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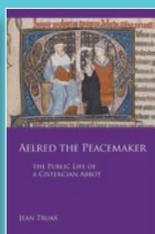
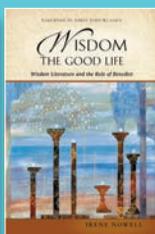
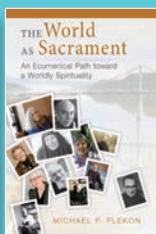
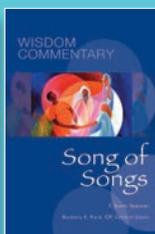
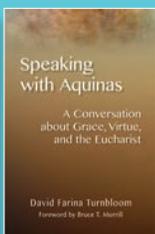
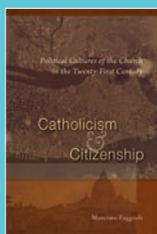
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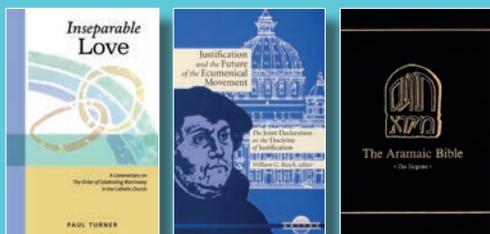
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“The Wounded Angel considers the uses of so-called secular literature to convey illuminations of mystery, the unsayable, the hidden otherness, the Holy One. Saint Ignatius urged us to find God in all things, and Paul Lakeland demonstrates how that’s theologically possible in fictions whose authors had no spiritual or religious intentions. A fine and much-needed reflection.”

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“This is an essential read for those interested in the relationship between the religious and literary imaginations.”

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Selection from the book’s introduction:

The work of the creative artist is always somehow bumping up against transcendence, hinting at the unsayable even in the process of saying something quite definite or important that is not itself the transcendent. For the person of faith, then, fiction offers a wider perspective on the scope of grace by telling a story that integrates grace and sin in a way that defeats simplistic oppositions between the two. No person of faith doubts that we are all both graced and sinful, but grace and sin are so often held apart, while fiction may insist that they are present not only in the same person but perhaps even in the same act. The complex attractiveness of great fiction to the person of faith (or is it seen by some as a threat?) is that it makes it impossible to separate out sin and grace. For the person who does not possess faith in the narrow sense, fiction of course presents the same mix of sin and grace, but now in a way that makes it possible for this person to begin to see that in accepting the very fusion of sin and grace in individuals and communities there is a statement being made about loving acceptance that does not make sense in our ordinary categories and which therefore offers the invitation to look beyond simply what-is. To the person of faith, fiction supports love of the world as it is and contradicts the simplistic separation of the sacred and the profane. To the searcher or the agnostic, fiction teases with intimations of a beyond that may be either unnerving or intriguing but cannot be ignored.

If we understand fiction in this way, then we should be able to articulate a theology of literature, in particular a theology of fiction. This will most certainly not mean that we will be singling out professedly theological novels or those written by people of faith, still less novels that have either an open or hidden agenda to make a point about religion. The kinds of works that will claim our attention, as we will see at length in what follows, are those that independently of their authors’ purposes or their subject matter bring the reader into an interpretive space where he or she is creatively engaged with transcendence, by whatever name. Religious reflection on the ways in which fiction brings the reader to an encounter with transcendence is itself a theology of literature. The fictions that we entertain may be stories of heroism or of evil, of greed or of self-denial, of love or of hatred, but it is what they inspire in the reader, not what they contain in themselves, that makes them fodder for religious reflection.



Paul Lakeland

The Wounded Angel

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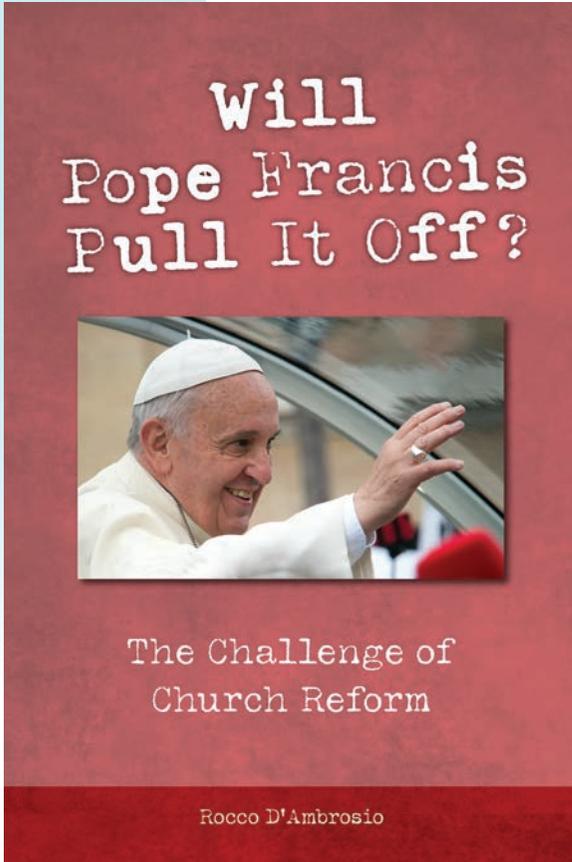
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Rocco D'Ambrosio

Will Pope Francis Pull It Off?

The Challenge of Church Reform

Translated by Barry Hudock



Rocco D'Ambrosio is a lecturer in political philosophy and political ethics at the Pontifical Gregorian University. A diocesan priest, he is also director of *Cercasi un Fine* ("Seeking a Goal"), an Italian organization for people of various religions and cultures united in seeking a more just, peaceful, and beautiful society. This is his first book to be published in English.

"Pope Francis has made reform of the Church a signature of his pontificate, and Rocco D'Ambrosio has provided adept institutional analysis to shed light on the momentum and challenges inherent in such a bold pursuit. All who care deeply about the outcome and want to understand the context, commitment, and countervailing forces at hand would do well to read this book."

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Pope Francis has made no secret of the fact that he seeks to reform the Catholic Church, especially the institutional components by which it is guided and governed. Standing in his way are institutional inertia, simplistic ideologies, scandals, and the resistance of some who will not readily relinquish power. Can he pull it off?

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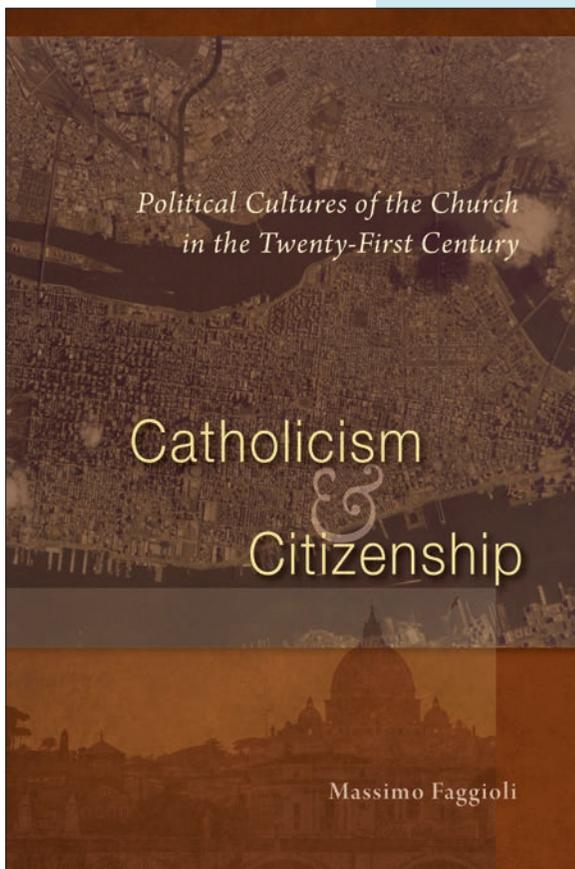
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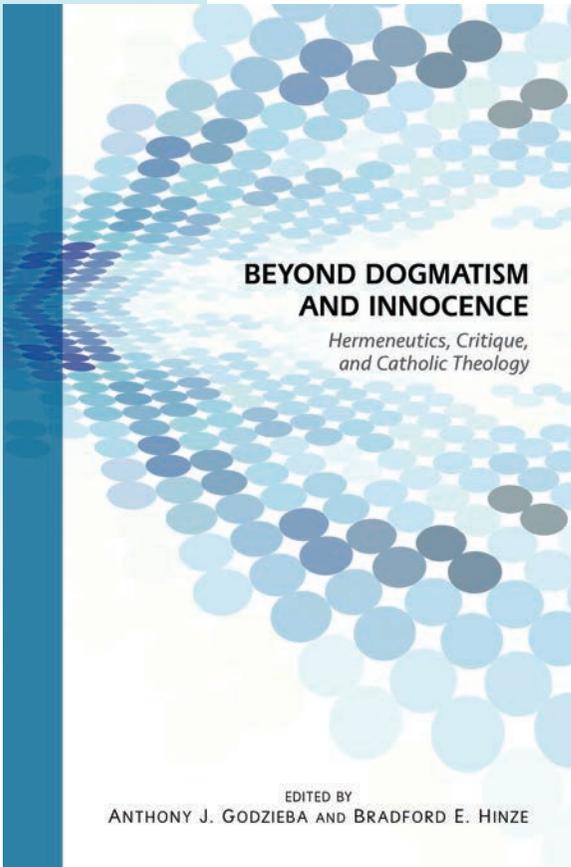
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Beyond Dogmatism and Innocence

Hermeneutics, Critique, and Catholic Theology

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Fundamentalism at Home and Abroad

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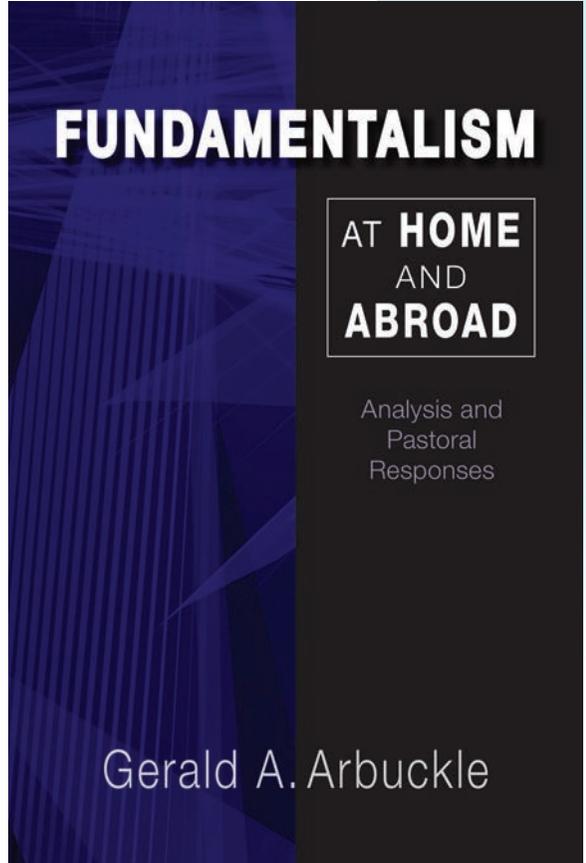
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For most people, fundamentalism in the modern world has become synonymous with a radical form of Islam, but fundamentalism in many shapes and forms is also very much present in Western societies. Yes, fundamentalist economic, political, nationalistic, and religious movements are aplenty in the West.

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Gerald A. Arbuckle, SM, is codirector of Refounding and Pastoral Development, a research ministry, in Sydney, Australia. An award-winning author, he is internationally known for his expertise in helping church leaders minister effectively in a postmodern world.

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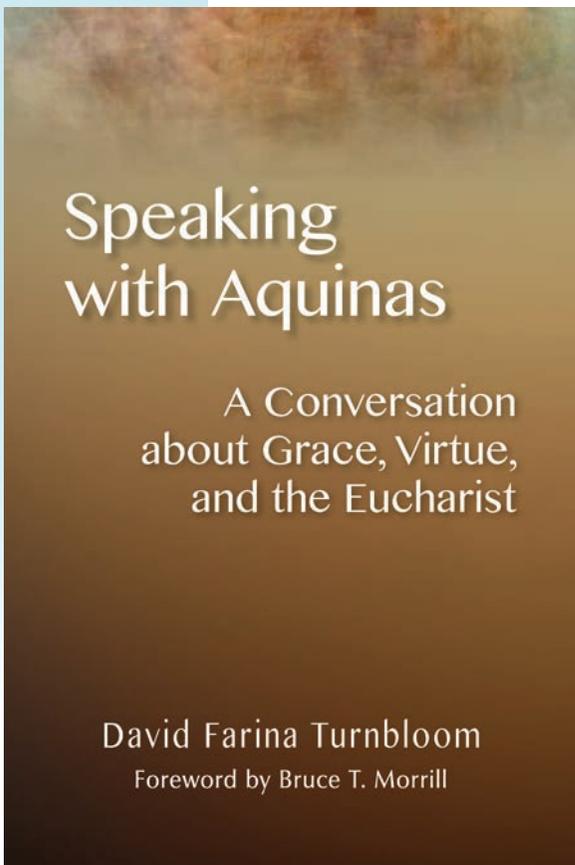
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Foreword by Bruce T. Morrill



According to Thomas Aquinas, the Eucharist is meant to build up the unity of the church. This desired ecclesial unity is, however, not often given adequate treatment. In *Speaking with Aquinas*, David Farina Turnbloom seeks to describe the relationship between the celebration of the Eucharist and the unity of the church. By examining Aquinas's treatment of grace and virtues, this book allows the reader to understand Aquinas's eucharistic theology within the context of the spiritual life of the church. In the end, Turnbloom retrieves a Thomistic theology of the Eucharist that arises from Aquinas's concern for the virtuous life of the church, rather than a eucharistic theology that too narrowly focuses on theories of transubstantiation.

David Farina Turnbloom is assistant professor of theology at the University of Portland. He has published numerous articles focusing on the relationships between Christian worship and ethics. He is a board member of the ecumenical group The Liturgical Conference. He holds a PhD in systematic theology from Boston College. He is also a contributor to *Give Us This Day*.

“Lucid, compelling, and conversational, David Farina Turnbloom’s *Speaking with Aquinas* reveals the links between Christology, sacrament, the Eucharist, and ethics, showing how Aquinas’s sacramental soteriology can still speak to readers today.”

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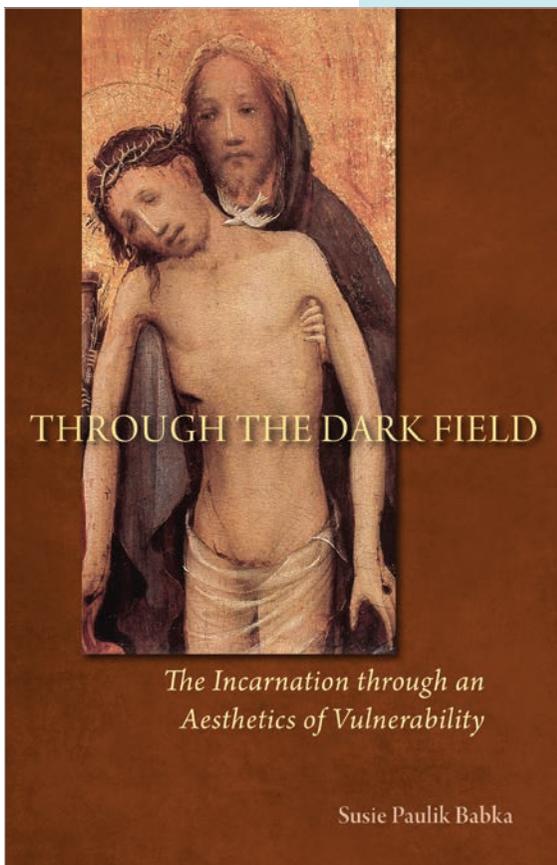
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This book advocates a reconsideration of the doctrine of the incarnation through an aesthetics of vulnerability, in which the ethical optics of attention to the vulnerable other becomes the standpoint in which to ponder the significance of “God became human.” Relying on such diverse thinkers as Emmanuel Levinas, Maurice Blanchot, Karl Rahner, and Masao Abe, Susie Paulik Babka explores visual art, images, and poetry as theological sources, designating what Blanchot called “a region where impossibility is no longer deprivation, but affirmation.”

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Susie Paulik Babka received her PhD from the University of Notre Dame and is an associate professor in theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego.

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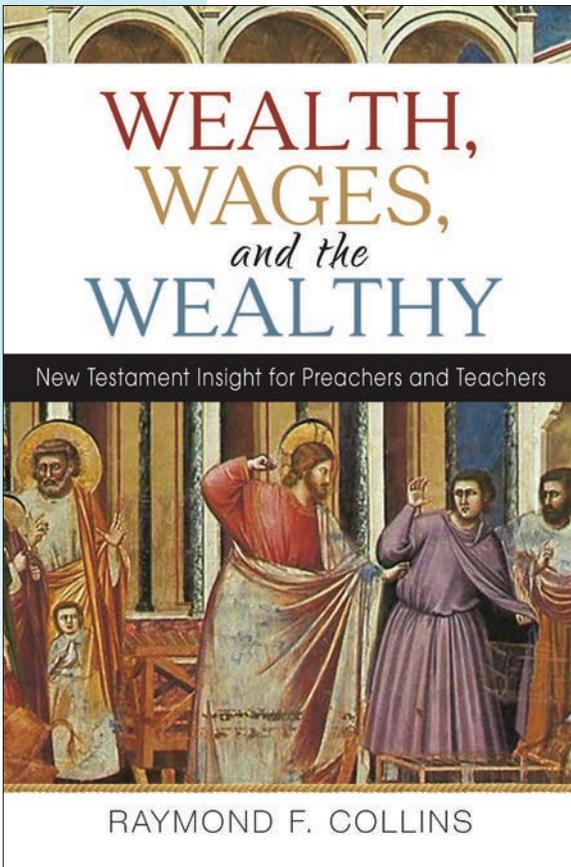
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Raymond F. Collins is a Roman Catholic priest and a New Testament scholar. Most of his academic career was spent at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium, and at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he taught and served as the dean of the School of Religious Studies. Among his twenty books are major commentaries on Paul’s First and Second Letters to the Corinthians and the Pastoral Epistles, 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus.

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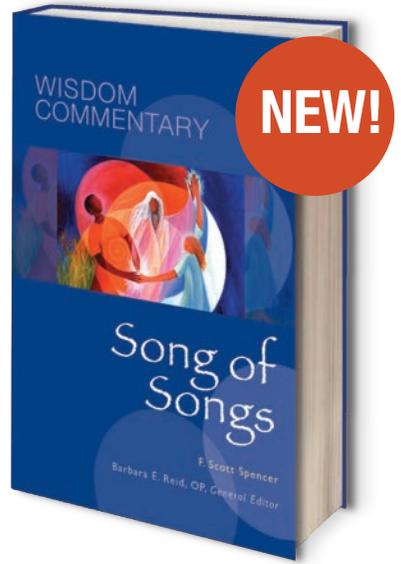
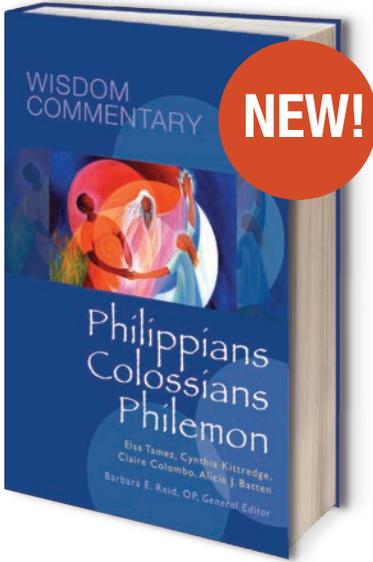
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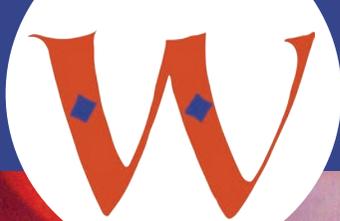
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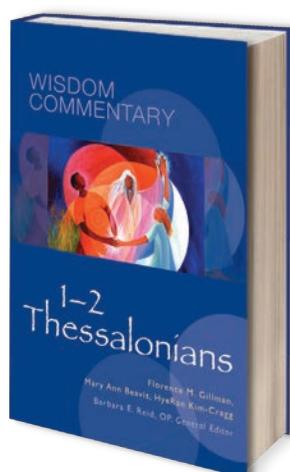
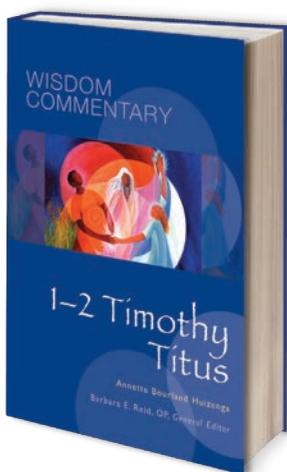
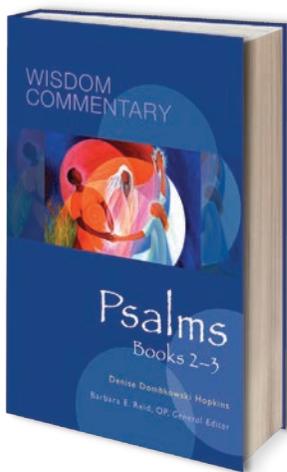
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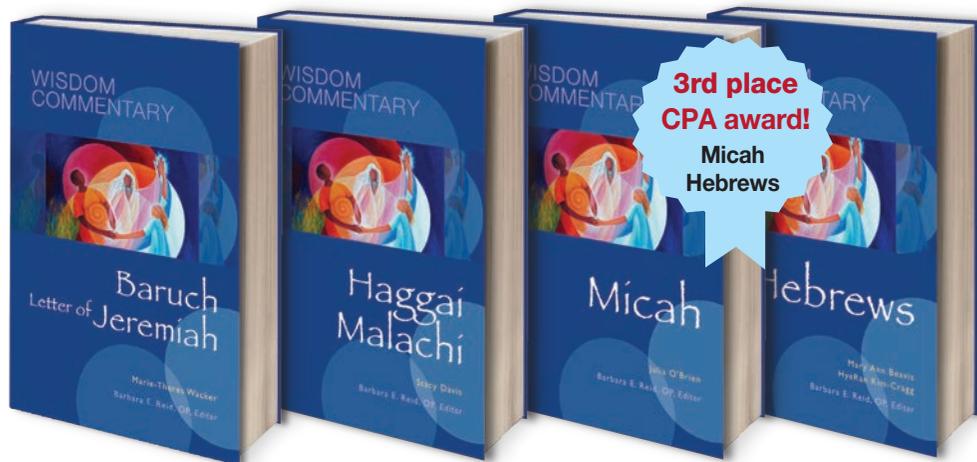
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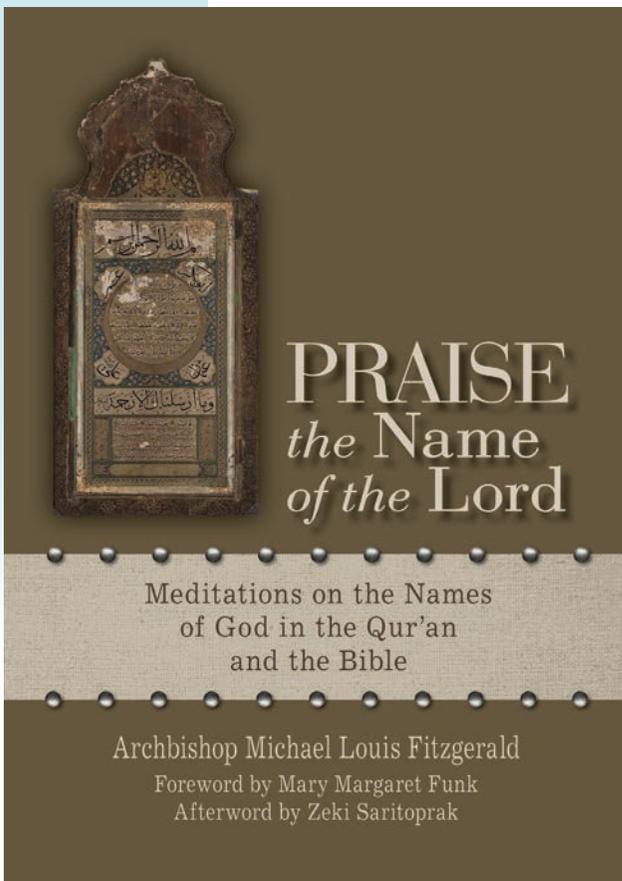
Archbishop Michael Louis Fitzgerald

Praise the Name of the Lord

Meditations on the Names of God in the Qur'an and the Bible

Foreword by Mary Margaret Funk

Afterword by Zeki Saritoprak



Archbishop Michael Louis Fitzgerald, MAfr, has dedicated his life's work to interreligious dialogue. He was ordained priest as member of the Society of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in 1961. He served on the General Council of the Missionaries of Africa and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. From 2006 to 2012, he was apostolic nuncio in Egypt and delegate to the League of Arab States.

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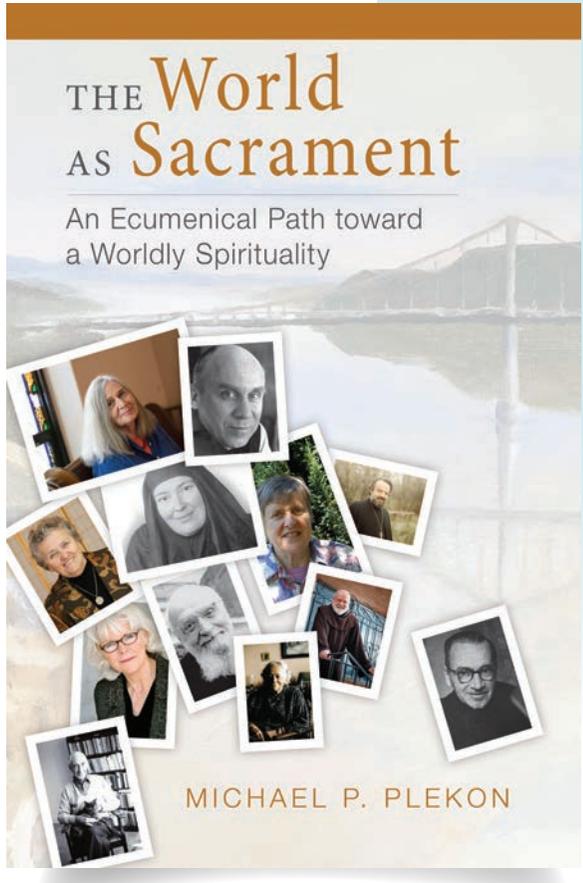
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Michael P. Plekon is emeritus professor of sociology and religion and culture at Baruch College of the City University of New York. He has served parishes while teaching, writing, and researching for thirty-five years.

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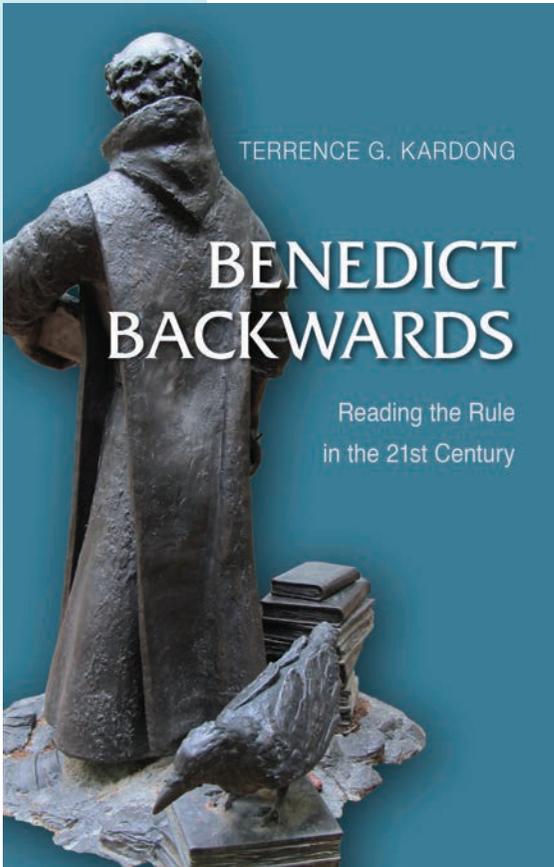
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Terrence G. Kardong is a monk of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota. He has been editor of *The American Benedictine Review* since 1982 and has written many books and articles.

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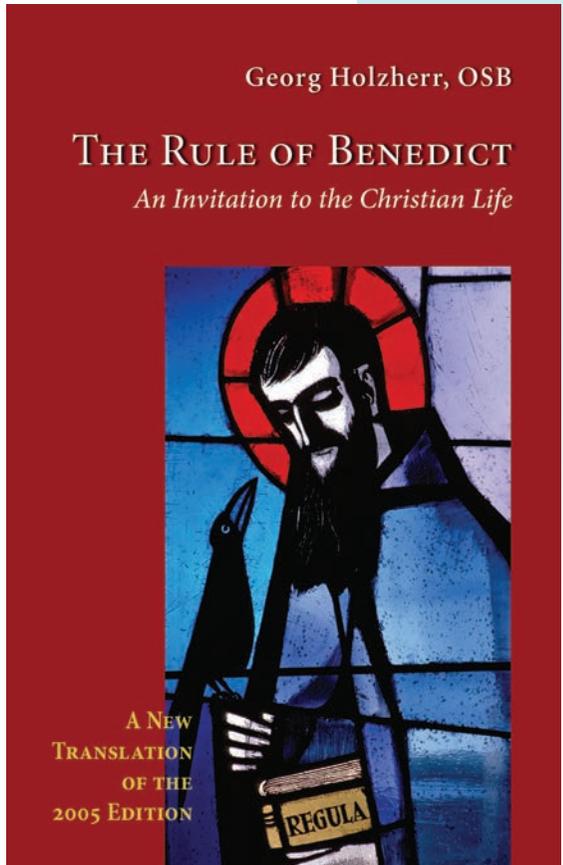
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Georg Holzherr, OSB, entered monastic life at the Abbey of Einsiedeln in Switzerland in 1949, and was elected abbot of Einsiedeln Abbey in 1969. Holzherr is recognized as one of today’s leading experts on the Rule of Saint Benedict and its sources, spirituality, and applicability to everyday life.

Mark Thamert, OSB, is a monk of Saint John’s Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. Since receiving his PhD in Germanic languages and literatures from Princeton University in 1985, Thamert has taught all levels of German in the Language and Cultures Department at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University.

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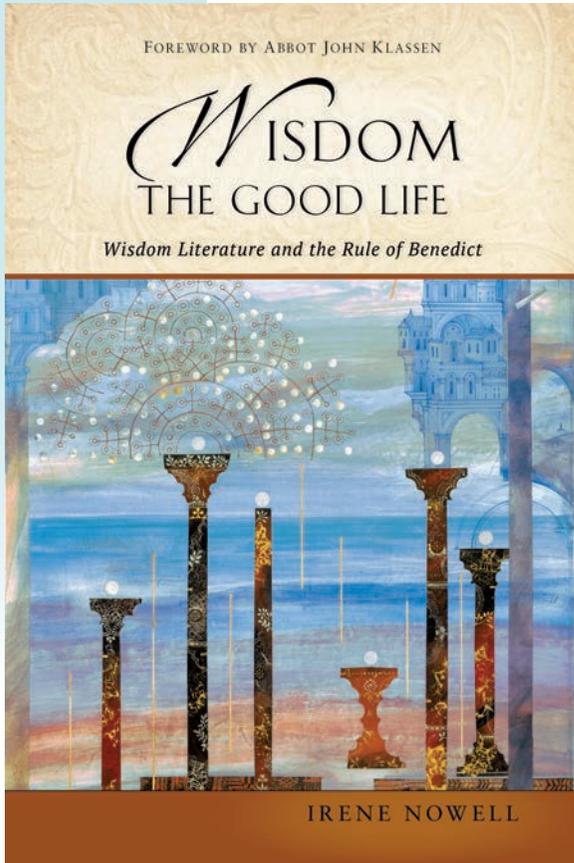
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Wisdom Literature and the Rule of Benedict

Foreword by Abbot John Klassen, OSB



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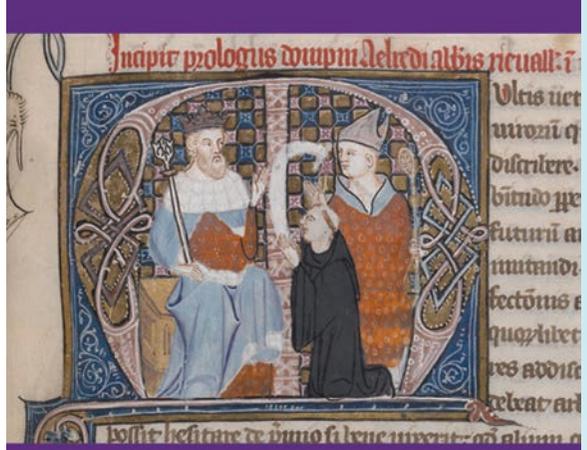
In addition to being a prolific spiritual writer and the abbot of the premier Cistercian monastery in northern England, Aelred of Rievaulx somehow found the time and the stamina to travel extensively throughout the Anglo-Norman realm, acting as a mediator, a problem solver, and an adviser to kings. His career spanned the troubled years of the civil war between King Stephen and Empress Matilda and reached its zenith during the early years of the reign of Henry II. In this work, Jean Truax focuses on the public career of Aelred of Rievaulx, placing him in his historical context, deepening the reader's understanding of his work, and casting additional light on his underappreciated role as politician, mediator, and negotiator outside his abbey's walls.

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Jean Truax obtained her PhD in medieval history from the University of Houston in 1995 while working in the IT department of an oil service company. Now that she has retired from the business world she is an independent scholar.

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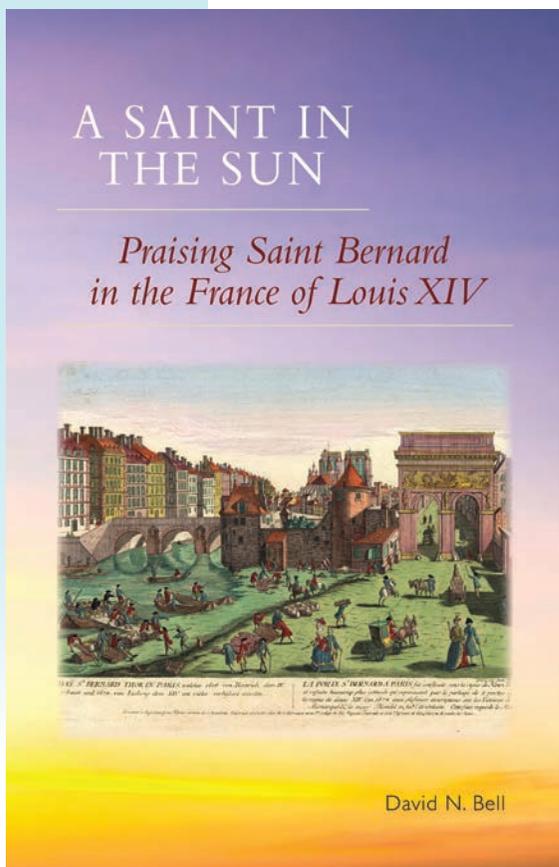
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David N. Bell is professor emeritus of religious studies at Memorial University and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He retired as head of the Department of Religious Studies at the end of 2011. He has published some two dozen books, more than a hundred articles, and a great number of book reviews.

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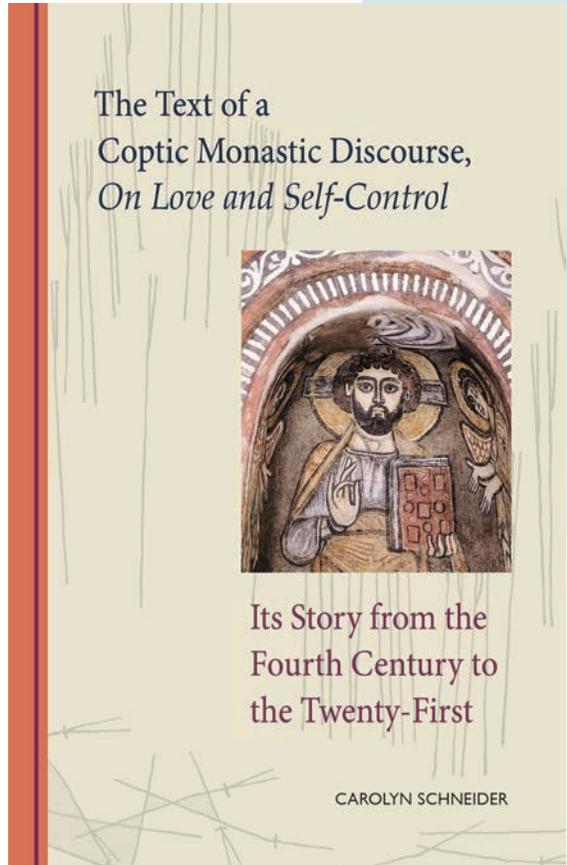
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This book introduces a beautiful fourth-century Coptic discourse on love and self-control in its first English translation. The text's heading attributes it to Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, but this attribution is questionable. Exploring issues of authorship and context, this book locates the origins of *On Love and Self-Control* in the Upper Egyptian Pachomian monastic community of the mid-fourth century. It then traces the various uses of *On Love and Self-Control* to the late eleventh and early twelfth centuries, when the single surviving manuscript was copied as part of an anthology at the Monastery of St. Shenoute of Atripe. A partial reconstruction of this now dismembered codex is provided.

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Carolyn Schneider is associate professor of church history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, where she serves as a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She teaches courses introducing the history of the global church in every era but specializes in exploring the theologies of Athanasius in his fourth-century Egyptian context and Martin Luther in his sixteenth-century European context.

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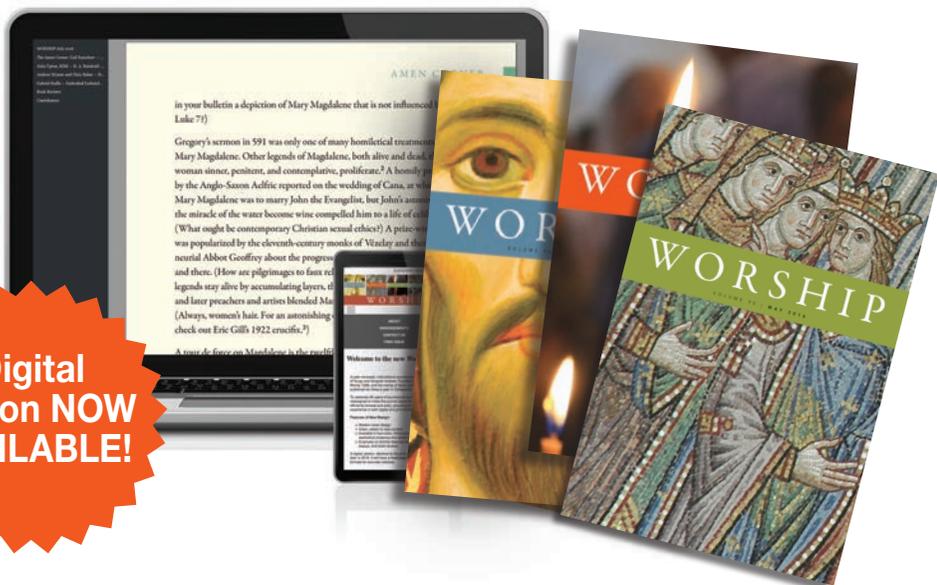
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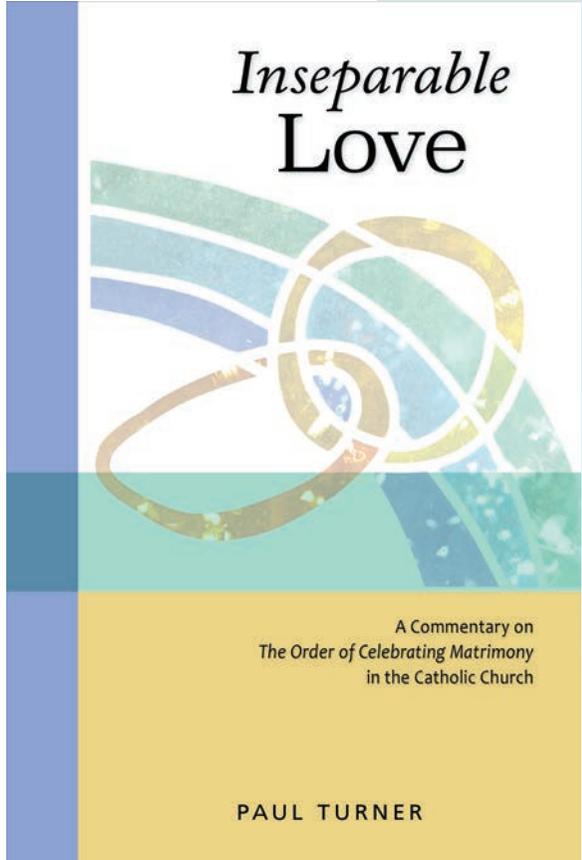
This book provides a paragraph-by-paragraph commentary on the Catholic Church's *Order of Celebrating Matrimony*. Readers will learn about the history and theology of the elements of the rite and of the pertinent texts in the *Roman Missal*. Paul Turner provides translations of reports of the study group that revised the ceremony after the Second Vatican Council. The book also covers the Spanish translations used in the United States, Mexico, and Colombia, and variations permitted in Australia and in England and Wales, as well as in French-speaking Canada. This in-depth commentary serves as an invaluable resource for practitioners and students of Catholic weddings.

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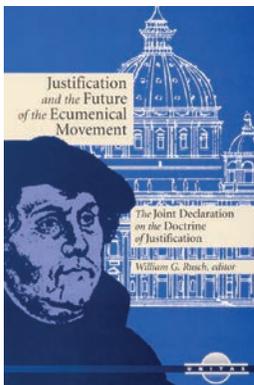


Paul Turner is pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Kansas City, Missouri, and he holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant’ Anselmo in Rome. He is a former president of the North American Academy of Liturgy and a member of Societas Liturgica and the Catholic Academy of Liturgy. He is also a contributor to *Give Us This Day*.

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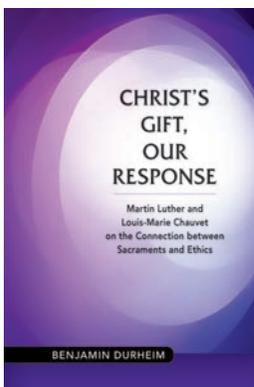
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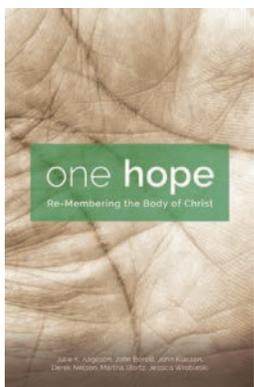
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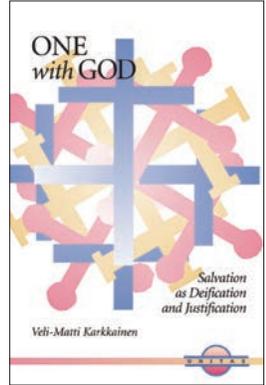
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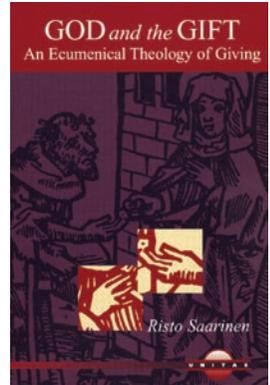
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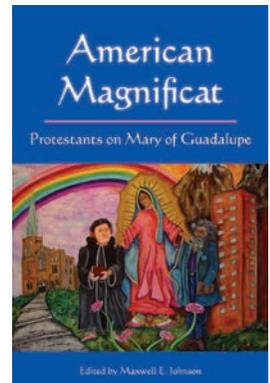
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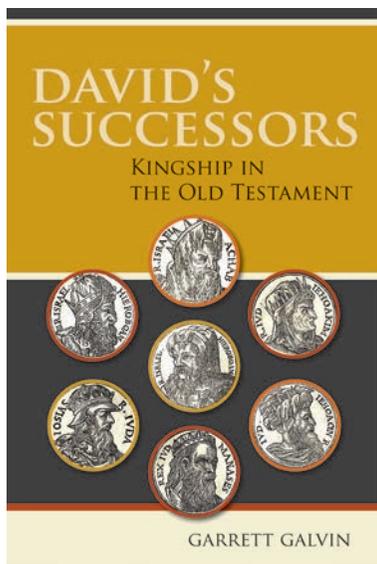
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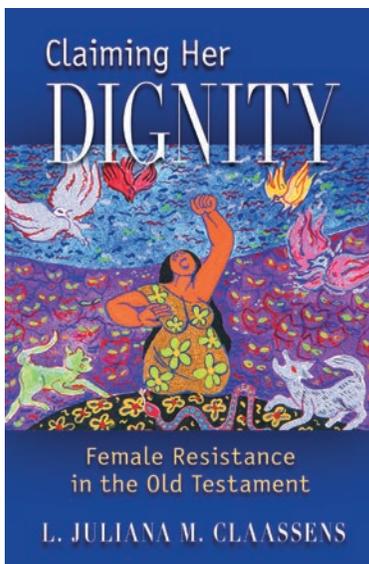
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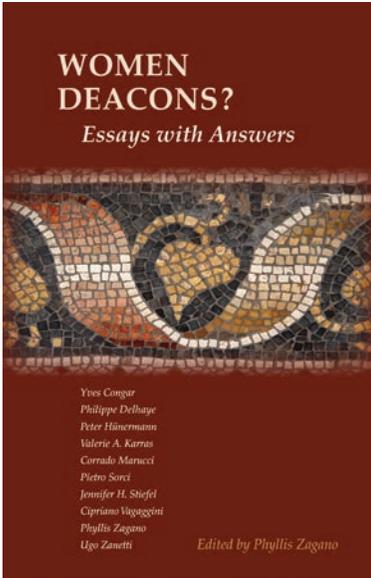
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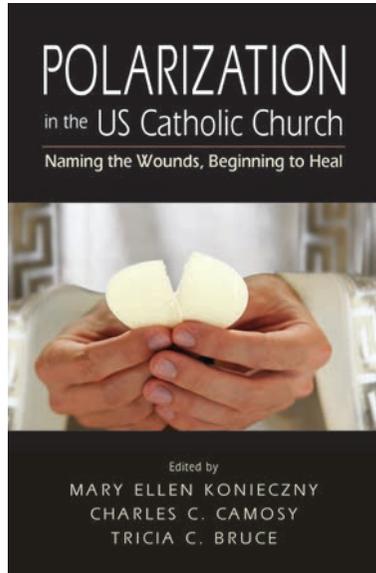
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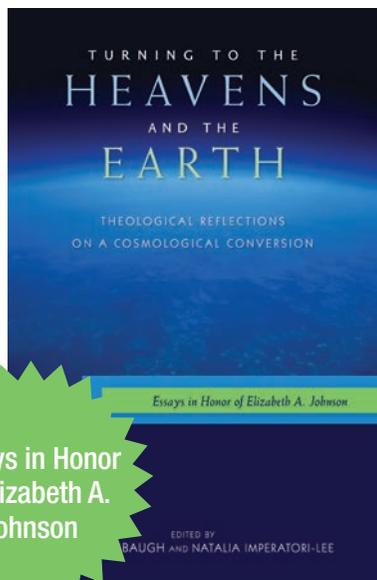
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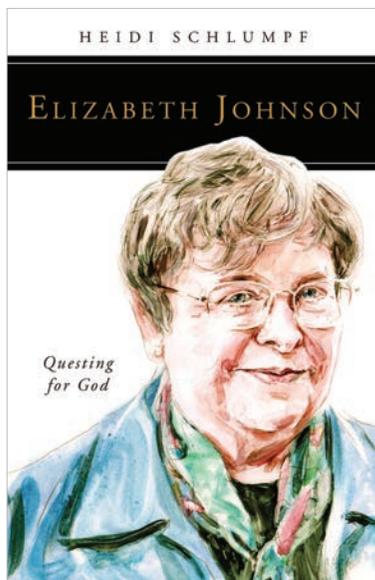
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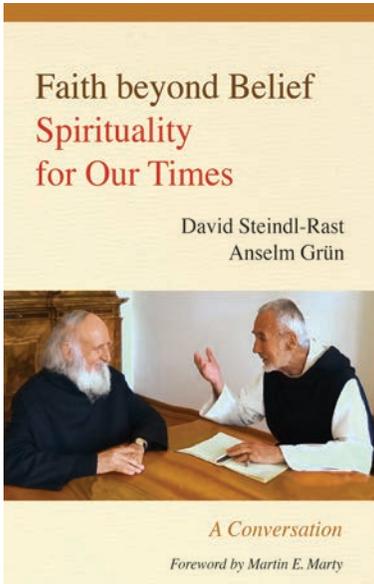
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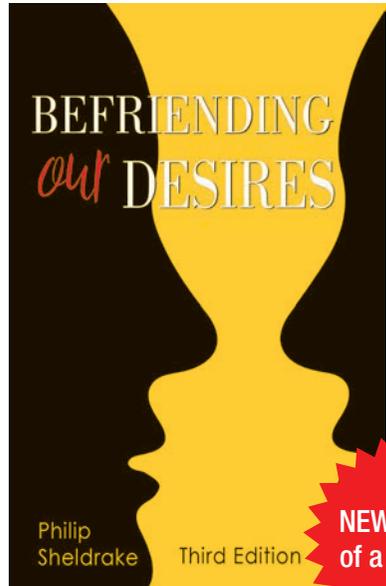
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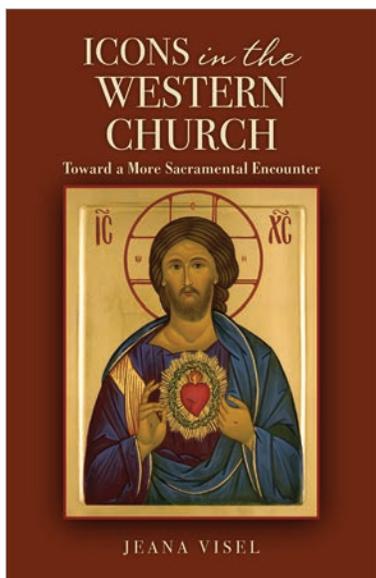
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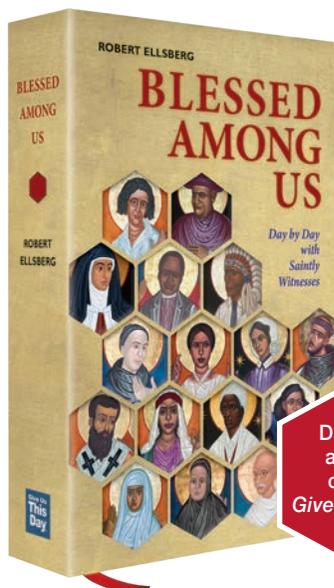
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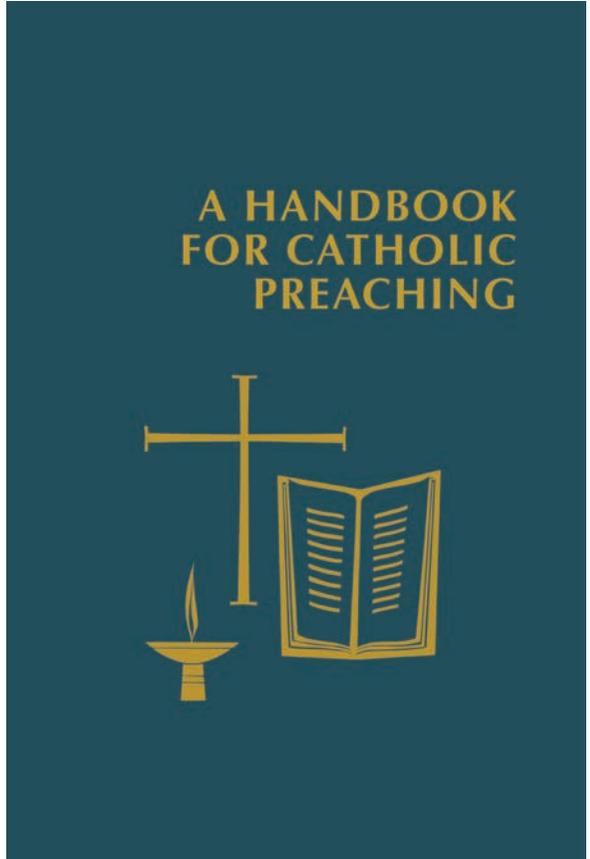
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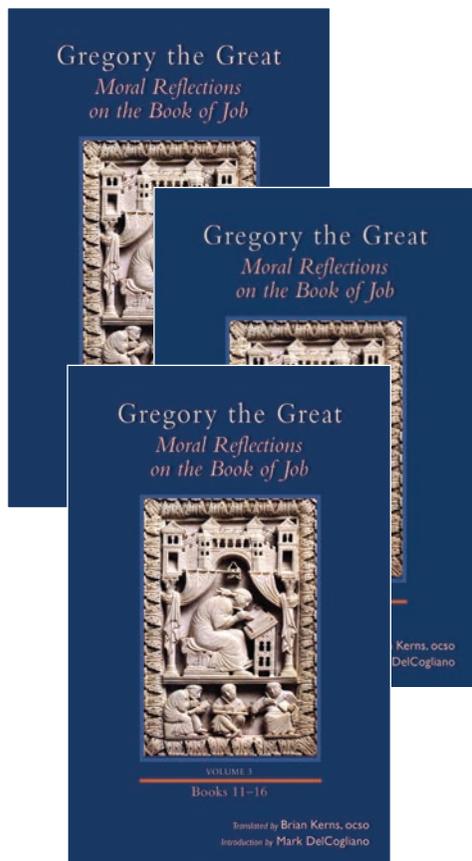
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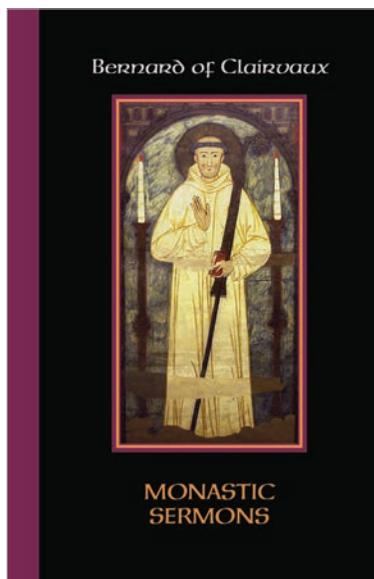
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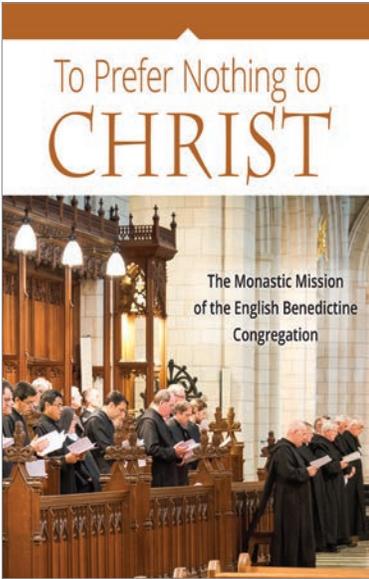
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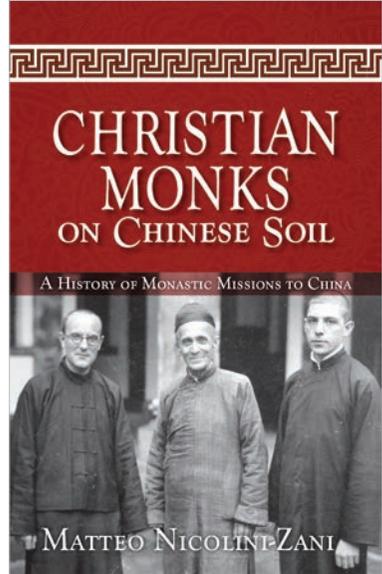
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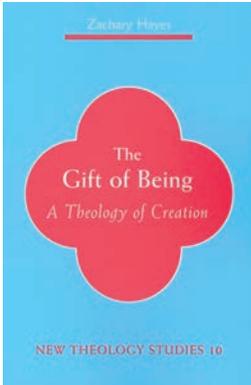
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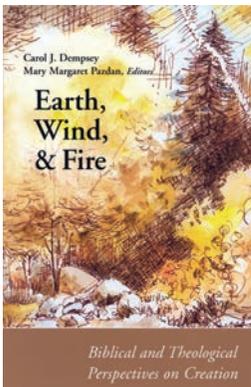
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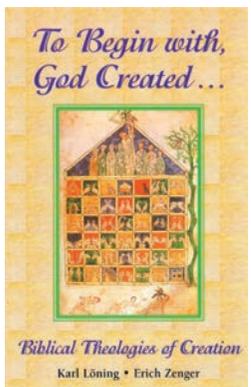
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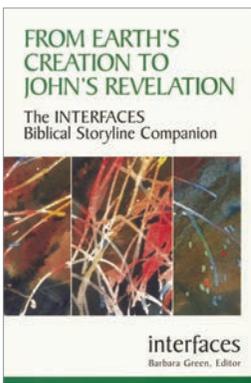
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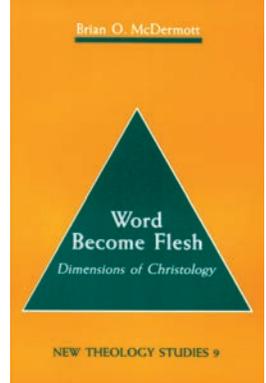
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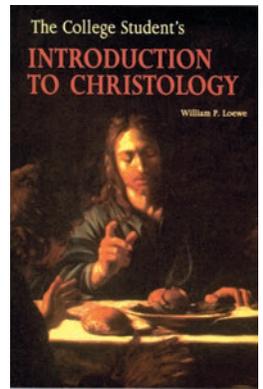
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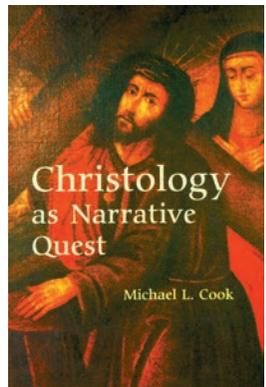
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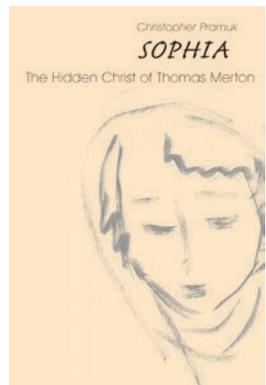
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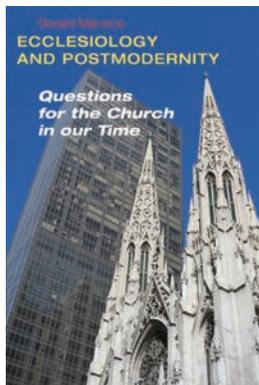
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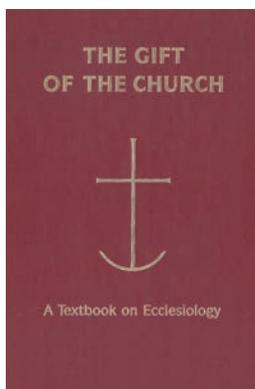
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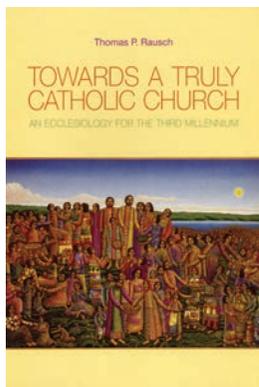
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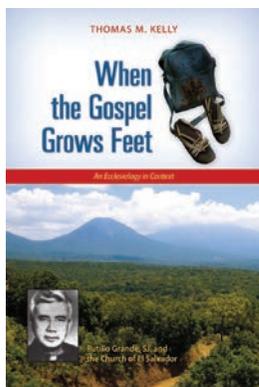
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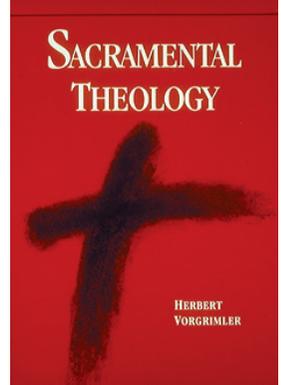
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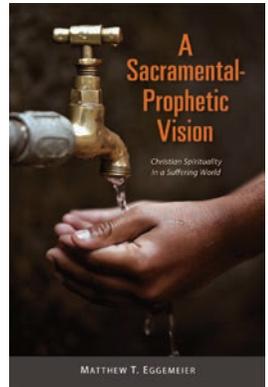
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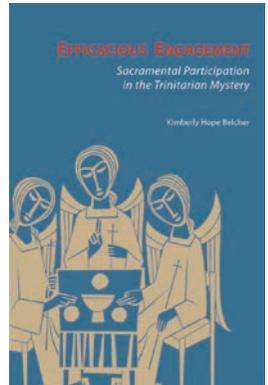
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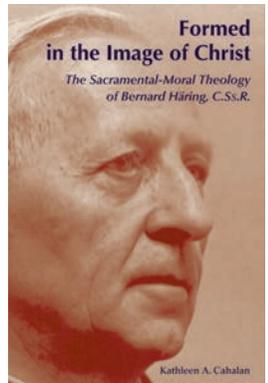
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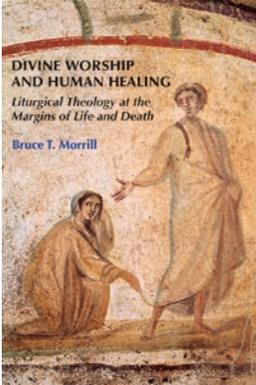
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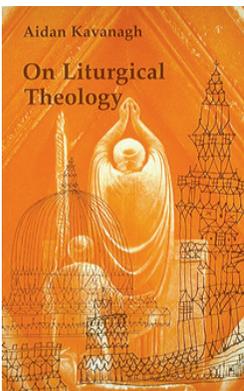
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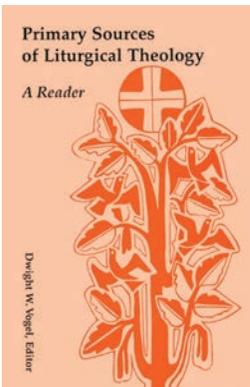
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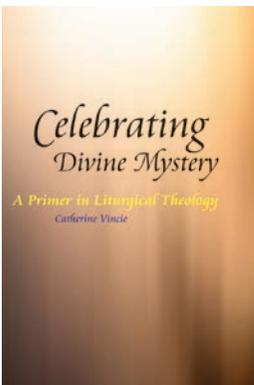
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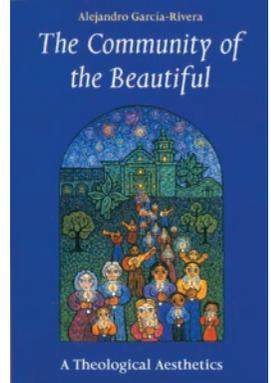
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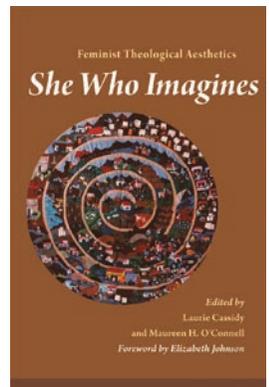
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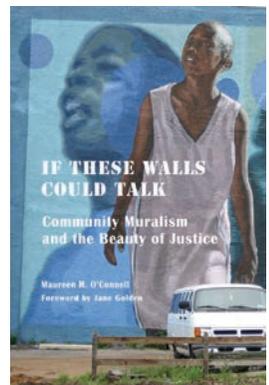
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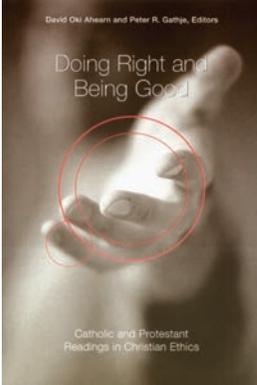
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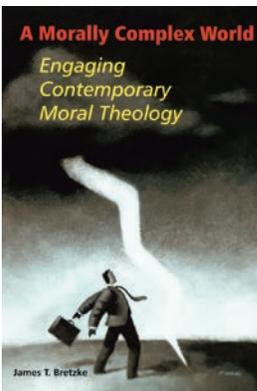
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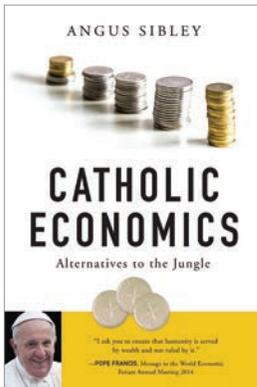
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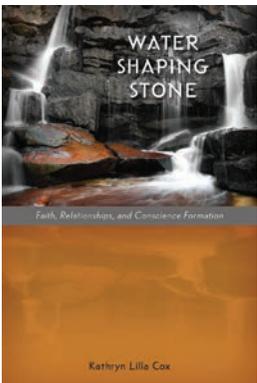
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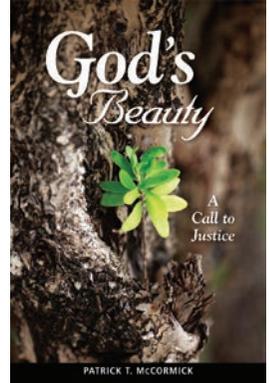
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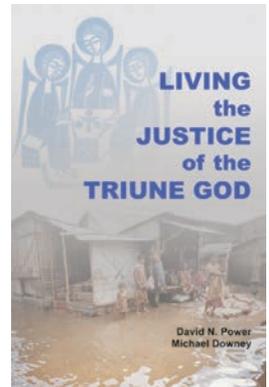
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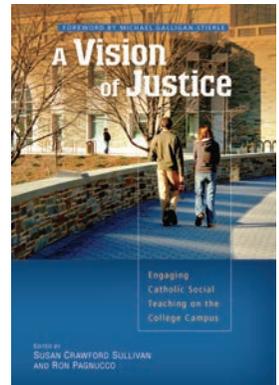
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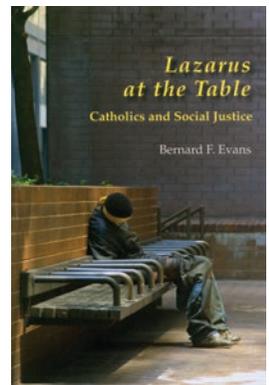
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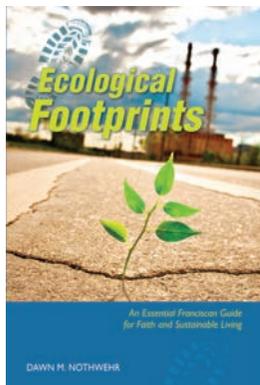
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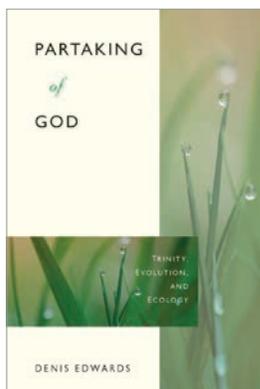
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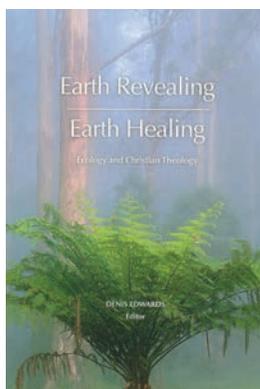
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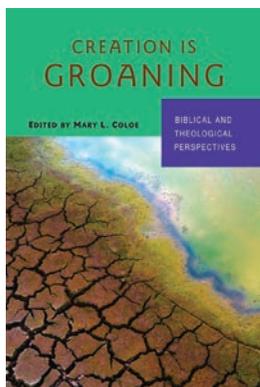
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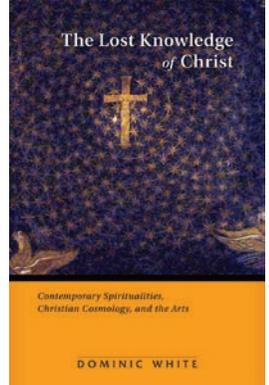
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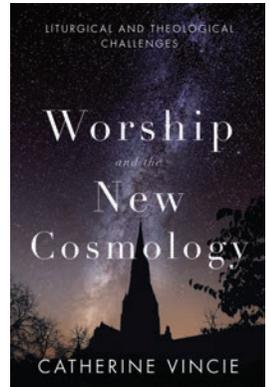
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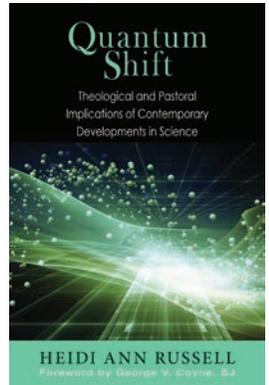
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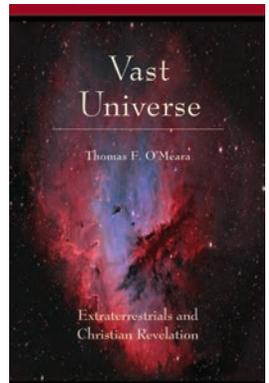
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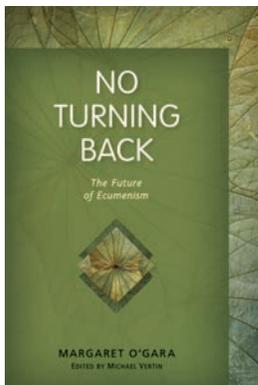
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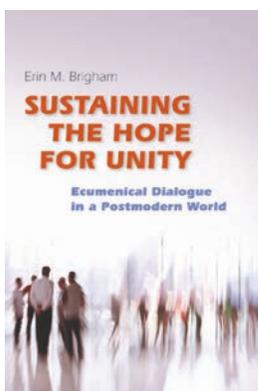
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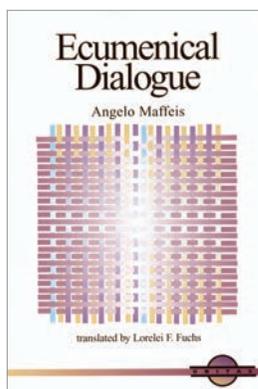
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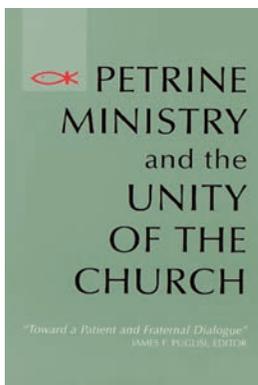
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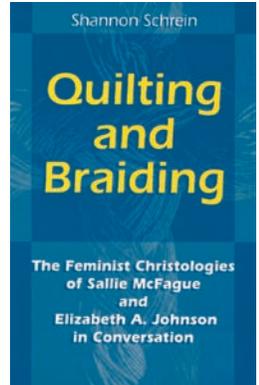
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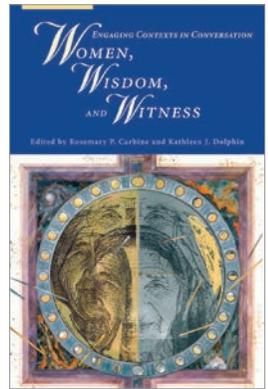
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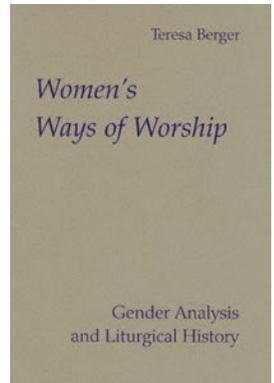


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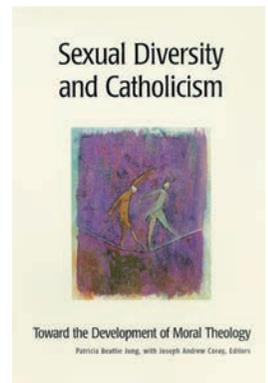
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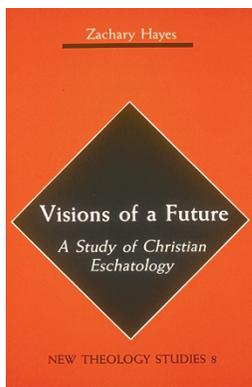
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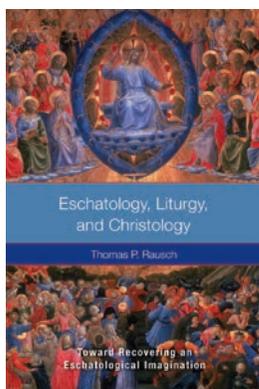


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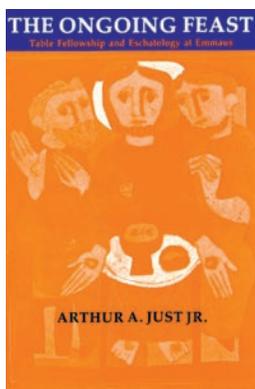
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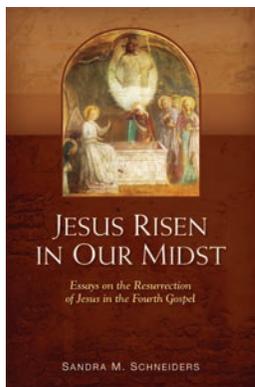
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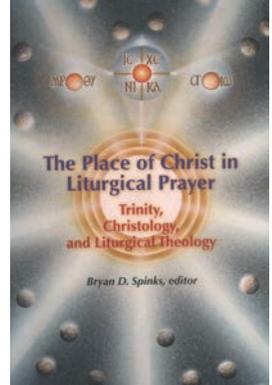
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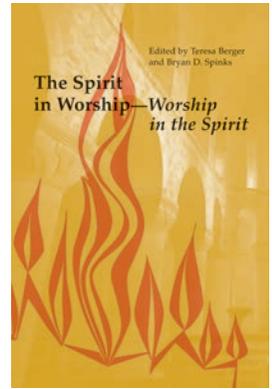
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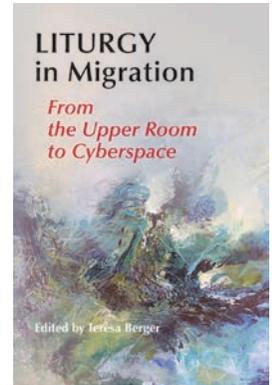
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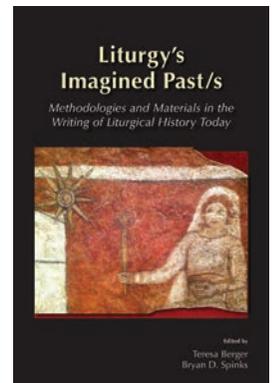
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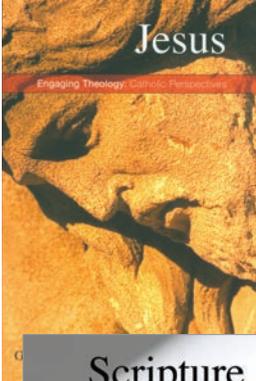
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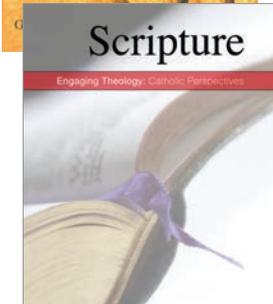
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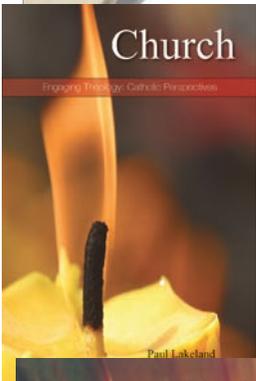
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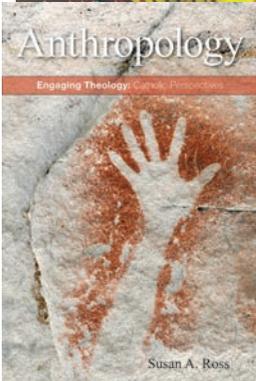
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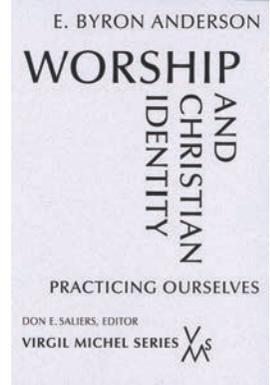
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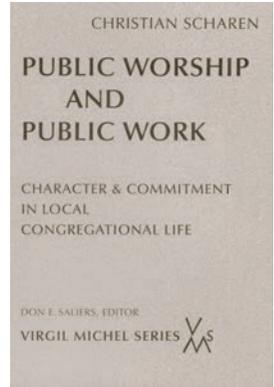
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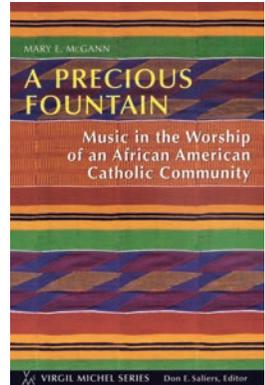
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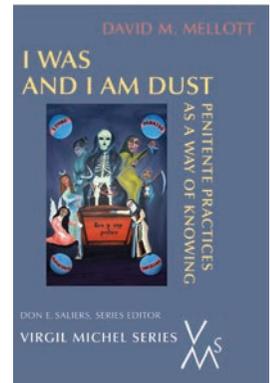
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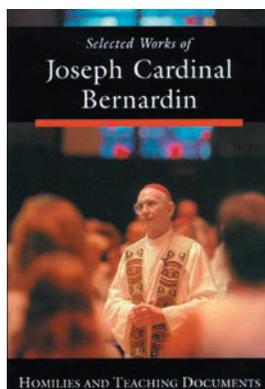
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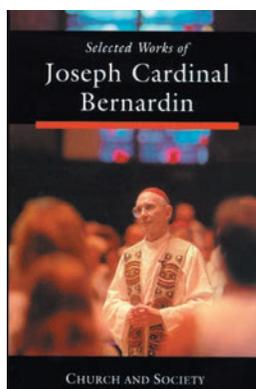
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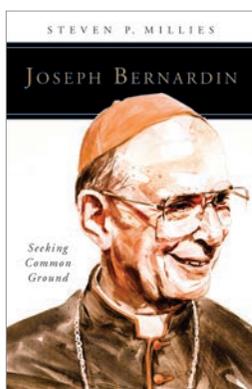
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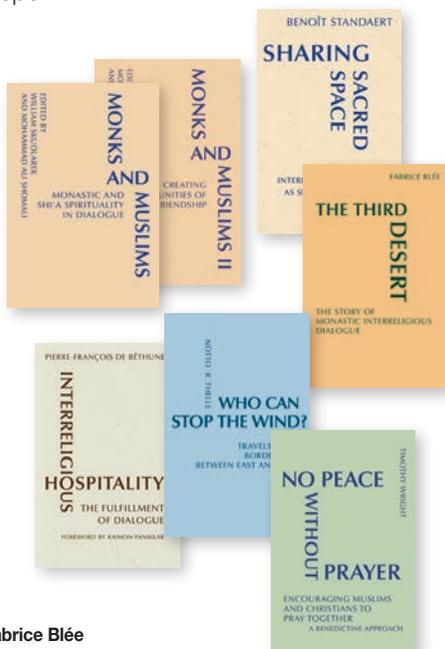
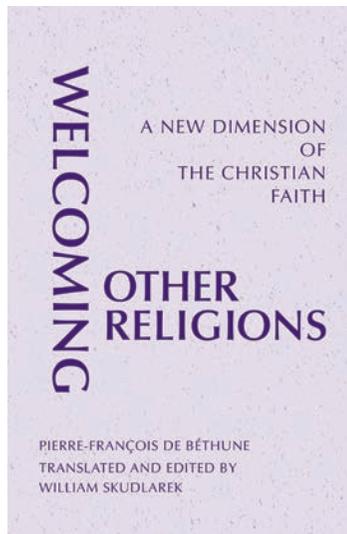
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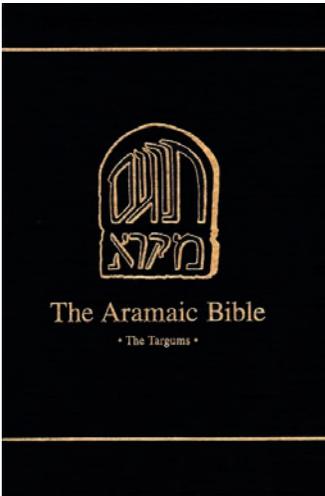
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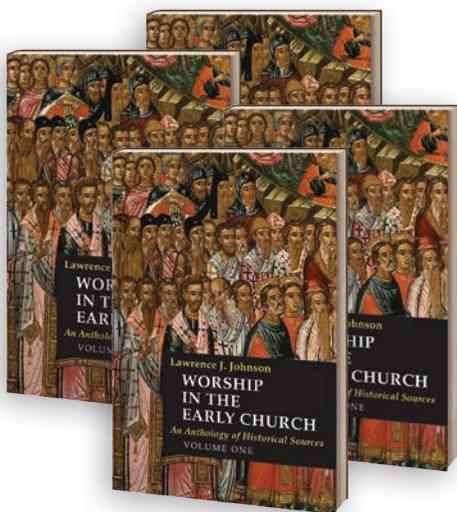
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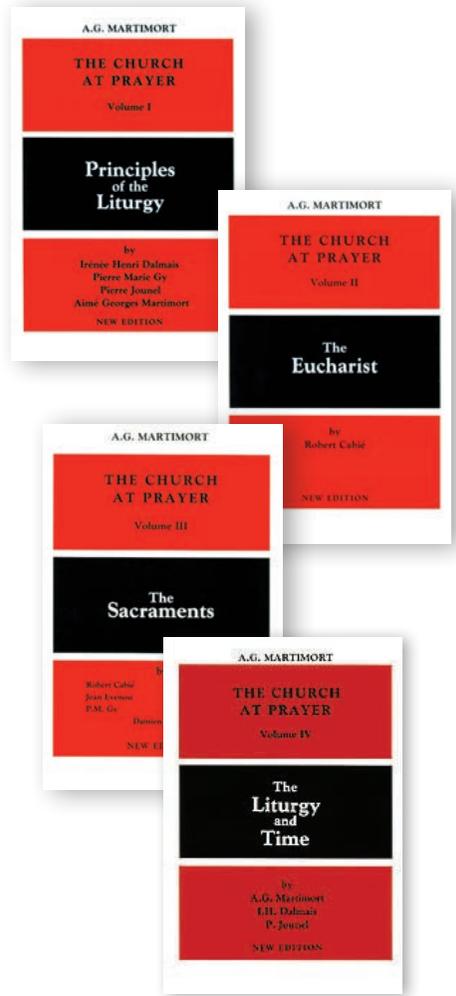
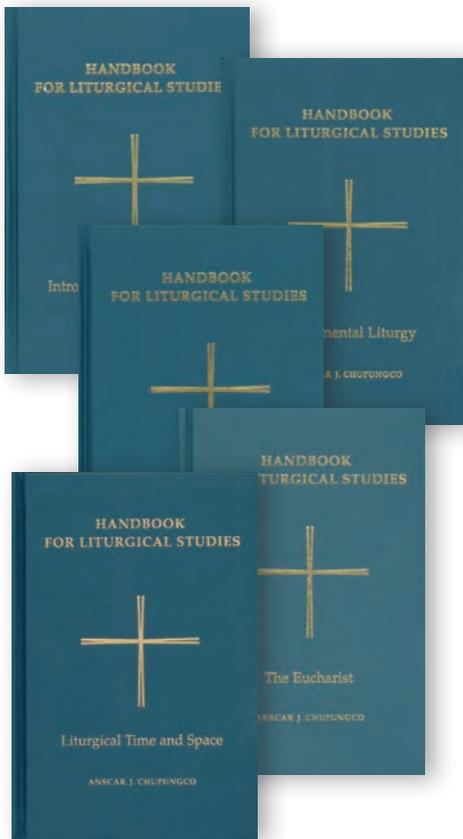
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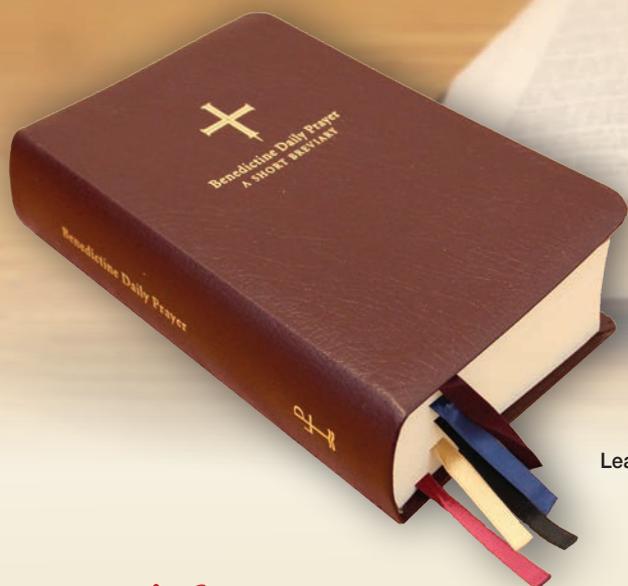
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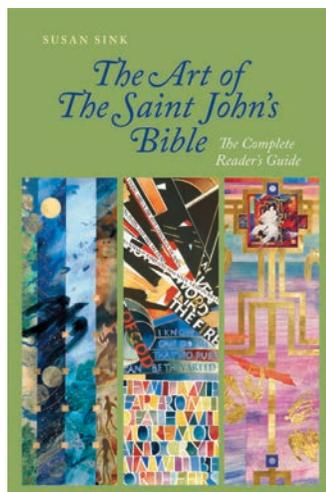
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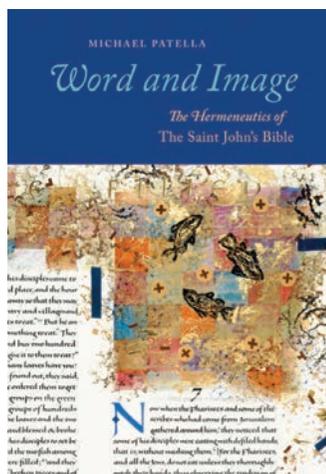
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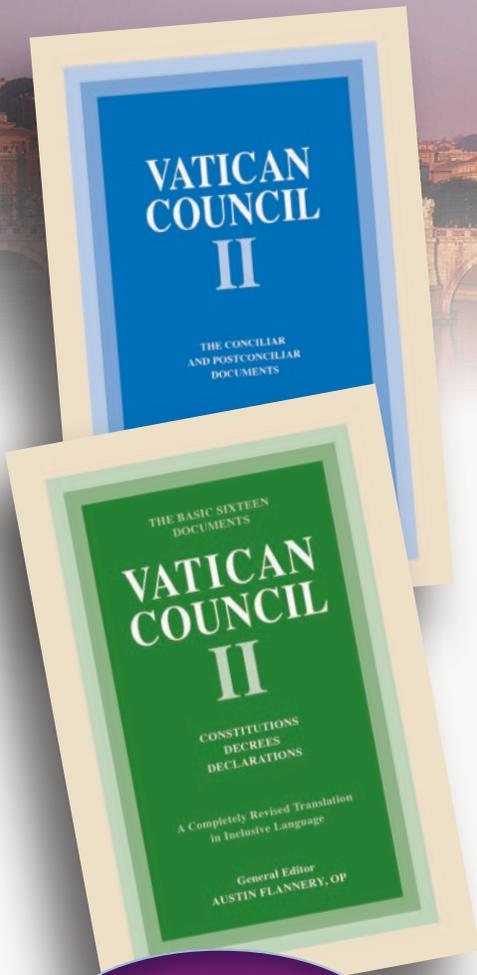
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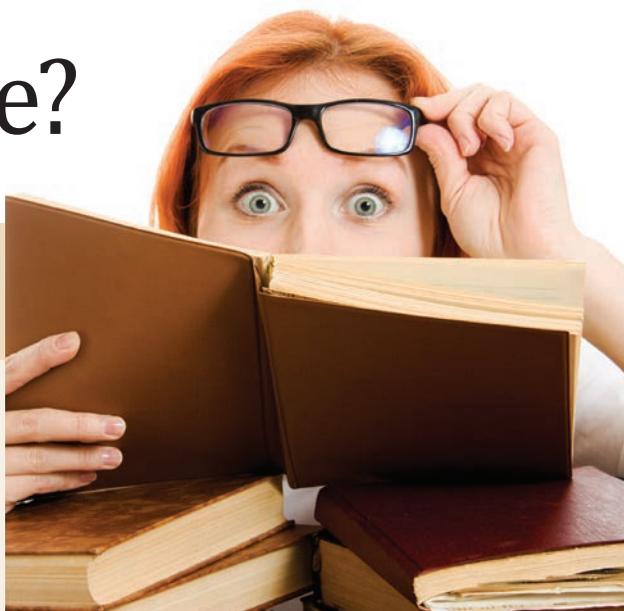
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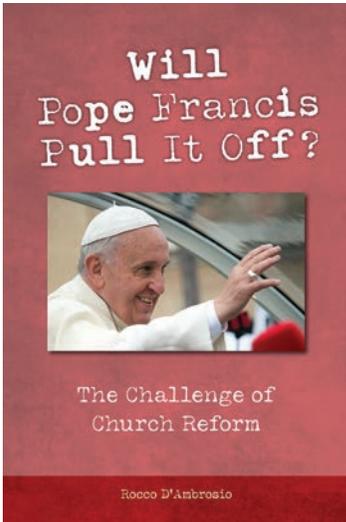
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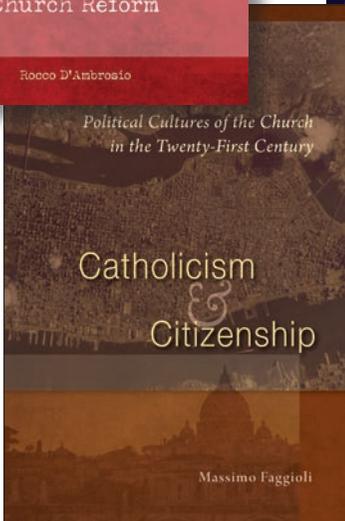
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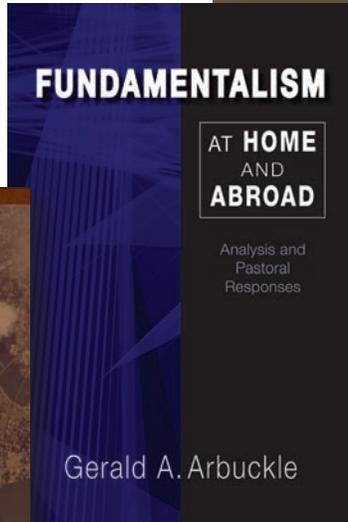
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