

ST. IGNATIUS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY LIBRARY

MISSION STATEMENT (10-2010)

The primary mission of the St. Ignatius Catholic Community Library is to enhance the spiritual development and education of parishioners of all ages by providing and encouraging the use of materials that support the teachings of the Catholic Church. The library also strives to strengthen the formation programs and other ministries of the parish by making available resources that supplement their efforts.

The secondary mission of the library is to make available items of interest to Catholics and material that provide wholesome reading and entertainment that is consistent with Christian values.

Finally, the library will maintain archival records and documents for parish ministries.

BOOK SCREENING POLICY

FIRST LEVEL SCREENING: Does the subject matter of the book fall into the mission of the library? If yes, proceed to second level screening.

SECOND LEVEL SCREENING:

1. Does the book have an Imprimatur? This is not required.
2. Is the publisher recognized for its faithfulness to Catholic teaching and tradition? When the book is self published, be wary. Some caution, however must be taken as some of the Catholic publishers do publish some books that are considered extreme.

A sampling of appropriate publishers includes

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| a. 23 rd Publications | i. Liguori Publications |
| b. Ascension Press | j. Liturgical Press |
| c. Ave Maria Press | k. Liturgy Training Publication |
| d. Catholic Answers | l. Our Sunday Visitor |
| e. Catholic Book Publishing Company | m. Pauline Books & Media |
| f. Catholic Word | n. Paulist Books |
| g. ICS Publications | o. St. Anthony Messenger Press |
| h. Ignatius Press | p. USCCB |

3. Is the book written by an author known to be faithful to authentic Catholic teaching and tradition?
4. If neither 1,2 or 3 applies or is apparent, evaluate the educational background of the author. Consider whether the author just happens to be Catholic or has an appropriate degree or training

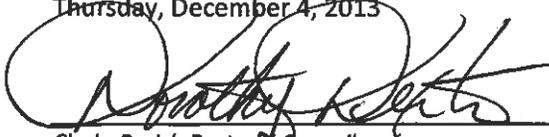
from a recognized Catholic educational institution; consider the reviewers and the content of the reviews as well.

- 5. If neither 1,2, 3 or 4 applies and the book is an adult book, additional research and staff consultation will be done to ensure the book is congruent with Catholic teaching. Books in this category might be "classics" that are not Catholic authors but are widely accepted such as Billy Graham's book "Angels". Some adult books that fall into the area of "Catholic interest" may be ok without meeting 1, 2, 3, or 4. Some books that we have that fall into that category include books about religious art and architecture.
- 6. If neither 1,2,3 or 4 applies and the book is teen or children's, the book should be read in its entirety and screened for appropriateness.
- 7. When in doubt, prior to purchase, fulfillment of a purchase request or cataloging of a donated book, the Pastoral Associate for Evangelization & Formation should be consulted

Resources:

- a. The Catholic Lifetime Reading Plan by John A. Hardon, S.J.
- b. Catholic Writer's Guild
- c. www.Catholiccompany.com (book reviews)

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 Chair, Parish Pastoral Council
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