**S.T.L. Comps Book List: HISTORICAL THEOLOGY**

***Note:*** *Students may use the following list or, using this list as a guide, prepare a comparable list with the approval of the director and reader, subject to the guidance of the Pontifical Degrees Committee.*

1. **CHOOSE TWO (OUT OF FOUR) HISTORICAL PERIODS**

**1. Patristic**

1. Ignatius, *Letters* in *The Apostolic Fathers: Greek Texts and English Translations*, 3rd edition, trans. Michael W. Holmes (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2007). (90 pages)
2. Irenaeus of Lyons, *Adversus Haereses*, in *Ante-Nicene Fathers,* Vol. I (Peabody, MA: Hendrikson, 1994), books 3-5. (150 pages)
3. Tertullian, *Adversus Praxean*, in *Ante-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 3 (Peabody, MA: Hendrikson, 1994). (30 pages)
4. Athanasius, *Letter to Marcellinus* and *Vita Antonii* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1980). (100 pages)
5. Athanasius, *Letters to Serapion* in *Works on the Spirit*, Popular Patristics Series 43 (Yonkers, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2011). (84 pages)
6. Augustine, *De Trinitate*, Bks 1, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 15, trans. Edmund Hill, 2nd ed. (Hyde Park: New City Press, 2012). (cc. 100 pp.)
7. Augustine, *De libero arbitrio*, Bks 1-2 in and *On Grace and Free Choice* in On the Free Choice of the Will, On Grace and Free Choice, and Other Writings, trans. Peter King, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010). (c. 60 pp.)
8. *Christology of the Later Fathers* (specifically, Cyril of Alexandria, *2nd Letter to Nestorius*, *3rd Letter to Nestorius*, *Formula of Reunion*; Pope Leo, *Tome*; *Definitio Fidei* of Chalcedon), ed. Edward R. Hardy (Philadelphia: Westminister Press, 1954). (c. 50 pp.)
9. Pope Gregory the Great, *Pastoralis Regula*, in *Pastoral Care*, Ancient Christian Writers 11 (New York: Newman Press, 1950). (c. 200 pp.)

**2. Medieval**

1. Anselm, *Monologion* (1-81; pay special attention to chapters 14-15, the *locus classicus* for perfect being theology throughout the High Middle Ages), *Proslogion, Gaunilo’s critique, and Anselm’s Response* (82-122)and *Cur Deus Homo* (260-356) in *The Major Works*, trans. Davies & Evans (Oxford University Press, 1998).
2. Bernard of Clairvaux, *Homilies in Praise of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, trans. Marie-Bernard Said (Kalamazoo: Cistercian Publications, 1993). (60 pages)
3. Hugh of St. Victor, *Didascalicon*, trans. Franklin Harkins, in *Interpretation of Scripture: Theory* (New York: New City Press, 2013), 63-201. (c. 140 pages)
4. Peter Lombard and Stephen Langton, *The Tent of Moses*, Latin text and facing English translation, in *The Prologues of Stephen Langton Introducing the Bible*, Latin texts by Benson and Clark, English translations by Clark. (10 pages)
5. Bonaventure, *Breviloquium*, Prologue, trans. Dominic V. Monti (St. Bonaventure: The Franciscan Institute, 2005), 1-23. (22 pages)
6. Bonaventure, *Itinerarium Mentis in Deum*. Available in many translations. (c. 50 pages)
7. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa theologiae*, Prologue and Question 1, available online in many translations. (c. 13 pages)
8. Duns Scotus, *Four Questions on Mary*, ed. and trans. Allan Wolter (St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 2000). (c. 50 pages)
9. Thomas Aquinas, *Commentary on John*, chapter 1, trans. Fabian Larcher (CUA, 2010) (c. 50 pages)
10. Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*, “The Bridge” trans. Suzanne Noffke (Paulist, 1980), 64-161 (c. 100 pages)

**3. Reformation/Early Modern**

1. David V.N. Bagchi, *Luther's Earliest Opponents: Catholic Controversialists, 1518-1525*, (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1991). (pp. 1-14, 183-268)
2. Eamon Duffy, *The Fires of Faith: Catholic England Under Mary Tudor* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2009). (pp. 1-208)
3. Desiderius Erasmus of Rotterdam, *Ratio seu methodus compendio perveniendi ad veram theologiam. Paraclesis, id est, exhortatio, ad studium evangelicae philosophiae.* Available in English translation through ProQuest: *The Ecumenical Theology of Erasmus of Rotterdam: A Study of the "Ratio Verae Theologiae,"* trans. Donald Conroy (University of Pittsburgh: ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 1974). (c. 100 pp.)
4. Martin Luther, *The Freedom of a Christian,* in *Luther’s Works*, vol. 31 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1957), 327-77; *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church,* in *Luther’s Works*, vol. 36 (Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1959), 3–126; *Treatise on Good Works*, in Luther’s Works, vol. 44 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1966), 15-114.
5. Protestant Confessions: *Confessio Augustana:* “The Augsburg Confession,” in John H. Leith (ed.), *Creeds of the Churches*, 3rd ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1982), 63-106; *Confessio Helvetica posterior*: “Second Helvetic Confession,” in Leith (ed.), *Creeds of the Churches*, 131-191; *The 39 Articles of Religion*, in Leith (ed.), *Creeds of the Churches*, 266-280.
6. Johannes Eck, *Enchiridion of Commonplaces Against Luther and Other Enemies of the Church,* trans. Ford Lewis Battles (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1979); sections on Church and Its Authority; Councils; Primacy of Apostolic See; Faith and Works; Sanctification; Free Will. (pp. 1-60)
7. Doctrinal Decrees and Canons of the Council of Trent, in Norman Tanner, ed., *Decrees of the Ecumenical Council,* Vol. 2 (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 1990), Sessions 4-7 (663-689), 13-14 (693-698, 703-713), 21-25 (726-728, 732-737, 742-744, 753-759, 774-776, 796-799).
8. Robert Bellarmine, *Disputations about Controversies of the Christian Faith against the Heretics of This Age* (Ingolstadt, 1581-1593), trans. Peter L. P. Simpson, section on *First General Controversy: On the Word of God, Written and Unwritten* [www.aristotelophile.com/Books/Translations/BellarmineControversyOne.pdf](http://www.aristotelophile.com/Books/Translations/BellarmineControversyOne.pdf) (c. 25 pp.)

8. Teresa of Avila, *Interior Castle,* in *Collected Words*, Vol. 2, trans Kieran Kavanaugh and Otilio Rodriguez(Washington, DC: ICS Publications, 1980). (125 pp.)

**4. 19th/20th Centuries**

1. Gerald McCool, *Catholic Theology in the Nineteenth Century* (New York: Seabury, 1977) (pp. 1-100)
2. J. S. Drey, *A Brief Introduction to the Study of Theology*, trans. M. Himes (Notre Dame: Notre Dame Press, 1994) (pp. 1-50)
3. Matthias Scheeben, *Mysteries of Chritianity,* trans. Cyril Vollert, (St Louis: Herder, 1951), §§ 1-31; 50-68.
4. John Henry Newman, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* (Shepherdstown, WV: Patmos, 1975; Chapters 1-5. available on line: [www.newmanreader.org)](http://www.newmanreader.org)).
5. Vatican I, *Dei Filius, Aeterni Patris*
6. Alfred Loisy, *The Gospel and the Church,* trans. B. Scott (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1976) (pp. 1-76); Pius X, *Pascendi Dominici Gregis* (1907).
7. Henri de Lubac, *Catholicism*, trans. L. Sheppard and E. Englund (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1988), 13-136, 217-245.
8. Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium, Lumen Gentium, Dei Verbum*, *Gaudium et Spes.*
9. Karl Rahner, *Foundations of Christian Faith*, trans. W. Dych (New York: Seabury, 1978), 1-175.
10. Friedrich Schleiermacher, *Brief Outline on the Study of Theology*, trans. Terrence N. Tice (Richmond, VA: John Knox Press, 1966). (c. 185 pp.)
11. **CHOOSE ONE THEMATIC AREA FROM SYSTEMATICS STL COMPS LIST**

Choose the books on the STL listed for either 1. Foundational Theology; 2. Trinity and Christology; 3. Ecclesiology and Sacramentology; or 4. Anthropology and Eschatology.