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The following books and documents are recommended by the professors of the Christendom Graduate School as foundational for our program of studies. Some books are used as texts in the classes, others are used by the professors in preparing lectures, others contain basic knowledge presupposed by our courses, and still others are recommended for further study. This list will be an aid in preparing for the comprehensive examination, which covers the required courses in the curriculum.

HELPFUL FOR ALL STUDENTS

The Documents from the first seven Ecumenical Councils:

- Nicaea (AD 325)
- Constantinople (AD 381)
- Ephesus (AD 431)
- Chalcedon (AD 451)
- Constantinople II (AD 553)
- Constantinople III (AD 680-81)
- Nicaea II (AD 787)

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- Lateran IV (AD 1215)
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