

## Review of Library Resources and Information Literacy New Course: TRS 163, Saints Yesterday and Today

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- A. Collection and Relevant Subject Pages. The Library collection's ability to support student research on the topics presented in TRS 163 is quite good. Since students are required to write research papers "exploring the life of a particular saint", it is anticipated that the Library's resources will be well-used by students in this course. The Librarian Subject Specialist, Brother Richard Lemberg, purchases relevant materials on a regular basis, and maintains Library subject web pages that help direct students to relevant content.
1. Reference Books and Databases. The Library owns important reference handbooks and encyclopedias appropriate to the subject matter of the course. A selection:  
  
***Oxford Reference Online***. Includes biology dictionaries for animal behavior, zoology, botany, ecology, plant sciences and more, and the following encyclopedias and companions:  
*Oxford Dictionary of Saints*, 2011 (also available in print Ref 249 F229)  
  
***Gale Virtual Reference Library***. Includes the following encyclopedias:  
*New Catholic Encyclopedia* (also available in print (Ref 282.03 N420)  
  
*Selection of additional resources:*  
  
*Dictionary of saints* (print Ref 249 D373 & online through ebrary subscription)  
*Saints in art*, 2003 (print Ref 704.9486 G438)  
*Bible & the saints* (print Ref 249.03 D857)  
*A dictionary of saints; based on Butler's Lives of the saints* (print Ref 249.03 At88 1958)
  2. Books. The Library includes in its collection more than 300 books about Saints. Here are a selection of recent purchases which treat multiple Saints; additional books focus on the life of an individual Saint:  
*The origins of feasts, fasts and seasons in early Christianity*, 2011. (263.9 B729)  
*Saints alive : word, image, and enactment in the lives of the saints*, 2010. (249 W671)  
*Patron saints for postmoderns : 10 from the past who speak to our future*, 2009. (270.0922 Ar57)  
*Adoring the saints fiestas in central Mexico*, 2009. (ebrary subscription)  
*The saints*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2008. (249 B434)  
*Saints for sinners : nine desolate souls made strong by God*, 2007 (249 G619a)  
*Women, men, and spiritual power : female saints and their male collaborators*, 2006. (248.22 C630)
  3. Periodical Databases. All of the major religion databases are subscribed to by the Library:  
*Catholic Periodical and Literature Index* (CPLI) - contains more than 300,000 records from over 800 journals, providing a detailed reference resource for in-depth research into Roman Catholicism and issues relating to the Roman Catholic Church.

*ATLA* -The *ATLA Religion Database* is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. It includes over 1.6 million records from over 1,600 journal titles.

*Acta Sanctorum*. A collection of documents examining the lives of saints, organised according to each saint's feast day, and runs from the two January volumes published in 1643 to the Propylaeum to December published in 1940.

4. Web Resources. Relevant web-based resources that are linked from the Library's various Theology and Religious Studies Subject Pages include:  
*Saints: Pontificate of His Holiness John Paul II* - From the Vatican, saints proclaimed by the Pope. [http://www.vatican.va/news\\_services/liturgy/saints/index\\_saints\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/index_saints_en.html)

B. Library Instruction / Information Literacy.

Students in the class might benefit from Library Instruction, as the relevant resources for this course differ from those introduced in English Composition and Biblical Literature. Consult the Librarian Subject Selector, Brother Richard Lemberg.

C. Recommendations.

1. Instructor to continue to inform the Librarian Subject Selector of appropriate material to purchase in support of this course.
2. Instructor and Librarian Subject Selector consult to determine if Library Instruction is appropriate for this course.