SUMMER 2025 READING, PART II
Celebrating America

Honoring America's Religious Legacy; Discovering Its Special Catholic People and Places; Touring Its Unique Churches and Other Sacred Spaces

From Sophia Institute Press (www.sophiainstitute.com):
Fr. Charles P. Connor, S.T.L., Ph.D., ***Charles Carroll of Carrollton, American Revolutionary***, $21.95. A publication of EWTN Publishing, through Sophia Institute Press.
Well-regarded biography of the Maryland landowner, one of the wealthiest men in colonial America, member of the Continental Congress, and the only Catholic signatory to the Declaration of Independence. Charles was a member of the prominent Carroll family that included his cousin, John, the first Catholic bishop in the United States.

Dan LeRoy, ***Liberty's Lions: The Catholic Revolutionaries Who Established America***, 2021. $19.95.
"The primary goal of this book: to gather together, in one place and for the first time, the significant contributions of Catholics to the American Revolution," wrote the author. Meaty and heavily resourced, *Liberty's Lions* moves from the streets of early Philadelphia and its first parishes, to Baltimore, New York, the Carolinas, Boston, and points west, with familiar names Carroll, Pulaski, Lafayette, Fitzsimons, and Kosciusko plus a few not-so-familiar, such as Fr. Pierre Gibault, S.J., all essential people and places central to the struggles in the creation of America.

From OSV Catholic Bookstore (osvcatholicbookstore.com) — A few fact-filled, interesting, and fun "guides" for summer travels:
- Marion Amberg, ***Monuments, Marvels, and Miracles: A Traveler's Guide to Catholic America***, 2021. $22.36, reduced from $27.95.
A hefty paperback collection of facts, figures, pictures, and more on 500+ special Catholic sites located all over America.

- Marion Amberg, ***Mary's Miracles: A Traveler's Guide to Catholic America,*** 2022. $22.36, reduced from $27.95.
A guide to 50 Marian shrines, chapels, and statues located across the United States, each with a fascinating story.

- Marion Amberg, ***Incredible Catholic America: Smallest, Tallest, Oldest, Oddest***, 2025. $17.56, reduced from $21.95.
A 'fun' book filled with sometimes humorous info on some of the most interesting architectural structures in Catholic America, complete with anecdotes, trivia, facts, figures, and photos.

From Ignatius Press (www.ignatius.com)
In Search of America's Catholic Founders: St. Junípero Serra, EWTN Original Documentary, 2023. Available through Ignatius Press. DVD, 60 minutes. $10.47, reduced from $14.95.

Linda Gondosch, ***Junípero Serra: Founder of the California Missions***, Ignatius Press, 2015. $14.99. For children ages 6-8, 9-12.

Father Augustus Tolton: They Might Be Saints, EWTN Original Documentary, 2022. Available through Ignatius Press. DVD, 30 minutes. $14.95.
Riveting story of America's first African American priest, who overcame his birth into slavery, the ravages of the Civil War, and prejudice inside and outside the Church to live his priestly vocation. His cause for canonization was announced by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2012. Pope Francis declared that Father Tolton lived a life of heroic virtue and advanced him from Servant of God to The Venerable Augustus Tolton in June 2019.

Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed, DVD, 28 minutes. Ignatius Press, $11.95
Biography of the founder of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Conn., now the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. Father McGivney's cause for canonization was announced by the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1996. Pope Benedict XVI declared him "Venerable" in 2008, and Pope Francis announced that Fr. McGivney had been approved for beatification, which occurred in 2020.

From Ave Maria Press (https://www.avemariapress.com)
Kevin Schmiesing, ***A Catholic Pilgrimage Through American History: People and Places That Shaped the Church in the United States***. Foreword by Mike Aquilina. $17.63. Available on Amazon.

From Franciscan Media (franciscanmedia.com) — Franciscan Media books are now available *only* on Amazon.
Stephen J. Binz, ***Saint Junípero Serra's Camino: A Pilgrimage Guide to the California Missions***, 2017.
A mission-by-mission trek of 21 missions from San Diego to north of San Francisco, modeled on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

C. Walker Gollar, ***American and Catholic: Stories of People Who Built the Church***, 2015. $19.71, reduced from $21.99.
From the arrival of European explorers in the 15th century, through the centuries that followed, America has counted many notable Catholics who have made a mark on its culture and history. The names are endless: Father of the American Navy and Philadelphian John Barry; Fr. Edward Sorin, founder of the University of Notre Dame; pacifist, social activist, and co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement Dorothy Day; America's first Catholic president, John F. Kennedy, Jr.; conservative intellectual, journalist, and writer William F. Buckley, Jr.; anti-capital punishment activist and Sister of Saint Joseph Helen Prejean; EWTN founder Mother Angelica; Franciscan Fr. Michayl Judge, chaplain to the NYC Fire Department and the first recorded death in the September 11 attacks, and many more. The well-resourced book includes maps and statistics on the Catholic population, Catholic education, and Catholic clergy and religious.