



# ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

## COLLECTION POLICY FOR THE A.P. MAHONEY LIBRARY

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**SUBJECT LIBRARIAN:** Frances Theilade  
**DISCIPLINE:** Theology  
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### Introduction:

St. Peter's Seminary is the major seminary of the Roman Catholic Diocese of London, Ontario. Its mission is to provide "an integrated program of spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral formation and discernment for those preparing for priestly ministry according to the heart of Christ. The Seminary also provides an integrated program for those preparing for the permanent diaconate and lay ministry, and for those seeking to enrich their faith education." It is affiliated with King's University College, a Roman Catholic affiliate of The University of Western Ontario and shares an integrated leadership role with the Chief Librarian of the Cardinal Carter Library at King's University College. The A. P. Mahoney Library provides adequate resources to support the curricula for the Master of Divinity, Master of Divinity Advanced and Master of Theological Studies programs. Its collections are part of the Shared Library Catalogue of Western Libraries of The University of Western Ontario and the affiliated university colleges. This partnership allows the library to meet accreditation standard 4.1.4 of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) which states: "in addition to print materials, collections shall include other media and electronic resources as appropriate to the curriculum, and ensure access to relevant remote databases." (see Appendix 1)

### Responsibility for selection of materials

The Assistant Librarian and the faculty share the responsibility for the selection of materials. The Assistant Librarian makes the initial selection which is then sent to the appropriate faculty member for approval. Budget considerations determine how many requests will be ordered in any fiscal year.

The Assistant Librarian and the Chief Librarian keep the separate needs of each library in mind and alert each other of items that may be better suited to each library. King's particular strengths are in support of the professional programs, Social Work, and Management and Organizational Studies, and for the unique programs, Childhood and Social Institutions, Catholic Studies, World Religions, Social Justice and Peace Studies, and Thanatology. There is overlap in the two libraries with peace and social justice materials and Jewish-Christian relations.

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### Methods and criteria for selection

The principal tools employed for selection of materials are reviews in periodicals to which the library subscribes including *Catholic Library World*, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, *Missiology*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Theological Book Review* and *Theological Studies*. Online weekly alerts from Midwest Library Service, publisher's catalogues and websites and Choice Reviews are also consulted. Key publishers include Eerdmans, Ignatius Press, Liturgical Press, Orbis Books and Paulist Press.

### Parameters for selection

**Shared Library Catalogue:** Generally if title is already held by another library, item will not be ordered.

**Language(s):** Primarily English, some French. Library also has materials in Latin, German and Italian.

**Date of Publication:** Principally current in print titles.

**Geographical Coverage:** Principal sources of publications will be USA, Canada, Vatican, France, United Kingdom and Asia.

**Formats Included:** Books, periodicals, reference materials, select textbooks, dvd's, videos, cd's, electronic journals and e-books. Paperback edition is preferred. Hard cover will be considered if unavailable in paperback.

**Formats excluded:** Unpublished theses (except those produced by SPS MTS candidates), popular works including recreational reading, manuscripts, most textbooks. Ephemera such as pamphlets, brochures, clippings will not be purchased.

**Price:** Expensive materials such as reprints, reproductions of rare books, limited editions will be purchased only with the approval of the Dean of Studies and the Chief Librarian.

**Subject Areas:** The A. P. Mahoney Library is a specialized collection with the majority of the holdings concentrated in the B – BX range of the Library of Congress classification scheme. Other cognate disciplines are represented in the collection as they relate to the curriculum or at a basic level. Subject areas include biblical studies, historical theology, sacramental theology, moral theology, systematic theology, liturgical studies, spiritual theology, pastoral theology, homiletics and church law. The library has a collection in Judaism, particularly Christian-Jewish relations and a small collection of Islamic-Christian relations materials. In Philosophy the library collects materials as they relate to Thomistic studies and some Catholic philosophers.

## **Definitions of Collecting Levels**

- A. Research Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support upper and graduate level courses, special topic courses and research.
- B. Teaching Level:** Provides for the collection of materials which support the curriculum and course work.
- C. Basic Information Level:** Provides for the selective collection of materials which support secondary scholarly interests and general background information.

### **A: Research Level**

- Biblical Studies (Scripture): The Pentateuch (the Torah), Prophetic books, Synoptic Gospels, Gospel and Letters of John, Letters of Paul
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Church Documents, encyclicals, works by and about Pope John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (Ratzinger), Pope Francis
- Roman Catholic liturgical, moral and sacramental theology
- Spiritual Theology (see Appendix 2 for a list of specific spiritual writers)
- Standing Orders (see Appendix 3)
- Systematic Theology: Christology, Ecclesiology, Mariology, Doctrine of God

### **B: Teaching Level**

- Biblical Studies: The Former prophets (Deuteronomic History), Wisdom Literature, The Catholic Epistles, Book of Revelation
- Bioethics
- Church History
- Church Law
- Homiletics
- Jewish-Christian, particularly Jewish-Catholic relations
- Pastoral Theology
- Patristics: Early Christian literature, Fathers of the church, individual authors
- Social Justice
- Spiritual Theology: religious orders: Benedictines, Dominicans, Franciscans. Monasticism. Lives of the saints
- Theological Anthropology
- Works by or about specific theologians (see Appendix 4)

### **C: Basic Level**

- Social Sciences : BF Psychology. HC-HD Economic History & Conditions. HM Sociology. HN Social History & Conditions, Social Problems. HQ The family and marriage
- Language & Literature: PA Greek and Latin literature. PN Literature (Catholic) ,
- Religious art, church architecture, liturgical music
- World religions including Islam

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### Journals

Additional criteria to consider for adding or discontinuing a subscription to a journal are the ongoing cost of subscription, whether or not the journal is indexed and online availability on platforms in which stable and archived access is ensured.

### Special Collections

Special collections will be purchased at the discretion of the Dean of Studies and the Chief Librarian.

### Recommend a Purchase

Patrons of the library may recommend titles for consideration. An online form is available for suggestions or suggestions can be made at the Service Desk in the library.

### Deselection

To maintain a relevant collection, within our given space constraints, periodic weeding or deselection of materials is necessary. Duplicate materials are the first priority for weeding. Physical condition is the second consideration. Worn or badly damaged materials that do not have an enduring value will be withdrawn. Worn or damaged materials that have a value for the collection but are available elsewhere in the Shared Library catalogue will also be withdrawn.

### Gifts

The library gratefully accepts gifts but is not obligated to keep and or catalogue items that have been donated. Duplicates of material already in the collection will not be retained. Advice may be sought from the appropriate faculty member as to the wisdom of keeping any particular donation or part thereof. The library does not appraise gift materials and tax receipts are not given. Material not kept is disposed of in the following manner.

- Seminary Pro-Life Book Sale
- Cardinal Books
- Faculty members
- Recycled

### Seminary Archives

As of 2008 the Seminary Archives are housed in the library. The St. Peter's Seminary Archives mission "is dedicated to acquiring, preserving and making available the material heritage of the Seminary as a permanent resource in support of the administrative, educational and research needs of the seminary community." A faculty member serves as the Archivist and is assisted by an archives committee.

See *St. Peter's Seminary Archives: General Information, Policies, and Procedures*

[http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/files/file/library/ARCHIVES%20POLICIES%20AND%20PROCEDURES%20MARCH%2016\\_%202012%20REVISED.pdf](http://www.stpetersseminary.ca/files/file/library/ARCHIVES%20POLICIES%20AND%20PROCEDURES%20MARCH%2016_%202012%20REVISED.pdf)

**Appendix 1**

**Electronic Resources:**

Through the Shared Library Catalogue the A. P. Mahoney Library has access to the following relevant databases for the study of theology:

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials  
ATLACatholic Periodical and Literature Index  
Index Islamicus  
Index to Jewish Periodicals  
JSTOR  
New Testament Abstracts  
Old Testament Abstracts  
Oxford Biblical Studies Online  
Oxford Reference Online Premium  
Patrologia Latina  
Religion and Philosophy Collection  
Religious and Theological Abstracts  
World Christian Database

**Appendix 2**

**Spiritual Theology:** works by or about:

St Augustine  
St. Benedict/ Rule of St. Benedict  
Catherine of Siena  
Dorothy Day  
Catherine Doherty  
St. Francis of Assisi  
St. John of the Cross  
Julian of Norwich  
Thomas Merton  
Mother Teresa  
John Henry Newman  
Henri Nouwen  
Oscar Romero  
Teresa of Avila  
Teilhard de Chardin  
Therese of Lisieux  
Jean Vanier (L'Arche)

### **Appendix 3**

**Standing Orders:** The library has standing orders to the following series.

#### **Biblical Studies**

- The Anchor Yale Bible Commentary (Yale University Press)
- Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture (InterVarsity Press) *complete*
- Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture (Baker Academic) *new 2009*
- Hermeneia (Fortress Press)
- New Testament Library (Westminster Press)
- Old Testament Library (Westminster Press)
- Sacra Pagina (Liturgical Press) *completed 2007*
- Understanding the Bible Commentary (continues: New International Biblical Commentary Series)
- Word Biblical Commentary (Word, Inc.)

#### **Historical Theology**

##### **Patristics**

- Ancient Christian Writers (Paulist Press) (BR60 A35)
- Fathers of the Church (Catholic University of America Press) (BR60 F3 )
- Sources Chretiennes (Cerf) (BR60 S6)
- Works of St. Augustine (New City Press) (BR65 A5 E53 1990)

#### **Reference Works**

- Annuario Pontificio (REF BX 845 A75)
- Dictionnaire d'Histoire et Geographie Ecclesiastiques (REF BR95 B38)
- Official Catholic Directory (REF BX 845 O4)
- Supplement au Dictionnaire de la Bible (REF BS 440 V54)

#### **Spiritual Theology**

- Cistercian Studies Series (Cistercian Publications) *cancelled 2009 – will order select titles*
- Classics of Western Spirituality (Paulist Press)
- Letters and Diaries of John Henry Newman (T. Nelson; Clarendon Press) *complete in 32 volumes.*
- Modern Spiritual Masters (Orbis Books)

#### **Theology**

- College Theology Society. Annual
- Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan (University of Toronto Press) (BX891 L66)
- Marian Studies (Mariological Society of America) (BT 596 M37)
- New Century Theology Series

**Appendix 4**

**Theologians:** works by or about

- Alberigo, Giuseppe, 1926-2007  
Arbuckle, Gerald A.  
Balthasar, Hans Urs von, 1905-1988  
Baum, Gregory, 1923-  
Beeck, Frans Jozef van, 1930-2011  
Bevans, Stephen B., 1944-  
Boff, Clodovis, 1944-  
Boff, Leonardo, 1938-  
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich, 1906-1945  
Bradshaw, Paul F.  
Brueggemann, Walter, 1933-  
Cahill, Lisa Sowle  
Chittister, Joan, 1936-  
Comblin, Jose, 1923-2011  
Congar, Yves, 1904-1995  
Curran, Charles E., 1934-  
De Lubac, Henri, 1896-1991  
Diekmann, Godfrey, 1908-2002  
Dix, Gregory, 1901-1952  
Dorr, Donal  
Duffy, Eamon, 1947-  
Dulles, Avery Cardinal, 1918-2008  
Fitzmyer, Joseph A.  
Gaillardetz, Richard R., 1958-  
Guardini, Romano, 1885-1968  
Gutierrez, Gustavo, 1928-  
Haight, Roger, 1936-  
Hauerwas, Stanley, 1940-  
Johnson, Elizabeth A., 1941-  
Johnson, Maxwell E. 1952-  
Kasper, Walter Cardinal, 1933  
Kavanagh, Aidan, 1929-2006  
Keenan, James F.  
Komonchak, Joseph A., 1939-  
Kung, Hans, 1928-  
Lakeland, Paul, 1946-  
Lonergan, Bernard, 1904-1984  
McCabe, Herbert, 1926-2001  
McFague, Sallie, 1933-  
McGrath, Alister E., 1953-  
Merton, Thomas, 1915-1968  
Moltmann, Jurgen, 1926-  
Nichols, Aidan  
Nocent, Adrien, 1913-1996  
Nouwen, Henri, 1932-1996  
O'Collins, Gerald, 1931-  
Osborne, Kenan B.  
Panikkar, Raimundo, 1918-2010  
Pecklers, Keith F., 1958-  
Phan, Peter C., 1943-  
Polkinghorne, John, 1930-  
Power, David Noel, 1932-2014  
Radcliffe, Timothy, 1945-  
Ruether, Rosemary Radford, 1936-  
Rahner, Karl, 1904-1984  
Ratzinger, Joseph (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI), 1927-  
Rausch, Thomas P.  
Rohr, Richard, 1943-  
Rutherford, Richard  
Schillebecckx, Edward, 1914-2009  
Schmemmann, Alexander, 1921-1983  
Schneiders, Sandra Marie, 1936-  
Schreiter, Robert J.  
Schussler Fiorenza, Elisabeth, 1938-  
Searle, Mark, 1941-1992  
Segundo, Juan Luis, 1925-1996  
Sobrinho, Jon, 1938-  
Sullivan, Francis Aloysius, 1922-  
Tanner, Norman P.  
Tillard, Jean Marie, 1927-2000  
Turner, Paul, 1953-  
Vanier, Jean, 1928-  
Yoder, John Howard, 1927-1997