Saint Francis de Sales, 1567-1622:

Toward a Complete Bibliography of English-language Works

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Introduction

The following bibliography is an update for the internet of a bibliography I was able to publish in the Journal of Salesian Studies in the Spring of this year. The scope of that work was to provide English-speaking students of Salesian ministry and spirituality with a tool that would assist them access the writings and teachings of Saint Francis de Sales.

That first effort was preceded by a long introduction which examined the question of Salesian studies internationally and in the United States. Happily, that bibliography met with some success: many readers pointed me in the direction of other English publications; others urged that the bibliography be made available to users of the Internet. This is an attempt to meet that request.

The following work offers one novelty: whenever possible, I have listed the “US Library of Congress” call numbers for books which are readily available in university libraries. If the book is rare, I have listed the library where that book may be found. The “call number” is shown in brackets following each entry. Common abbreviations for libraries include: DBH = Don Bosco Hall; FMA = Daughters of Mary Help of Christians; UC = University of California; UPS = Università Pontificia Salesiana (Roma).

The present bibliography lists all books, journal essays, magazine and newspaper articles published in English, from the first to appear in 1613 through the end of 1995. Some 1996 titles also appear below, but 1996 has not ended as I write, and so, of necessity, this year is incomplete. Titles were tracked through bibliographical tools such as “books-in-print” listings, periodical indexes, “Library of Congress” entries, and library catalogues. Whenever feasible, I visited university libraries or archives and personally browsed through books and articles thus located and verified or corrected the data I had compiled through the above instruments of research.

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The author welcomes any news of English publications or translations of works by or about Saint Francis de Sales. If you know of titles and publishers I've missed, please let me know. In the meantime, may this list somehow prove useful to you.

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