Summer reading is a unique opportunity to grow in our relationship with each other as we explore texts that enhance our understanding of humanity and the world around us.

This year we will continue to employ our grade-level Summer Reading model. This approach has been designed in order to personalize our students’ needs at each grade level through an interdisciplinary collaboration between our Religion and English Departments. Our ultimate goal is to create a meaningful and impactful experience that assists in “educating both the minds and the hearts” of our readers.

We look forward to incorporating these novels into our Religion and English courses, beginning the first weeks of school. The rich and thought-provoking themes in each work will provide our faculty members a multitude of options to create assessments, assignments, projects, and organized discussions that can link literature to our Holy Cross mission.

Thank you for your support.

We hope you enjoy these selections this summer!

Listed below are the selected novels for each grade level:

**Grade 9**
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Kidd Monk

**Grade 10**
I, Robot by Isaac Asimov

**Grade 11**
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

**Grade 12**
Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle

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*Please note: AP courses might require reading in addition to this list.*