SPORT AND CHRISTIANITY BOOKLIST
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The Catholic ideal: exercise and sports, R Feeney, Aquinas Press 2006

Youth Sport and Spirituality: Catholic Perspectives, SJ Kelly Ed, US: Notre Dame Press. 2015


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If Christ came to the Olympics, Sydney, WJ Baker, University of New South Wales Press, 2000
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