John Paul II & the Papacy Since Vatican II

1. Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyla) (1920-2005): Writings
2. Pope John Paul II: Biographical Studies
3. Pope John Paul II: Theological Studies
4. Pope Benedict XVI (Joseph Ratzinger) (1927-): Writings
5. Pope Benedict XVI: Studies (Biographical & Theological)
6. Pope Francis I (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) (1936-): Writings
7. Pope Francis I: Studies

1. POPE JOHN PAUL II (KAROL WOJTYLA): WRITINGS

Note that the official texts of Pope John Paul II are available in English in printed form from the United States Catholic Conference ("USCC") (Washington, DC). They can now be accessed on-line at the Vatican's website:


The following is only a partial listing of John Paul's vast output:


Gerald O’Collins, Gerald, Daniel Kendall & Jeff Labell, eds., *John Paul II: A Reader* (New York: Paulist Press, 2007).
2. POPE JOHN PAUL II: BIOGRAPHIES & BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES

New Catholic Encyclopedia: Jubilee Volume: The Wojtyla Years (Gale Group, 2000). The New Catholic Encyclopedia, prior to its recent revision, issued this very informative supplementary volume. There is a long biographical section on John Paul II, articles on each of his encyclicals, chronology charts, and articles on major events and figures during his pontificate. Now (obviously) dated because of the recent death of John Paul, it is still a good place to start one's research.


Tad Szulc, Pope John Paul II: The Biography (Pocket Books, 1996).


3. POPE JOHN PAUL II: STUDIES OF HIS THEOLOGY & ITS IMPACT


James Thomas Byrnes, John Paul II and Educating for Life: Moving Toward a Renewal of Catholic Educational Philosophy (New York: Peter Lang, 2002).


### 4. POPE BENEDICT XVI (JOSEPH RATZINGER): WRITINGS

The official Vatican website listing the addresses, homilies, and other texts of Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, is: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/. Prior to his elevation, Joseph Ratzinger was well known for his contributions as a leading historical and systematic theologian. During the Vatican II, he played a key (behind-the-scenes) role as a peritus ("expert") for Cardinal Frings, who was one of the leading figures at the Council. Under John Paul II, the then-Cardinal Ratzinger served as the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; he was unusually active (and often controversial) as the "Vatican's enforcer of the faith" (to use John Allen's often-quoted phrase). He announced his resignation on February 11, 2013 and it became effective on February 28th. Here is a partial listing of his works:


5. POPE BENEDICT XVI: STUDIES (Biographical & Theological)


6. POPE FRANCIS I (JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO): WRITINGS

The official Vatican website has a complete listing of homilies, address, and writings of the Holy Father, Pope Francis: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/index.htm.

Prior to his elevation, Jorge Bergoglio was the cardinal archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina. He was elected on March 13, 2013. He is the first Jesuit to be elected pope. Translations of his earlier writings are just beginning to appear.


Jorge Bergoglio, *Open Mind, Faithful Heart: Reflections on Following Jesus* (New York: Crossroad [A Herder & Herder Book], 2013). This is a translation of various early essays.


Jorge Bergoglio, *Ponerse la patria al hombro: memoria y camino de esperanza* [To Put the Homeland on One’s Shoulders: Memory & Road of Hope] (Buenos Aires: Editorial Claretiana, 2003).


7. POPE FRANCIS I: STUDIES
