Dear Sisters:

The following is a list of new books added to the Library this year. These titles are all listed in our database and may be reserved by emailing Mary Ellen. The annotations come from the book jackets to entice you to read and to provide a bit of information about each book.

**Library Collection FY 2019-2020 New Titles**

Our women on the ground: essays by Arab women reporting from the Arab world / Zahra Hankir “...book brims with new voices...demonstrated the highest professional achievement and courage.”

Hidden heart of the cosmos: humanity and the new story (2019 Revised Edition) / Brian Swimme “...brilliant reflection...to sink into the original ideas and luminous images...unfolding the universe story.”

Tao of ordinariness: humility and simplicity in a narcissistic age / Robert Wicks “...the concepts of humility, simplicity, courage and persistence as integral strategies to achieving inner peace.”

Postmodernity and univocity: a critical account of the radical orthodoxy and John Duns Scotus / Daniel Horan, OFM “...opens a constructive way forward toward a positive assessment and appropriation of Scotus’s work for contemporary theology.”

Political theology of the earth: our planetary emergency and the struggle for a new public / Catherine Keller “…wonderfully evocative and beautifully written...social justice and ecology and sustainability are inextricably linked...calming call to think.”

Teilhard de Chardin on the gospels: the message of Jesus for an evolutionary world / Louis Savary “…Teilhard …the largest Christian heart..truly alternative worldview.”

Clothed in language  (Monastic Wisdom Series)/ Pauline Matarasso “...a personal, poetic journal with a thematic structure...God-given language...serves to reflect the truth and on occasion mask it.”
Feminist intercultural theology: Latina explorations for a just world (2007) / Maria Pilar Aquino “Feminist theologians from 13 countries in the Americas analyze the relationships of culture, feminism and power...collaborative work.”

Faith and evolution: a grace-filled naturalism / Roger Haight “...acknowledging scientific concepts that shape our understanding of ourselves”

Catholicity and emerging personhood: a contemporary theological anthropology / Daniel Horan, OFM “...a need for theologies that take science and human connections with the world...in seeking wholeness and ‘loving the dust we are’...a fresh understanding our current ecological crises.”

Caring for the soul: the journey to a healthier and happier life / Peter Kalellis “...find the right balance in life.”

Broken bodies: the Eucharist, Mary and the body in trauma theology / Karen O’Donnell “...The Body of Christ is a traumatized body because it is constituted of traumatized bodies ...constructing new ways of thinking about the narratives at the heart of Christian faith...a fresh perspective.”

Catholic bioethics and social justice: the praxis of US healthcare in a globalized world / M. Therese Lysaught “...brings the lens of Catholic Social Teaching to bear on Catholic health care.”

All God’s animals: a Catholic theological framework for animal ethics / Christopher Steck “...draw together in conversation the views of the early Church, contemporary biblical and theological scholarship, and post-conciliar teachings...a comprehensive Catholic theology of animals.”

Flowing grace of now: encountering wisdom through the weeks of the year / Macrina Weiderkehr “...We learn from the layers of life. Our joys, sorrows, regrets, hopes, miseries and enthusiasms are mulch for each other...Each piece of life, every stage of growth enjoys the flowing grace of now.” My favorite learning, “I am standing knee-deep in grace.”

Jesus, friend of my soul: reflections for the Lenten journey / Joyce Rupp “...invites us to walk with Jesus as our soulmate.”

Walk in her sandals: experiencing Christ’s passion through the eyes of women (authors) / Kelly Wahlquist “...exploring feminine gifts, a pathway to Christ.”
Becoming new: finding God within us and in creation / Anselm Grun and Leonardo Boff “...reflections on the nature and presence of God ... the story of the universe...we can become one with God.”

Abide in the heart of Christ: a 10-day personal retreat with St. Ignatius Loyola based on the spiritual exercises / Joe Laramie, SJ “...has made the genius of Ignatius available to all...a deeper dive...God invites us into greater life and love.”

Heartstorming: creating a place God can call home / Robert Wicks “...emphasizes the importance of listening to the inner life – mind, will and emotions – on our way to an increasingly fresh engagement with God’s will and purpose.”

Becoming an ordinary mystic: spirituality for the rest of us / Albert Haase, OFM “...what it might look like to purpose life with Christ in the details of commonplace living.”

Breathed into wholeness: Catholicity and life in the Spirit / Mary Frohlich, RSCJ “...to live with deep awareness of God’s life everywhere present and filling all things, the life of the whole.”

God is not fair, and other reasons for gratitude / Daniel Horan, OFM “...Reflections...sure to captivate, provoke, inspire and challenge.”

Following Jesus: finding our way home in an age of anxiety / Henri Nouwen “...gently leads the way into a life that centers on Jesus and engulfs the follower with God’s love, a sense of belonging and a purpose that endures.”

Heart of perfection: how the saints taught me to trade my dream of perfect for God’s / Colleen Carroll Campbell “...explores the real lives of saints with the scrutiny of an investigative journalist...deep and thoughtful reflection...writing is grace-filled and life-giving.”

See I am making something new: a canonical and pastoral guidebook on new institutes, Diocesan hermits and consecrated virgins and new forms of consecrated life / Amy Hereford “...Explores the various ways in which the Life of the Spirit is stirring anew in the Church today.”

In the mystery’s shadow: reflections on caring for the elderly and dying / Susan Swetnam “...caring for the elderly and dying offers...fulfillment of giving comfort...
but also moments of breathtaking wonder...affirm our sacred connections with each other.”

Overdue: a Dewey Decimal System of grace / Valerie Schultz “...prison ministry...rare, sometimes raw, view of human dignity.”

Marked for life: a prison chaplain’s story / Nancy Sehested “...invites us to go to the margins so that the folks at the margins might make us different.”

Tao of Asian American belonging / Young Hertig “...Yinist spirituality...holistic way of life...for all humanity and creation.”

Choosing peace: the Catholic Church returns to Gospel nonviolence / Marie Dennis “...drawn from the 2016 Vatican conference that drew 80 peacemakers from around the world...advance the conversation about the problem of nonviolence in a violent world...reflections on the future of Catholic teachings.”

Catholic social teaching as theology / Gregoire CattaS.J. “...reasoned discourse about the divine and relationship to humanity.”

Can I get a witness? Thirteen peacemakers, community builders and agitators for faith and justice / Charles Marsh “...compelling stories of 13 pioneers for social justice who engaged in peaceful protest and gave voice to the marginalized...to transform American culture.

Street homelessness and Catholic theological ethics / James Keenan “...to deepen contemporary understanding of Catholic theological ethics.”

Ecclesiology and postmodernity: questions for the church in our time / Gerard Mannion “...situation of the Church in a postmodern world...what is the Church’s moral Vision...how does its practice look...the nature of its aspirations toward holiness in our times.”

An introduction to canon law / James Coriden “3rd edition ...retains comprehensiveness while providing updates and new resources.”

Pilgrimage to eternity: from Canterbury to Rome in search of faith / Timothy Egan “...gift for transforming history lessons into the stuff of riveting page-turners...a master storyteller.” This is two stories, the excellent writing on the Pilgrimage and the somber family story of abuse from the Church.
When tears sing: the art of lament in Christian community / William Blaine-Wallace “…If your tears could speak, what would they say? ...writes with a prophetic eye, wisdom’s soul and a pastor’s heart.”

Breaking through the boundaries: biblical perspectives on mission from the outside in / Paul Hertig “…cross-cultural engagement...highly readable...highlights openness, graciousness and exchange.”

When the disciple comes of age: Christian identity in the 21st century / Diarmuid O’Murchu “…valuable insights born from a life of deep reflection...essence of the Divine at the heart of all that was, is and ever will be...a new terrain of human becoming.”

Hermanas: deepening our identity and growing our influence / Natalia Kohn “…calls Latinas to live lives of influence...an invaluable work about Latinas, faith and community.”

Building a bridge: how the Catholic Church and the LGBT community can enter into a relationship of respect, compassion, and sensitivity / James Martin, SJ “…two-way bridge toward reconciliation and love.”

Abuse and cover-up: refounding the Catholic Church in trauma / Gerald Arbuckle, SM “Reflections on how to address this dire situation...comprehensive guide...action plans.”

Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and his struggle to convert the Catholic Church / Austen Ivereigh “…learned, subtle, deep...beautifully written, insightful and uplifting...goes to the heart of the Francis pontificate.”


Authentically black and truly catholic / Matthew Cressler “…Advances the study of Black Catholic history in exciting ways... Great Migration to Chicago.”

Global messenger: Muhammad, peace be upon him, a short biography / Umm Muhammad “…focusing on the personality of Muhammad and his global mission...was he a prophet ...what did he teach.”
Truth seekers: voices of peace and nonviolence from Gandhi to Pope Francis / David Cortright “...documenting history of modern nonviolence...a superb collection (of readings)...a body of wisdom.”

Two hands of yes and no: one family’s encounter with the surprising power of active nonviolence / John Linn “...on active nonviolence..realize our innate capacity for goodness.”

How to be an anti-racist / Ibram Kendi “...takes readers through a widening circle of antiracist ideas—from the most basic concepts to visionary possibilites—that will help readers see all forms of racism clearly, understand their posionous consequences, and work to oppose them in our systems and in ourselves.

Uprooting racism: how white people can work for racial justice / Paul Kivel “...offers a framework around neoliberalism and interpersonal, institutional, and cultural racism, along with stories of resistance and white solidarity. It provides practical tools and advice on how white people can work as allies for racial justice.”

Healing racial trauma: the road to resilience / Sheila Rowen “... exposes the symptoms of racial trauma to lead readers to a place of freedom from the past and new life for the future.”

In the wake: on blackness and being / Christina Sharpe “...this original and trenchant work interrogates and interprets literary, visual, cinematic and quotidian representations of Black life.”

Paving the Way: women’s struggle for political equality in California / Steve Swatt “...stories of extraordinary women.”

Faith in American public life / Melissa Rogers “...essential for all interested in religion’s role in American public life...how we can live together in peace and respect each other’s rights.”

El Norte: the epic and forgotten story of Hispanic North America / Carrie Gibson “...A sweeping saga of the Spanish history and influence in North America over five centuries.”

My own words / Ruth Bader Ginsburg “...comprehensive look inside her brilliantly analytical, entertainingly wry mind.”
Conversations with RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg on life, love, liberty and law / Jeffrey Rosen “…having a cup of coffee with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and chatting...humor, deep intellect and warmth.”

Elderhood: redefining aging, transforming medicine, reimagining life / Louise Aronson “…dazzling...her arguments are powerful and her conclusions are revolutionary...a godsend.”

On fire: the (burning) case for a green new deal / Naomi Klein “…a secular Jewish feminist journalist...is a precious gift...every time I read her words, my heart leaps from sadness and anger to action.”

Until we reckon: violence, mass incarceration and a road to repair / Danielle Sered “…brilliant and groundbreaking...steers directly and unapologetically into the question of violence, offering approaches that will help end mass incarceration and increase safety...a restorative approach to violent crime.

Who do we choose to be? Facing reality, claiming leadership, restoring sanity / Margaret Wheatley “…to reclaim leadership as a noble profession that creates possibility and humaneness.”

Twenty poems to pray / Gary Bouchard “…from the poetry of generations ...how poems often express the longings of the human heart as a kind of prayer...an inspiring path to reflect upon and pray with poetic verse.”

Arabs a 3000-year history of peoples, tribes and empires / Tim Mackintosh-Smith “…Masterly and brilliant .. tangled past vividly present .. Magnificently readable.”

Yellow house / Sarah Broom “…memoir...kinetic and omnivorous...exposes the decades of life lived within...intimate and sprawling.”

Birth of a dancing star: from cradle Catholic to cyborg Christian / Ilia Delio “…a memoir...a Teilhardian worldview that joins religion and science...journey from scientist to theologian.”

Radical gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton / Peter Feuerherd “…tireless and prophetic voice for peace and justice...opted for the path of radical discipleship.
James Martin, in the company of Jesus / Jon Sweeney “...probes Martin’s early life, his experience as a corporate executive, his call to religious life, his ministry and spirituality.”

River of fire: my spiritual journey / Helen Prejean “...thought-provoking, informative and inspiring... for anyone interested in journeys of faith and spirituality, doubt and belief, and “catching on fire” to purpose and passion.”

Late migrations: a natural history of love and loss / Margaret Renkl “...a compact glory...beautifully written, masterfully structured and brimming with insight into the natural world.”

What you have heard is true: a memoir of witness and resistance / Carolyn Forche “...this will change you, perhaps forever...devastating, lyrical, and visionary...establish a moral foothold amidst profound suffering...El Salvador in the 70s before its civil war.”

Everything inside: stories / Edwidge Danticat “...haunting, lyrical, beautiful storyteller, compassion and insight.”