

Deacon Must Have Library

I have been asked to provide a basic library of resources that should be on every Deacon's bookshelf. And while the list is somewhat objective, I believe the essentials are covered. You are encouraged to purchase materials from your local Catholic Bookstore.

## **Essentials:**

**Catholic Bible in the translation of your choice and at the very least one in another translation**

[Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church](#)

[Handbook for Today's Catholic](#)

[Rite of Baptism for Children](#)

[Rite of Marriage](#)

[Order of Christian Funerals With Cremation Rite](#)

[Pastoral Care of the Sick With Viaticum](#)

[The Liturgy of the Hours Supplement](#)

**The Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist**  
(Ordo) Published annually and specific for groups of dioceses.

[The Liturgy of the Hours Supplement](#)

Specific to your country

### **Book of Blessings**

Book of Blessings is likely to be found in your parish sacristy and is only rarely referenced at home. Nice to have but not really an essential. Also may be specific to your country.

In my opinion, these are the only essential books for your library. I have several other suggestions that will be of value to have at hand. I have returned to these resources again and again as aids to teaching, preaching and spiritual enrichment. Of course there are thousand of books out there. These are my top nine.

[The Deacon Reader](#)

James Keating

[Catholicism for Dummies](#)

John Trigilio

[Why Do Catholics Do That?](#)

Kevin Orlin Johnson

[Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults](#)

Liturgical Press

[The How-To Book of the Mass](#)

Michael Dubruiel

[Life of Christ](#)

Fulton J. Sheen

[Jesus of Nazareth](#)

Pope Benedict XVI

[Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church](#)

Pope Benedict XVI

[Catholic Sourcebook](#)

Peter Klein

Links to texts in electronic format. These are valuable to your library as well, but are available for download at no cost.

**Documents of Vatican II**

- [Constitutions](#)
- [Declarations and Decrees](#)

<http://deaconpreacher.yolasite.com/church-documents.php>

[Code of Canon Law 1983](#)

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[Deus Caritas Est](#) - Pope Benedict XVI

[HUMANAE VITAE](#) - Pope Paul VI

[Caritas in Veritate](#) (Charity in Truth) - Pope Benedict VI (PDF)

[Dominus Jesus](#)