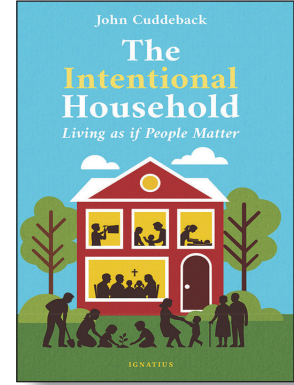
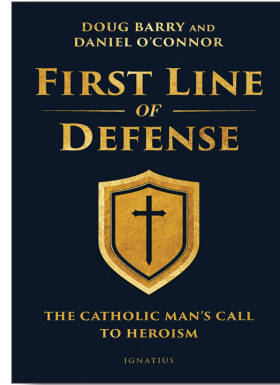
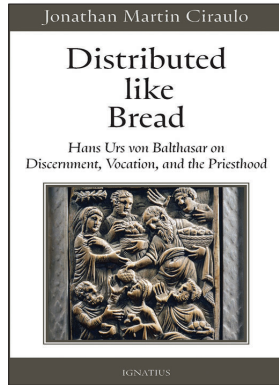
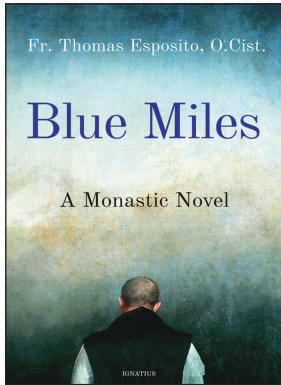




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New Releases

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Blue Miles: A Monastic Novel

BMIP, Fr. Thomas Esposito, O.Cist, 288 pp.

Monks have always been a gloriously strange lot, and the fictional monks of Presentation Abbey are no different. In this unique novel, authored by a real-life Cistercian monk, readers are taken behind the walls of the cloister by the fictional Father Samuel. Having entered the monastery young, he lived through alcoholism and other challenges, and now reflects on his vocation from the serenity of old age.

Combining contemplative wisdom with an honest look at the dramas, joys, and suffering of the religious life, this novel is a prayerful testimony to its fierce demands and consoling mercies. It will appeal to religious and laypeople alike.

Distributed Like Bread: Hans Urs von Balthasar on Discernment, Vocation, and the Priesthood

DLBP, Jonathan Martin Ciraulo, 112 pp.

Theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar (1905–1988) was one of the most important Catholic voices of the twentieth century. In his view, a priest is called to imitate the Eucharistic Christ, who gives himself with abandon for the life of the world. He should aspire to be as common and as humble as bread, available to be blessed, broken, and distributed. Through the priest’s availability, God Himself becomes present to the world.

This concise book presents Balthasar’s theology of discernment and vocation in a clear and compelling way. While the book is particularly relevant to priests and seminarians, it will be of interest to all those discerning God’s call.

First Line of Defense:

The Catholic Man’s Call to Heroism

FLDFP, Doug Barry and Daniel O’Connor, 192 pp.

A man—especially a father—is called to defend, protect, and foster what is noble and good. Yet modern life has all but quenched his heroic spirit by smothering it with distractions, including sinful ones like pornography.

This work aims to spark a revolution, reminding men that they are called to be great and awakening them to their deepest identity—not as “alpha males”, but as soldiers of Christ. To come fully alive, men must rediscover the courage of the apostles, who risked pain, humiliation, and death in the pursuit and defense of the truth. The authors show how men today can live a heroic life of duty, courage, strength, and sacrifice.

The Intentional Household:

Living as if People Matter

INHP, John Cuddeback, 167 pp.

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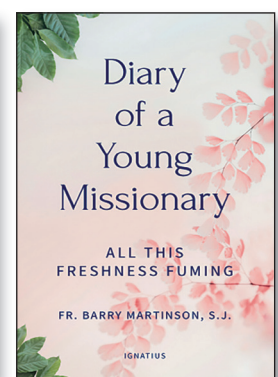
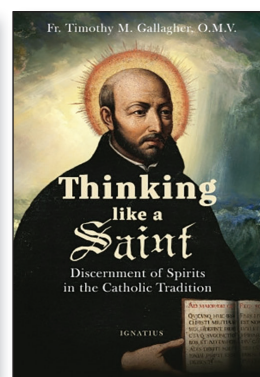
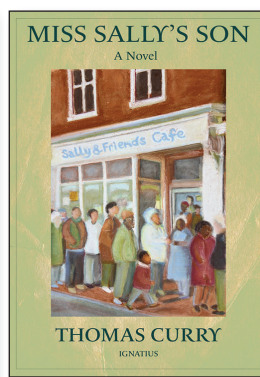
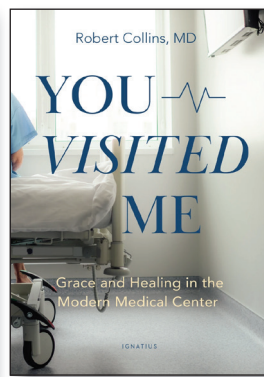
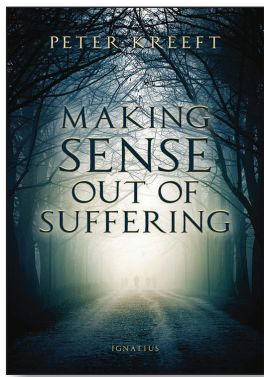
Amid the bustle of modern life, the home should be an oasis of humanity and a school of love, a place where people—and especially families—are nourished and refreshed, both physically and spiritually. Too often, the home is not such a sanctuary. But what if it could be even more than a sanctuary? What if the battle to restore modern society writ large starts at home?

In this unique and important book, philosopher John Cuddeback draws on great thinkers from across the ages—from Plato to Wendell Berry—to propose what he calls “the intentional household”: a household crafted with its members’ true happiness in view. Focusing on eight simple principles, he gives simple yet profound directions for crafting the shared life we crave for ourselves and our loved ones.

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Making Sense Out of Suffering

MSOSP, Peter Kreeft, 185 pp.

Christians have heard time and time again that suffering is part of life, that it can bring us closer to Jesus. But in the moment, it can seem absurd and cruel. What meaning is to be found in apparently meaningless pain and suffering—our own and that of people we love? Why would a loving God allow it?

In this book, originally published in 1986 and newly back in print, Professor Peter Kreeft, one of the most beloved Catholic writers of his generation, offers a philosophical and spiritual exploration of the mystery of pain and suffering. Combining personal experience with philosophical acuity, he offers practical and consoling insights to help readers through the dark parts of life.

You Visited Me: Grace and Healing in the Modern Medical Center

YVMP, Dr. Robert Collins, M.D., 201 pp.

In this beautiful memoir, a leading cancer specialist from Texas relates powerful true stories about God's grace and healing in the lives of very ill, sometimes dying patients. It is at the same time the story of Dr. Collins' own conversion to faith.

In stories that are sometimes happy and sometimes sad, but always filled with depth and beauty, we witness love, hope, trust, forgiveness, gratitude, answered prayers, and meaning in suffering. The modern medical center, cold and sterile on the surface, turns out to be alive with God's presence, mercy, peace, and healing—for doctor and patient alike.

Miss Sally's Son: A Novel

MSSP, Thomas Curry, 321 pp.

American Jack Benton has been living in Berlin, immersed in his career as an international lawyer, and hasn't been home in two years. Upon his mother's sudden death, he returns to the United States to help settle her affairs.

In a long letter that his mother left him, Jack learns for the first time stunning details about his father, who was a famous person in the Catholic world but whom Jack never knew. This sets Jack on a spiritual journey to reclaim his Catholic faith, and in the process he acquires a new family.

Thinking Like a Saint: Discernment of Spirits in the Catholic Tradition

TLSP, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V., 240 pp.

This book situates St. Ignatius of Loyola's fourteen Rules for the Discernment of Spirits within the larger Catholic spiritual tradition. Ignatius' rules are "Ignatian" only in their formulation, structure, and wording; the experience Ignatius describes is that of every disciple of Jesus. We find similar teaching from other spiritual writers and saints. Ignatius' gift, guided by the Holy Spirit, was to perceive this experience clearly and express it succinctly, in an eminently practical way.

Each chapter provides a brief explanation of the Ignatian rule in question and then presents the parallel wisdom of other saints and spiritual figures: Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Aquinas, Thomas à Kempis, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Thérèse of Lisieux, Francis de Sales, and more.

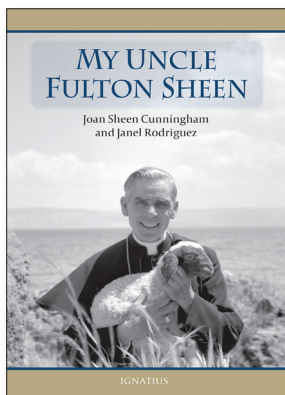
Diary of a Young Missionary

DYMP, Fr. Barry Martinson, S.J., 296 pp.

A sequel to *Diary of a Young Jesuit* (published 2025), this book tells of a Jesuit missionary's adventures during the first seven years of his assignment in Taiwan, from 1969 to 1976. This book includes joyful, humorous, and inspiring memories of Jesuit training and the personal adventures that accompanied it, especially the section detailing the one-of-a-kind year spent with the poor of Orchid Island.

As a gateway for those considering the missionary life, for men and women already serving God in distant lands, and for everyone seeking inspiration rooted in reality, or even for the arm-chair adventurer, this Diary reveals the daunting challenge of working in the fields of the Lord, where the harvest, as the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote, is ripe with "freshness fuming"

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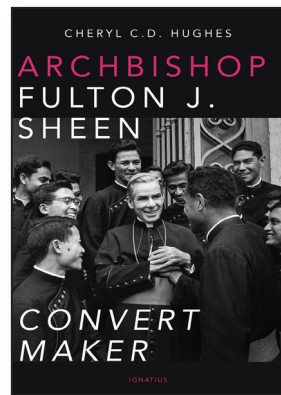


My Uncle Fulton Sheen
MUFP, Joan Sheen Cunningham and
Janel Rodriguez, 144 pp.

Joan Sheen Cunningham was happily growing up with her family in Illinois when her uncle Bishop Fulton Sheen offered her the opportunity of a lifetime: to attend a private school in New York City. With the blessing of her parents, she eagerly accepted, and Fulton Sheen became a second father, a role model, and a life-long friend.

In this memoir, Joan describes many formative experiences she had with Fulton Sheen—from shopping for a winter coat to meeting the governor of New York. She fondly recalls how her uncle guided her courtship, helped her and her new husband find an apartment, and baptized their children and grandchildren.

Sheen is most known for his popular television show, *Life Is Worth Living*. The Sheen that Joan presents, however, is not only a polished television personality, but a man of prayer, generosity, and missionary zeal who interacted with countless people from all walks of life. In one story after another, she illustrates that this great man's chief concern was sharing the mercy of God with everyone.



Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Convert Maker
AFSP, Cheryl C.D. Hughes, 310 pp.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was one of the greatest spiritual leaders—and entertainers—in America's tumultuous twentieth century. His television shows, for which he eventually won an Emmy Award, reached millions of viewers in the 1950s and 60s.

But one of his greatest gifts was that of finding lost sheep. Through his thought, wit, and compassion, many thousands of people likely entered the Church, from all walks of life. Among them were jazz legend Ada “Bricktop” Smith, journalist Heywood Broun, Communist activist Louis Budenz, U.S. Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce, spy Elizabeth Bentley, composer Fritz Kreisler, Communist Bella Dodd, and Hollywood starlet Virginia Mayo.

This in-depth work by historian Cheryl C.D. Hughes lets readers inhabit the postwar America where Bishop Fulton Sheen thrived, in order to reveal what made him such a magnetic figure in his own era. It peers into the complex lives of the celebrities and fallen stars who saw in the warm, brilliant bishop a sign of God's grace, and it offers a study in the inner dynamics of conversion.