius II.
- What they have in common, however, is the theme of love in their legends. In one story, Valentine healed the sight of his jailer's daughter, and on the morning of his death, he wrote her a farewell message signed "from your Valentine." Another legend has him marrying couples in

secret after Claudius II banned the act of marriage.

- The feast date on February 14 stems not only from the day St. Valentine was martyred (strangely, all the various St. Valentines share this date of death), but also by the belief that birds chose their mates around that date—so observed by Geoffrey Chaucer.
- The act of giving flowers was supposedly started by a daughter of King Henry IV of France, after she threw a party in the saint's honor and gave every lady who attended a bouquet.

Sources:

- Bunson, Matthew, et. al. *Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Saints*. Huntington, ID: Our Sunday Visitor, 2003.
- Guiley, Rosemary Ellen. *The Encyclopedia of Saints*. New York: Facts on File, 2001.

Current Schedule for RML Workshops

This is just a handful of the workshops available for registration; check the flyers posted around campus for the full list!



Tues. Feb. 14, 1:30pm

How to Read a Book

To some students, reading is a chore – but this workshop will give helpful tips for how to read effectively.

Level: Beginner

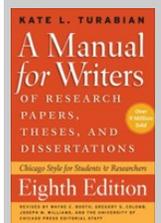


Wed. Feb. 15, 3pm

Note-taking in Class

For this session, we will show you how to craft well-written and comprehensible notes by revealing several tips and tricks to make note-taking easier.

Level: Beginner to Advanced



Wed. Feb. 22, 1:30pm

Introduction to Turabian style: Citation format

In this workshop, students will learn what elements to include in their citations for various sources, and how footnotes are arranged differently from bibliographies.

Level: Beginner



Tues. Feb. 28, 1:30pm

Choosing Web sources wisely

The RML staff can help students navigate around unreliable sources while surfing the Web by showing them how to select authoritative sources from an overwhelming results list.

Level: Beginner to Advanced

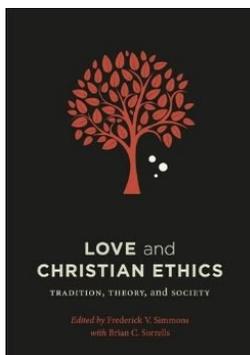
A contest favorite returns...



Stay tuned for more details in March!

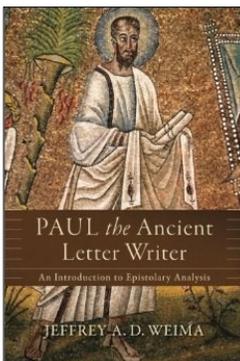
Winter Books: What you can read while stuck indoors

Feeling trapped by mounds of snow? Lucky for you, RML has quite a number of recently-published books, ready for check-out and perfect for a blustery winter day. Stop by the library today to pick up any of these great books!



- *Love and Christian Ethics: Tradition, Theory, and Society*, edited by Frederick V. Simmons with Brian C. Sorrells (BV4639 .L663 2016)

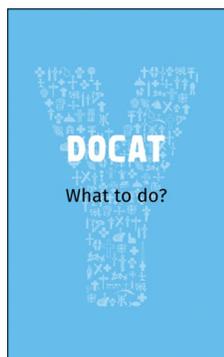
In this month of candy hearts and greeting cards, what is love in the Christian sense? How do we as Christians reveal our love to the world, and how do our ethical concerns reflect God's love for all? Editors Simmons and Sorrells attempt to answer these questions in this book by gathering essays on a variety of topics concerning ethical love. The book is divided into three sections—traditional Western Christian thoughts on love, theological questions on love, and how love can be implemented in today's society.



- *Paul the Ancient Letter Writer: An Introduction to Epistolary Analysis*, by Jeffrey A. D. Weima (BS2650.52 .W435 2016)

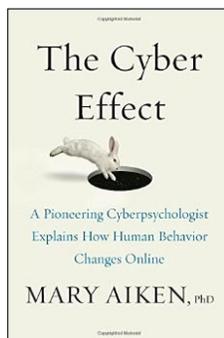
For those of you in Father Brady's Pauline Epistles class (or going to take it, or even have taken it), this book by Weima is a great resource to have! Undertaking a literary analysis of the Pauline letters can be intimidating, but Weima manages the task with ease, covering each of the four sections of the letters—the opening, thanksgiving, body and closing—and highlight-

ing what made them unique and what we can learn from them as modern-day readers. He ends with a final case study on the letter of Philemon, using it as an example of epistolary address at its finest.



- *Docat: What to do? The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church*, published by the YOUCAT foundation (BX1753 .D538 2016)

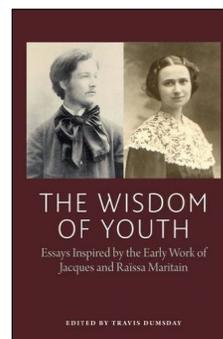
For an easy-to-understand resource on current Catholic teachings, look no further than the YOUCAT foundation! Their latest volume, *Docat*, is exactly that: a practical guide on the social teaching of the Catholic Church and how they can be applied today. More of a reference than anything else, the book is divided into varying subjects and, in the style of a FAQ, each subject is covered in great detail. Quotes, papal documents, and Scripture support the answers laid out throughout the book.



- *The Cyber Effect: A Pioneering Cyberpsychologist Explains how human behavior changes online*, by Mary Aiken (BF199 .A37 2016)

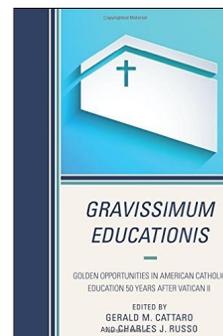
Dr. Aiken really does take us down the rabbit hole when she reveals the darker side of the Deep Web. It is no secret that people act differently behind the safety of a screen than they do in real life—it is amazing what the “trolls” feel it is okay to say when they are anonymous—and by examining the current trends of cyberstalking, video game addiction and online shopping, it becomes quite clear that the cyber effect has a hold over most of today's society. However, it is not all doom and gloom: Dr. Aiken

ends with instruction on how to keep safe in the digital Wonderland, tips that are desperately needed in the years to come.



- *The Wisdom of Youth: Essays Inspired by the Early Work of Jacques and Raïssa Maritain*, edited by Travis Dumsday (B2430.M34 W57 2016)

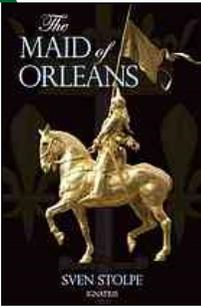
Marriage did not stop Jacques and Raïssa from being two of the most influential Catholic public intellectuals of the twentieth century. In fact, their work in Thomistic philosophy has since inspired a number of scholarly discussions, with this book becoming yet another in the list. But this book focuses its endeavors on the earlier works of the Maritains and how their views on war, justice and art were visible even then. Dumsday has gathered these essays together and organized them in easy to digest sections, making research on the Maritains' philosophy somewhat easier.



- *Gravissimum Educationis: Golden Opportunities in American Catholic Education 50 Years after Vatican II*, edited by Gerald M. Cattaro and Charles J. Russo (LC501 .G66 2015)

Let's not forget why you are here: to educate yourselves in philosophy and theology through the four pillars of formation to become priests. Thanks to the *Gravissimum Educationis* document produced by Vatican II, other Catholic schools now form their own *raison d'être* and teach their students in ways respectful to Catholic tenets. This book shows the practical ways this teaching is being lived out today.

Staff Picks for February 2017



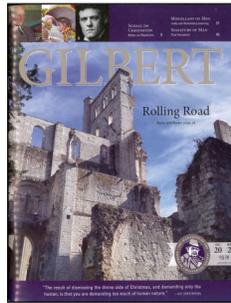
The legends surrounding the enigmatic Joan of Arc come to a halt in this new portrayal of the famously known “Maid of Orleans.” Through insightful research, Swedish writer and

historian Sven Stolpe succeeds in stripping off the rumor and legend that surrounds the French mystic, bringing out the real persona who commanded armies during the siege of Orleans by making her unwavering faith as a messenger of God a point of interest.

With gripping narrative, Stolpe’s work manages to transport the enthusiast and admirer of the iconic “*pucelle*” to the times of the One Hundred Years War where wars within French kingdoms and the English Empire served as a background to the miraculous and heroic deeds of the French icon.

The Maid of Orleans : The life and Mysticism of Joan of Arc (DC103 .S8313 2014) brings to the modern reader a more sober rendering of the life of the militant maiden without losing any of the supernatural gift of vision that turned her into the Saint patron of France. Not to mention, now is a great time to read it, just after the month of her birth!

—JDJ



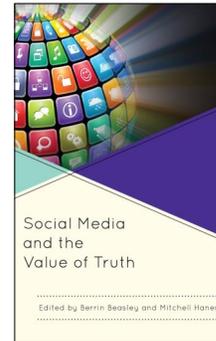
I know G.K. Chesterton from my literature classes in college, where we read and analyzed his short stories. Here, I’ve noticed, he’s more well-known for his theological writing—but in either case, he possesses a wit seldom seen in modern opinion pieces, and it is truly outstanding to see how Chesterton’s writings apply (or comment on) today’s societal norms.

Gilbert!, a magazine published by the American Chesterton Society, can be found on the current periodical shelves in the library, and whether you are a fan of Chesterton or not, reading articles modeling his point of view is eye-opening and enjoyable. The magazine itself is split into various columns, some containing reprinted essays of Chesterton’s, other merely emulating his style. There are also several short stories published within, such as Chesterton’s stories would’ve appeared in serials, as well as book and film reviews.

So whether you’ve read every Father Brown story penned by Chesterton, or hardly even recognize the name, *Gilbert!* is a great place to start to learn. —CP

Collection Corner

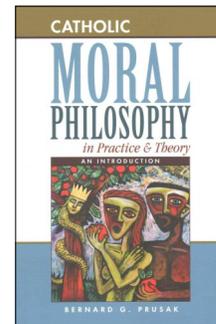
A rather large collection of new books have returned from the bindery this month. Here are just a few of the titles you can now find on the New books shelf in the library:



- *Social Media and the Value of Truth*, edited by Berrin Beasley and Mitchell Haney (P94 .S63 2013)

Truth is a precious commodity on the Internet; in fact, it can be quite hard to find. As social media use continues to grow,

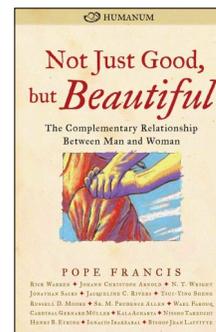
editors Beasley and Haney turn towards current communication and philosophy theories to evaluate issues pertaining to the value of truth on the Web.



- *Catholic Moral Philosophy in Practice and Theory: an Introduction*, by Bernard G. Prusak (BJ1249 .P786 2016)

Prusak tackles a large topic—Roman Catholic moral philosophy—with aplomb and grace, easily describing moral philosophy as it is known to Catholics.

The practical aspect of ethical thought are covered in various chapters and include such controversies as abortion, just war and bioethics.



- *Not Just Good, but Beautiful: The Complementary Relationship between Man and Woman*, edited by Steven Lopes and Helen Alvaré (BL65.S4 H86 2015)

In November 2014, over four hundred religious leaders, including Pope Francis, gathered in Rome to discuss what their faiths say about marriage—and these are their reflections, assembled in a single book.

Need Help with Your Writing?

Come to a Writing Tutorial session with Fr. Callaghan!

On Tuesdays and Fridays, 3-5pm, in the library—Set up an appointment by emailing callaghm@gmail.com

