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*Modern Christian Theology* - Christopher Ben Simpson 2020-01-09  
Christopher Ben Simpson tells the story of modern Christian theology against the backdrop of the history of modernity itself. The book tells the many ways that theology became modern while seeing how modernity arose in no small part from theology. These intertwined stories progress through four parts. In Part I, Emerging Modernity, Simpson goes from the beginnings of modernity in the late Middle Ages through the Protestant Reformation and Renaissance Humanism to the creative tension between Enlightenments and Awakenings of the eighteenth-century. Part II, The Long Nineteenth-Century, presents the great movements and figures arising out of these creative tension - from Romanticism and Schleiermacher to Ritschlianism and Vatican I. Part III, Twentieth-Century Crisis and Modernity, proceeds through the revolutionary theologies of period of the World Wars such as that of Karl Barth or nouvelle theologie; this part includes a thorough section on modern Eastern Orthodox theology. Finally, Part IV, The Late Modern Supernova, lays out the diverse panoply of recent theologies - from the various liberation theologies to the revisionist, the secular, the postliberal, and the postsecular. Designed for classroom use, this volume includes the following features: - boxes/chart/diagrams/visual organizations of the information presented included throughout: e.g. lists

of key points, visual organizations of systematic ideas in a given thinker, lists of significant works, lists of significant dates, brief outlines of the basic structure of some major theological works - both a one-page chapter title table of the contents and an expanded(multipage) table of contents - chapter at-a-glance overview/outline at the beginning of each chapter - specific references to secondary works and key primary works in English translation at the end of chapters

**The Catholic Priesthood** - Rev. Fr. Anthony O. Ezeoke 2012-08-14  
In recent years, the Catholic Church has suffered a deluge of accusations, bad press, and tragedies. Now is the time for the priesthood to recapture the faithfulness which led them to their calling, and to inspire their laity as never before. A timely, urgent handbook for Catholics of every nation, The Catholic Priesthood offers a wake-up call not only to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, but to all Christians everywhere. Rev. Fr. Anthony O. Ezeokes firm grasp of Catholic teaching, the Churchs history, and the priesthood vocation offer an enlightening criticism of how the Church needs to return to the fundamental teachings of its beginning. Through short, easy-to-digest chapters, Rev. Father Ezeoke reviews the role of priests in the Old and New Testaments, Jesus as the High Priest, and the apostles calling to continue Jesuss ministry. He addresses specific questions related to some

of the issues currently plaguing the Church today and offers hope and inspiration for change. Above all, he issues an encouraging plea for every member of the Catholic Church to reawaken the Gospel within their hearts. The Catholic Priesthood is the first step toward reviving hope within the Catholic Church and her flock.

Locating US Theological Education In a Global Context - Hendrik R. Pieterse 2019-06-21

CONTRIBUTORS: E. Byron Anderson, K. K. Yeo, Margaret Eletta Guider, OSF, Lester Edwin J. Ruiz, Brent Waters, Namsoon Kang, Luis R. Rivera, and David Esterline. Theological education in the United States finds itself in untested circumstances today. Rapid social change is creating an increasing multicultural, multiracial, and multireligious context for leadership formation. At the same time, international enrollment, cross-border educational initiatives, student and faculty exchanges, and more are connecting US theological schools with a global community of Christian teaching and learning. How do US theological institutions "locate" themselves within this global ecology of theological formation so as to be both responsible participants and creative shapers within it? That is, how do they discern their proper place and role? It is questions like these that the contributors to this volume explore. Building on the decades-long discussion about the globalization of US theological education, this book argues that, in engaging such questions, US theological institutions have much to gain from a sustained conversation with the burgeoning literature on the internationalization of American higher education. This research offers theological institutions a trove of insights and cautionary tales as they seek to discern their rightful place and role in educating leaders in and for a global Christian church.

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*Decree on Priestly Training* - 1999

**Sursum Corda** - David Pietrusza

From the Council of Trent to Benedict XVI's Motu Proprio A new

generation of Catholics is discovering the beauty, reverence, appropriateness, and efficacy of the Tridentine Mass. The Traditional Latin Mass, as the saying goes, is "the Mass the martyrs died for." It is also the Mass the faithful lived for and which gave life to them and to the Church itself. This small volume is designed to humbly guide you in an appreciation of the Traditional Latin Mass' beauties, coherence, logic, aesthetics, glories, and graces. Featuring the works of: The Council of Trent Pius V Pius X Pius XI Pius XII John XXIII Paul VI John Paul II Benedict XVI St. Charles Borromeo Fr. Adrian Fortescue Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman Alfons Cardinal Stickler Dom Fernand Cabrol Michael Davies Fr. Uwe Michael Lang Bp. Athanasius Schneider Fr. John T. Zuhlsdorf Micheal S. Rose . . . and more. \*\*\* "I am sure that this book will help many to better understand the great graces that have been opened again to the whole Church by the Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum." —Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, Vicar General in the Institute of Christ the King, Provincial Superior for the Institute in the United States "belongs in the library of any Catholic person or organization devoted to the Traditional Latin Mass. . . . If the priest who says that form in your parish or chapel doesn't already have a copy, it would make a most appropriate gift." —Una Voce America Nota "a much needed work . . . a precious gem in our library of liturgical works." —Fr. C. Frank Phillips, Canons Regular of St. John Cantius "David Pietrusza's 'Sursum Corda' makes the strongest case of all that the Latin Mass for which martyrs died is not only alive and vibrant today but growing. Here are all the documents from the Council of Trent in which the traditional Latin Mass was conceived to the Second Vatican Council which was interpreted to thwart it to Pope Benedict's "Summorum Pontificum" that encouraged its practice. This is must reading, not only for devotees of the Mass but for opponents and non-Catholics to understand why it means so much after 500 years." —John Gizzi, White House Correspondent, Newsmax

*The Pastor Bonus* - Theo Clemens 2003-07-30

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**The Lord of History** - Msgr. Eugene Kevane 2018-07-01

When Msgr. Eugene Kevane's seminal work *The Lord of History* was originally published in 1980, it responded to a call by the Second Vatican Council to promote "a more effective coordination of philosophy and theology so that they supplement one another in revealing...the Mystery of Christ, which affects the whole course of human history" (Optatum Totius 14). Lamenting that in modernity Christ is no longer the center of the universal history of mankind, let alone the center of one's personal history, Kevane believed it was critical for catechists to reclaim Christ as the Lord over every aspect of humanity's collective and individual experience. In this new edition of *The Lord of History*, Kevane's groundbreaking work introduces today's generation to the bedrock of Christian philosophy and its relationship to religious instruction and beyond.

**Sociological Perspectives on Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Hierarchy** - Vivencio O. Ballano 2019-09-21

This book, as an exploratory sociological analysis, broadly examines the major structural factors which contribute to the social disorganization of

the Catholic hierarchy as a clerical community, facilitating the persistence of clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic Church. Using some tenets of the social disorganization theory on crime and deviance as the overall theoretical framework with some perspectives from social organization, social network, and social capital, and secondary literature and qualitative data to support the arguments, it examines the (1) diocesan clergy's social interaction, mutual support, and social control system in the hierarchical community, (2) connection between mandated clerical celibacy and clerical sexual abuse, and (3) the implication of the laity's lack of empowerment and ecclesiastical authority to monitor and sanction clerical behavior. The Catholic hierarchy prides itself as a unified community of clerics under the Pope who shares the one priesthood of Christ. But the current clerical sexual scandals and the inability of bishops to adequately manage clerical sexual abuse cases make one wonders whether the Catholic clergy is indeed a cohesive and socially organized community which inhibits clerical sexual abuse. This book invites Church authorities, theologians, scholars, and lay leaders to understand the persistent clerical sexual abuse empirically and to come up with structural reforms which enhance the social network and social control systems of the Catholic hierarchy against clerical sexual misconduct and support victims.

**The Priesthood, Mystery of Faith** - Nilson Leal de Sa, CB 2022-05-27

After almost twenty-seven years of his pontificate, what was John Paul II's legacy regarding the ministerial priesthood? What answers did he give to the questions still surrounding this reality today? Nilson Leal de Sá, CB, examines the pontiff's twenty-seven letters of Holy Thursday addressed annually to the priests. Unlike some papal documents, which are drafted by many hands, these letters to priests were born of a personal initiative, wherein the pope spoke *ab imo pectore* (from the depths of his heart), giving a little of himself and his thought. Cardinal Georges-Marie Cottier, theologian emeritus of the Pontifical House and a connoisseur of the texts of the Holy Father, has confirmed that "the Letters of Holy Thursday were written by John Paul II himself." Leal de Sá has sought in the diversity of the letters of Holy Thursday the major

points of the thought of John Paul II on this important topic. The first chapter dwells on the sources of his teaching and emphasizes his use of the Word of God, Tradition, and the conciliar Magisterium. These foundations are the basis of the second chapter, which highlights the priestly identity in the life of the Church. Finally, the third chapter elucidates the specific mission of the priest. The Priesthood, Mystery of Faith presents itself as a real and stimulating synthesis of John Paul II's thought about the ministerial priesthood in a systematic way. It renews us in the appreciation of the inestimable gift that God makes to the whole Church through the sacrament of the Holy Orders.

**The Responsibilities and Significance of the CONGREGATIO PRO CLERICIS in the Life and Ministry of the Diocesan Clergy -**

Christian Onyems Okwuru, SMMM 2012-08

Of the many problems which excite general concern in the Catholic Church today are issues regarding the ministerial priesthood. Lack of collegiality with the authority structure of the Church and other circumstances have contributed to the frustration of many priests. Of this unfortunate state of affairs, this study carried out in the light of the apostolic constitution Pastor Bonus of John Paul II aims to address some of those pertinent matters confronting priests in their day to day living. Its many features include the sanctification and ongoing formation of clerics, clerical rights and obligations, the equitable distribution of the clergy in the world and priestly sustenance. It also examines the pastoral leadership of parish priests in their sacramental role as "pater familias" in the community of faith and the challenges confronting pastoral ministry in today's parishes.

*Priest as Leader* - Bartholomew Winters 1997

The United States Bishops' program of priestly formation makes numerous references to the ministerial priesthood in terms of leadership a description largely absent in universal church teaching on the priesthood. Although leadership is a universal reality, particular cultural contexts determine how it is understood and practiced. The spirituality of priest as leader in a U.S. Context and the implications of such an understanding for seminary formation in the United States.

**Boys of the Cloth** - Vincent J. Miles 2012-10-02

Drawing on the author's unusual background as a seminarian turned scientist and business executive, Boys of the Cloth presents a unique analysis of the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. The book combines a first-hand account of seminary life during the 1960s—a period that turns out to be crucial for understanding the crisis—with explorations of the history of the seminary system, current scientific knowledge about abusive behavior, and the Church's own investigations into the "epidemic" of abuse by its priests. Through the interplay between these topics, two paradoxical conclusions emerge. First, that the epidemic was caused by an ancient reform intended to eradicate rather than encourage clerical corruption. Second, that it was reversed by modern Church policies with no obvious connection to sexual abuse. Boys of the Cloth will transform your understanding of predatory behavior by priests and of measures that will be crucial to prevent it.

**Conciliar Octet** - Fr. Aidan Nichols. O.P. 2019-08-21

A lively debate continues in the Roman Catholic Church about the character of the teaching provided by the Second Vatican Council. Did it represent a decisive rupture with previous doctrine or the continuation of its earlier message under new conditions? In this work Dominican scholar and writer Aidan Nichols maintains that the Council texts must be interpreted in the light of their genesis, not their aftermath. They must be seen in the light of the public debates in the Council chamber not the hopes of individuals behind the scenes. On this basis, he provides a concise commentary on the eight most significant documents produced by the Council, documents which cover rather comprehensively all the major aspects of the Church's life. The texts that emerged from the often-impassioned debates permit a reading of a classically Christian kind, and that is precisely what Nichols offers in this book.

**The Legacy of John Paul II** - Tim Perry 2007-10-16

- Redemptoris missio, into all the world / Terrance L. Tiessen.

**You Shall Be a Blessing** - Cardinal Gerhard Müller 2019-09-13

German Cardinal Gerhard Müller is a voice contemporary Catholic priests need to hear. You Shall Be a Blessing is an affirmation of priestly

life and ministry presented in twelve letters. Müller offers personal encouragement through finely honed theological and spiritual insight on the meaning, history, and importance of the priesthood to today's Catholic Church. Vocational identity is an enduring concern among Catholic priests, bishops, teachers, and many lay Catholics around the world, particularly because of the challenges wrought by a changing Church and rapidly shifting culture. The struggle to navigate the personal and sacramental meanings of a priest's place in the Church is made more difficult by the disheartening loss of the Church's credibility in recent years and by seismic shifts away from the practice of religion by believers across the western world. Yet most priests continue to serve and lead the people in their care with great compassion, conviction, and desire to serve. In *You Shall Be a Blessing*, Cardinal Gerhard Müller, former prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, writes as a spiritual father and careful teacher in twelve letters to priests, offering clear picture of their role in the life and work of the Church. He also addresses the theological tasks and spiritual disciplines needed by priests as they give witness to the Word, serve, and sanctify the Church.

#### **Norms for Priestly Formation** - 1994

Volume I contains the new edition of the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis*. Included in Volume II are companion publications to the Program of Priestly Formation.

#### **MY MALICELESS MEMOIRS** - Dr. George Vareekal 2020-01-10

*My Maliceless Memoirs* is a collection and compilation of my scattered reflections on personal life and experiences. It covers the events and incidents of my life till 1972 the year in which I discarded the life of a postulant. This book contains my personal thoughts and views on vocation, pastoral life, seminary formation, sacramental life, socio-religious indoctrination, academic orientation and so on. The book highlights the Malabar migration scenario in the fifties and sixties. It depicts the miseries and financial problems faced by the migrant population and the saga of their struggle for survival. Thus the book is the record of my intimate experiences and exposures. They are expressed with credibility and sincerity without any exaggeration and

covers my views rather than news of my personal life. The second part of the book will come out in near future under the title "The Saga of My Sojourn". It will be the comprehensive exposition of my life and activities from 1973. It will obviously cover my family life, professional life, socio-religious life and so on for about four decades.

#### From Trent to Vatican II - Raymond F. Bulman 2006-06-15

The second Vatican Council was convened by Pope John XXIII between 1962 and 1965. It marked a fundamental shift towards the modern Church. This book offers an examination of the nature and scope of these changes. It is useful for students and scholars of theology and ecclesiastical history, as well as for bishops, priests, and ministers.

#### **The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Pneumatological Renewal** - Jos Moons SJ 2021-11-15

This book applies a novel method of critical reading of *Lumen Gentium* and *Mystici Corporis* in combination with redaction-historical analysis to channel the Second Vatican Council's modest attempts at pneumatological renewal into a more open and receptive faith practice and theology.

#### *The Abuse of Conscience* - Matthew Levering 2021-10-28

How important is conscience for the Christian moral life? In this book, Matthew Levering surveys twentieth-century Catholic moral theology to construct an argument against centering ethics on conscience. He instead argues that conscience must be formed by the revealed truths of Scripture as interpreted and applied in the church. Levering shows how conscience-centered ethics came to be—both prior to and following the Second Vatican Council—and how important voices from both the Catholic and Protestant communities criticized the primacy of conscience in favor of an approach that considers conscience within the broader framework of the Christian moral organism. Rather than engaging with current hot-button issues, Levering presents and deconstructs the work of twenty-six noteworthy theologians from the recent past in order to work through core matters. He begins by examining the place of conscience in Scripture and in the Catholic "moral manuals" of the twentieth century. He then explores the rebuttals to conscience-centered

ethics offered by pre- and post-conciliar Thomists and the emergence of a new, even more problematic conscience-centered ethics in German thought. Amid this wide-ranging introduction to various strands of Catholic moral theology, Levering crafts an incisive intervention of his own against the abuse of conscience that besets the church today as it did in the last century.

**Religious Life and Priesthood** - Maryanne Confoy 2008

"Religious Life and Priesthood reclaims the vision of Vatican II for contemporary priests, religious, and ecclesial ministers." "The book examines the historical context, the key players, and the implementation of Vatican II documents on the priesthood, the training of priests, and the religious life."--BOOK JACKET.

*The Didache Bible* - Ignatius Press 2019-02-20

The Didache Bible presents extensive commentaries, based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, for each of the books of the Holy Bible. It also includes numerous apologetical inserts to assist the reader in understanding the Church's teachings on current issues. It uses the Revised Standard Version, Second Catholic Edition translation of the complete text of Sacred Scriptures, Old and New Testaments. This Bible version is considered by many Catholic leaders and authors, including Peter Kreeft and Scott Hahn, as the most beautiful English translation of the Bible today. The Didache Bible is a valuable resource for students and those participating in Scripture studies. Ideal for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and intended to be accessible by all Catholics in its level of scriptural scholarship. SPECIAL

FEATURES: -Twenty-seven full-color biblical maps, including the journeys of Jesus Christ. -More than 100 apologetical explanations that help to answer common questions about the faith -Comprehensive, forty-three page glossary and a topical index. -imprimatur and nihil obstat

Optatam Totius - Austin Flannery 2014-06-01

The sixteen official documents—constitutions, decrees, and declarations—of the Second Vatican Council are now available from Liturgical Press in the most popular and widely used inclusive-language edition translated by Irish Dominican Austin Flannery (+October 21,

2008). As the worldwide Church continues to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Council (1962–65), there is a great need in college classrooms and parish faith formation groups—as well as for individuals—to again have access to these documents in contemporary English. As Flannery wrote in his introduction to the 1996 edition, "The translation of the texts of the Vatican documents in the present volume differs from that in the previous publication in two respects. It has been very considerably revised and, in place, corrected. It is also, to a very large extent, in inclusive language. "I say 'to a very large extent,' because we have used inclusive language in passages about men and women but not, however, in passages about God, except where the use of the masculine pronoun was easily avoidable."

**Joseph Ratzinger** - Maximilian Heinrich Heim 2007

This is a major work on the theology of Joseph Ratzinger by a highly regarded German theologian, priest and writer. Since his election to the Papacy, Ratzinger's theology, and in particular his ecclesiology (theology of the Church), has been in the limelight of theological and ecumenical discussions. This work studies in detail Ratzinger's ecclesiology in the light of Vatican II, against the ongoing debate about what Vatican II really meant to say about the life of the Church, its liturgy, its worship, its doctrine, its pastoral mission, and more.

Aquinas's Eschatological Ethics and the Virtue of Temperance - Matthew Levering 2019-11-30

In Aquinas's Eschatological Ethics and the Virtue of Temperance, Matthew Levering argues that Catholic ethics make sense only in light of the biblical worldview that Jesus has inaugurated the kingdom of God by pouring out his spirit. Jesus has made it possible for us to know and obey God's law for human flourishing as individuals and communities. He has reoriented our lives toward the goal of beatific communion with him in charity, which affects the exercise of the moral virtues that pertain to human flourishing. Without the context of the inaugurated kingdom, Catholic ethics as traditionally conceived will seem like an effort to find a middle ground between legalistic rigorism and relativistic laxism, which is especially the case with the virtue of temperance, the focus of

Levering's book. After an opening chapter on the eschatological/biblical character of Catholic ethics, the ensuing chapters engage Aquinas's theology of temperance in the *Summa theologiae*, which identifies and examines a number of virtues associated with temperance. Levering demonstrates that the theology of temperance is profoundly biblical, and that Aquinas's theology of temperance relies for its intelligibility upon Christ's inauguration of the kingdom of God as the graced fulfillment of our created nature. The book develops new vistas for scholars and students interested in moral theology.

**Catholics in the Vatican II Era** - Kathleen Sprows Cummings 2018

For the first time, this volume takes a global and comparative approach to the lived local history of Vatican II.

*Why Celibacy?: Reclaiming the Fatherhood of the Priest* - Fr. Carter Griffin 2019-07-01

"The Church today demands a profound renewal of celibate priesthood and the fatherhood to which it is ordered." Priestly celibacy, some say, is an outdated relic from another age. Others see it as a lonely way of life. But as Fr. Carter Griffin argues in *Why Celibacy?: Reclaiming the Fatherhood of the Priest*, the ancient practice of celibacy, when lived well, helps a priest exercise his spiritual fatherhood joyfully and fruitfully. Along the way, Griffin explores: the question of optional celibacy some pitfalls of celibate paternity the selection and formation of candidates for celibate priesthood why biological fathers are also called to spiritual fatherhood the powerful impact of celibacy on the Church and the wider culture In a critical moment for the Catholic priesthood, Fr. Griffin brings light and hope with a new perspective on the Church's perennial wisdom on celibacy.

[The Reception of Vatican II](#) - Matthew L. Lamb 2017-02-09

From 1962 to 1965, in perhaps the most important religious event of the twentieth century, the Second Vatican Council met to plot a course for the future of the Roman Catholic Church. After thousands of speeches, resolutions, and votes, the Council issued sixteen official documents on topics ranging from divine revelation to relations with non-Christians. But the meaning of the Second Vatican Council has been fiercely

contested since before it was even over, and the years since its completion have seen a battle for the soul of the Church waged through the interpretation of Council documents. The Reception of Vatican II looks at the sixteen conciliar documents through the lens of those battles. Paying close attention to reforms and new developments, the essays in this volume show how the Council has been received and interpreted over the course of the more than fifty years since it concluded. The contributors to this volume represent various schools of thought but are united by a commitment to restoring the view that Vatican II should be interpreted and implemented in line with Church Tradition. The central problem facing Catholic theology today, these essays argue, is a misreading of the Council that posits a sharp break with previous Church teaching. In order to combat this reductive way of interpreting the Council, these essays provide a thorough, instructive overview of the debates it inspired.

**The Day is Now Far Spent** - Robert Cardinal Sarah 2019-09-09

Robert Cardinal Sarah calls *The Day Is Now Far Spent* his most important book. He analyzes the spiritual, moral, and political collapse of the Western world and concludes that "the decadence of our time has all the faces of mortal peril." A cultural identity crisis, he writes, is at the root of the problems facing Western societies. "The West no longer knows who it is, because it no longer knows and does not want to know who made it, who established it, as it was and as it is. Many countries today ignore their own history. This self-suffocation naturally leads to a decadence that opens the path to new, barbaric civilizations." While making clear the gravity of the present situation, the cardinal demonstrates that it is possible to avoid the hell of a world without God, a world without hope. He calls for a renewal of devotion to Christ through prayer and the practice of virtue.

[Context and Text](#) - Kevin W. Irwin 2018-07-12

One of the most influential works in the debate over the concept and definitions of liturgical theology, *Context and Text* by Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin is now available in a completely rewritten, new edition. In light of the historical, theological, and pastoral mandates of the Constitution

on the Sacred Liturgy, Context and Text is both a proposal for and an example of an investigation of the Church's liturgical praxis from a liturgical-theological perspective. This second edition, which includes an expanded introduction, covers: · new liturgical and ecclesial contexts resulting from newly promulgated liturgies · further research in method for liturgical studies · consideration for changes in the cultural contexts in which people celebrate the liturgy. Besides brand-new chapters on time and sacramentality, and additions to the chapter on the arts, this edition also considers the "ongoing 'texts and contexts' of the liturgy as always a new event in the life and ongoing discussion of liturgical theology within Christianity.

*Perfection in Death* - Patrick M. Clark 2015-11-03

*Perfection in Death* compares and contrasts the relationship between conceptions of courage and death in the thought of Aquinas and his ancient philosophical sources. At the center of this investigation is Aquinas' identification of martyrdom as the paradigmatic act of courage as well as "the greatest proof of the perfection of charity." Such a portrayal of "perfection in death" bears some resemblance to the ancient tradition of "noble death", but departs from it in decisive ways. Clark argues that this departure can only be fully understood in light of an accompanying transformation of the metaphysical and anthropological framework underlying ancient theories of virtue. *Perfection in Death* aims to provide a new, theological account of this paradigm shift in light of contemporary Thomistic scholarship.

*Dutch Review of Church History, Volume 83: The Pastor Bonus* - Theo Clemens 2003-07-01

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This book offers a fresh interpretation of the connection between the West German Catholic Church and post-1950s political debates on women's reproductive rights and the protection of life in West Germany. According to Tichenor, Catholic women in West Germany, influenced by the culture of consumption, the sexual revolution, Vatican II reforms, and feminism, sought to renegotiate their relationship with the Church. They demanded a more active role in Church ministries and challenged the Church's hierarchical and gendered view of marriage and condemnation of artificial contraception. When the Church refused to compromise, women left en masse. In response, the Church slowly stitched together a new identity for a postsecular age, employing an elaborate nuptial symbolism to justify its stance on celibacy, women's ordination, artificial contraception, abortion, and reproductive technologies. Additionally, the Church returned to a radical interventionist agenda that embraced issue-specific alliances with political parties other than the Christian parties. In her conclusion, Tichenor notes more recent setbacks to the German Catholic Church, including disappointment with the reactionary German Pope Benedict XVI and his failure in 2010 to address over 250 allegations of sexual abuse at twenty-two of Germany's twenty-seven dioceses. How the Church will renew itself in the twenty-first century remains unclear. This closely observed case study, which bridges religious, political, legal, and women's history, will interest scholars and students of twentieth-

century European religious history, modern Germany, and the intersection of Catholic Church practice and women's issues.

Married Priests in the Catholic Church - Adam A. J. DeVille 2021-04-01

These essays offer a historically rigorous dismantling of Western claims about the superiority of celibate priests. Although celibacy is often seen as a distinctive feature of the Catholic priesthood, both Catholic and Orthodox Churches in fact have rich and diverse traditions of married priests. The essays contained in *Married Priests in the Catholic Church* offer the most comprehensive treatment of these traditions to date. These essays, written by a wide-ranging group that includes historians, pastors, theologians, canon lawyers, and the wives and children of married Roman Catholic, Eastern Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox priests, offer diverse perspectives from many countries and traditions on the subject, including personal, historical, theological, and canonical accounts. As a collection, these essays push especially against two tendencies in thinking about married priesthood today. Against the idea that a married priesthood would solve every problem in Catholic clerical culture, this collection deromanticizes and demythologizes the notion of married priesthood. At the same time, against distinctively modern theological trends that posit the superiority, apostolicity, and “ontological” necessity of celibate priests, this collection refutes the claim that priestly ordination and celibacy must be so closely linked. In addressing the topic of married priesthood from both practical and theoretical angles, and by drawing on a variety of perspectives, *Married Priests in the Catholic Church* will be of interest to a wide audience, including historians, theologians, canon lawyers, and seminary professors and formators, as well as pastors, parish leaders, and laypeople. Contributors: Adam A. J. DeVille, David G. Hunter, Dellas Oliver Herbel, James S. Dutko, Patrick Viscuso, Alexander M. Laschuk, John Hunwicke, Edwin Barnes, Peter Galadza, David Meinzen, Julian Hayda, Irene Galadza, Nicholas Denysenko, William C. Mills, Andrew Jarmus, Thomas J. Loya, Lawrence Cross, and Basilio Petrà.

The Institution of the Seminary and the Training of Catholic Priests in South-Eastern Nigeria (1885-1970) - Angelo Chidi Unegbu 2018-12-31

Today, we can no longer hide under the pretence that the grace of God alone suffices to make one a good priest. A close study of the history of priestly formation has shown that not just the training of priests can ensure an authentic priest-product, rather a continuous effort to adapt the training to the current world situation so that priests would be in the position to discharge their duties effectively. Such readiness to adaptability should, of course, not lose sight of the meaning and function of the priest as revealed in the person of Jesus: a service to the world. In the bid to assess the models for the training of priests in South-eastern Nigeria, the author using a historical-critical method traced the history of the models and events that shaped the current modules for the training of priests in South-eastern Nigeria. At the end of the historical research, he proffered some suggestions for improvement, amendment and solidification of the training of priests in the area. As one of the younger African churches, the examination of the training of priests in South-eastern Nigeria will also serve as a paradigm or typology for understanding the dynamics and the process of training of priests in other African countries, since most of these local churches share relatively similar historical, cultural, economic and socio-political circumstances.

**Presbyterorum Ordinis** - Austin Flannery 2014-06-01

The sixteen official documents—constitutions, decrees, and declarations—of the Second Vatican Council are now available from Liturgical Press in the most popular and widely used inclusive-language edition translated by Irish Dominican Austin Flannery (+October 21, 2008). As the worldwide Church continues to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Council (1962–65), there is a great need in college classrooms and parish faith formation groups—as well as for individuals—to again have access to these documents in contemporary English. As Flannery wrote in his introduction to the 1996 edition, “The translation of the texts of the Vatican documents in the present volume differs from that in the previous publication in two respects. It has been very considerably revised and, in place, corrected. It is also, to a very large extent, in inclusive language. “I say ‘to a very large extent,’

because we have used inclusive language in passages about men and women but not, however, in passages about God, except where the use of the masculine pronoun was easily avoidable.”

**Vatican II** - Matthew L Lamb 2008-04-30

"In [book title], an international team of theologians offers a different reading of the documents from Vatican II. The Council was indeed putting forth a vision for the future of the Church, but that vision was grounded in two millennia of tradition. Taken together, these essays demonstrate that Vatican II's documents are a development from an established antecedent in the Roman Catholic Church."--Back cover.

**The "Hand of God" at Work in Adult Catholic Priestly Formation** -

Robert L. Anello, MSA 2015-03-06

Fr. Eusèbe M. Ménard, O.F.M., was gifted with a visionary perspective regarding God's call to adults for ministry in the Catholic Church, specifically, priestly vocations. In the mid-1940s, Ménard proposed an innovative idea for training men called to serve God through the priesthood: college seminaries for "belated vocations." As he defined it, a man with a belated vocation had not heard God's call in his early years or, having heard it, did not or could not act upon it at that time. The events leading to the formation and development of Holy Apostles College & Seminary proved challenging and, at times, painful for those people who joined Ménard in this enterprise. Still, it appeared from the start that the "Hand of God" was truly at work in the concept, acquisition, and development of Holy Apostles. This study documents the founding and initial development of Holy Apostles and highlights several significant events from the first forty years of its service to the Catholic Church.

*Healing Fractures in Contemporary Theology* - Peter John McGregor  
2022-01-20

Since Vatican II, the key question that has developed in Catholic theology, often unstated or unrecognized, is, what is theology? The thesis presented here is that contemporary theologizing is "fractured" in many places and to varying degrees. These fractures can vary in seriousness between theologians, and a particular theologian may suffer from some

fractures but not others. The fractures addressed here are between

- theology and spirituality
- theology and philosophy
- theology and liturgy
- the literal and spiritual senses of sacred scripture
- theology, preaching, and apologetics
- theology and ethics
- theology and social theory
- dogmatic and pastoral theology
- theology and the "koinonial" Christian life
- theologians and non-theologians
- the generation gap between Gen X and Millennial/Post-Millennial Catholics, and
- theology and the Magisterium.

For each of these, an attempt is made to examine the symptoms, give a diagnosis, and write a prescription.

The Center is Jesus Christ Himself - Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan  
2021-04-02

The polarization in the Church today can be traced back to a more fundamental crisis in theology, one which has failed to connect our mundane experiences and the mysteries of the Christian faith with the person of Jesus Christ. Ecclesial discourse on the so-called 'hot-button issues' of the day too often take place without considering the foundation and goal of the Church. And this is unfortunately due to a similar tendency in the academic theology that informs that ecclesial discourse. In short, much of post-conciliar Catholic theology is adrift, floating aimlessly away from the center of the Christian faith, who is Christ. The Center is Jesus Christ Himself is a collection of essays which anchor theological reflection in Jesus Christ. These diverse essays share a unified focal point, but engage with a variety of theological subdisciplines (e.g., dogmatic, moral, Biblical, etc.), areas (e.g., Christology, Pneumatology, missiology, etc.), and periods (e.g., patristic, medieval, and modern). Given the different combinations of sub-disciplines, areas, and periods, theology is susceptible to fragmentation when it is not held together by some principle of unity. A theology in which the person of Jesus Christ serves as that principle of unity is a Christocentric theology. Together, the essays illustrate not only what Christocentric theology looks like, but also what the consequences are when Christ is dislodged from the center, whether by a conspicuous silence on, or by a relativization of, his unique salvific mission. The volume is published in honor of Emeritus Professor of Systematic

Theology at Boston College, Rev. Dr. Robert P. Imbelli, who dedicated his teaching and writing to bringing Christ back to the center of Catholic theological discourse.