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- **Vol. 4: Sixth Century.** Texts include: Fulgence of Ruspe, Ennodius, Rule of the Master, Benedict of Nursia, Popes Vigilius, Pelagius and Gregory the Great; Cassiodorus, the *Liber pontificalis*, Avitus of Vienne, Caesarius of Arles, cyprian of Toulon, Gregory of Tours, Columbanus, Theodore Lector, Braulio of Saragossa, Martin of Braga, Finnian, Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, Evagrius Scholasticus, John Moschus, John of Scythopolis, and papyri.
3. BAPTISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH: STUDIES

Everett Ferguson, *Baptism in the Early Church: History, Theology, and Liturgy in the First Five Centuries* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008). This is an extraordinarily wide-ranging and exhaustive 900-page study of the rites and theology of Christian baptism. Ferguson devotes full chapters to all the leading figures: Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, Cyprian, Origen, Cyril of Jerusalem, Ephrem the Syrian, Theodore of Mopsuestia, John Chrysostom, Ambrose, Augustine. No stone is left unturned. There are dozens of briefer explorations of the lesser-known (but not necessarily less important): Serapion of Thmuis, Aphrahat, Zeno of Verona, Maximus of Turin, Quodvultdeus. He explores a host of issues and controversies: the origins and growth of infant baptism, the debate on rebaptism, the delay of baptism, deathbed baptisms, the theology of original sin. Finally, he treats at length the archeological data, of baptisteries and font. This is the fruit of a lifetime of study. Not to be missed.

Maxwell E. Johnson, *The Rites of Christian Initiation: Their Evolution and Interpretation* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1999). This is an excellent and broad survey, tracing the whole history of Christian initiation. About 1/3 of the book is devoted to the rites of baptism during the Patristic era.


4. BAPTISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH: TEXTS


Edward Yarnold, Cyril of Jerusalem, Early Church Fathers (New York: Routledge, 2000). Cyril was perhaps the most important liturgical theologian of the early Church. This
volume offers a new translation of his Mystagogic Catechetes, his Procatechesis, and a number of his Lenten Catechetes. Yarnold prefaces this with a long introduction exploring 4th-century Jerusalem, as well as Cyril’s life and theology.


5. EUCHARIST IN THE EARLY CHURCH: STUDIES


Gregory Dix, *The Shape of the Liturgy* (London, 1945). One of the classics of the century that contributed much to the Vatican II return to patristic liturgy as model.


6. THE EUCHARIST IN THE EARLY CHURCH: TEXTS


Daniel J. Sheerin, ed., *The Eucharist*, Message of the Fathers 7 (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1986). The eucharist was not the focus of doctrinal debate in the early church. So discussions of eucharistic theology are best found in the mystagogical sermons, given to newly baptized during Easter Week. Sheerin gives a good selection of these early catecheses, including ones from Cyril of Jerusalem, Ambrose, and Augustine.


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Bibliographies for Theology, compiled by William Harmless, S.J.


9. LOCAL CHURCHES & RITES


10. CULT OF THE SAINTS & PILGRIMAGE

Peter Brown, *The Cult of the Saints: Its Rise and Function in Latin Christianity* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 1981). Brown shatters the widespread view that the Catholic veneration of the saints was a form of paganism that crept in the back door, or that the Church had somehow succumbed to popular religion. He shows how the rise of
interest in the saints stemmed from the Christian belief in the resurrection and from the patronage system of the late Roman Empire.


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