MORAL THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN LIFE IN PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENTS

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**Articles**


Three articles by Nicholas Wolterstorff, John Howard Yoder, and Geoffrey Wainwright, plus three responses to Wolterstorff's article.


Paper given at the 1988 National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions held in San Diego, California.


Canonist who argues that under certain conditions a divorced and remarried Catholic who does not have an annulment can still in good conscience opt to return to the sacraments.


Proposes a “Rite of Christian Commitment to the Terminally Ill.”


Dallen's thesis is the "the church must seek both liturgy and justice for all. Until the instances of discrimination and injustice are removed and until the eucharist is celebrated by the whole church, the correlation of liturgy and justice will not be apparent nor will the liturgy moves us to work for justice." p. 303.

Compared different Christian liturgies of Penance. One of eleven essays covering aspects of the Christian tradition, contemporary pastoral practice, and the liturgies of penance.


Published on the occasion of the Festschrift given to Häring in this volume of Studia Moralia.


Dissertation directed by Philip Rosato, S.J.


See especially the section on 1 Corinthians 11:17-34:

"When the more prosperous ignore and demean their poorer sisters and brothers, they are violating 'the body and blood of the Lord' (vs. 27), since their conduct does not in fact manifest the gracious, saving power of the cross. Moreover, they are violating their own identity as 'the body' of Christ (v. 29; note v. 22, 'Or do you despise God's church?')." p. 153.


Focuses on the uses of the Bible in the Orthodox tradition and analyzes the use of the beatitudes in the Byzantine liturgy, John Chrysostom's homiletic presentation of the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man, and Paul's use of Scripture for ethical instruction in the contexts of Christian baptism and eucharist.

Guroian teaches theology and ethics at Loyola College in Baltimore.


The post-modern crisis involves a crisis in Christian ethics as well. Considers the link between ritual (as seen in Faulkner's stories) and liturgy (as in the Orthodox tradition and New Testament teaching in Colossians), tradition and ethics. Guroian holds that Christian ethics must have ecclesial locations or else it cannot exist in an integral fashion.


Discusses the theme of devotion to the heart of Christ in relation to formation of conscience and character.
Sacraments & Moral Bibliography


Sr. Koernke teaches theology at Notre Dame.


1985 meeting, under the theme of Religion, Economics and the Social Order, was held at Salve Regina College in Newport, RI.


One of a series of articles on various aspects of this issue.


Dissertation done under Philip Rosato.


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Relates morality as human experience to some of the traditional concepts of Ascetical and Mystical Theology.

Published on the occasion of the Festschrift given to Bernard Häring, C.Ss.R. in this volume of Studia Moralia.


According to Melina, moral theology needs a re-dimensioning which would reestablish the bonds between moral theology and other key branches of theology, specifically Christology, theological anthropology, and ecclesiology. Melina argues that the Eucharist is the locus par excellencé of the moral life, and that a strong trust in, and reliance on the Magisterium is the only sure guarantee of following the promptings of the Holy Spirit in the moral life. In terms of the specificity of Christian ethics Melina seems to recast the issue. No longer does the discussion revolve around the question "Is there a specific Christian ethics?" but implicitly, following Melina's view, one is led to the conclusion that there is no authentic morality which is not rooted in the Catholic Church, and especially in the Eucharist.

Melina is professor of moral theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies of Marriage and the Family in Rome.


Offers a reflection on the relational aspects of justice and spirituality with regard to a contemporary understanding of Christian love.

O'Keefe teaches moral theology at the St. Meinrad School of Theology.


Argues that "the disciplines of moral theology and spirituality must ground their future development in explicit interaction with one another. Failure to attend to their relationship will cut them off from their own traditions and fail to provide the most authentic guidance to holistic growth in Christian living. The present study examines the historical relationship of the two disciplines up to their current state in the effort to identify useful insights from the past and to suggest some challenges for the future [p. 61]."
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Discusses the positive contribution the fundamental option theory can make to Christian living when presented in relationship to the Three Ways (purgative, illuminative, and unitive.


Working against Käsemann's thesis that the mystical tradition of Hellenism is the principal inspiration for Paul's thinking, Peterson fleshes out Paul's thinking in reference to its theological background in the Hebrew Scriptures and development within the body of the Letter itself. According to Peterson, "the function of the worship terminology in Romans 12:1 is to proclaim the possibility of a new kind of service to God and to summon believers to respond to God's gracious initiative by the daily offering of themselves, in a whole-person commitment" (p. 281).


Rosato, who is a dogmatic theologian, describes a theology of sacraments emphasizing the connection between liturgy and practice, and proposes the anamnetic, epiclectic, and prophetic dimensions to the moral life of the Christians.


Fifth annual Henri de Lubac Lecture in Historical Theology delivered at St. Louis University 21 March 2000.

Christians cannot be spiritual without being religious. To be spiritual one needs the roots of religious tradition and community, while to be religious in a Christian way one needs the wings of committed spiritual practices.

Spohn was professor of Christian ethics at Santa Clara University until his death in 2005.


Stortz is professor of historical theology and Christian ethics at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, California.

Sullivan is pastor of St. Emily Church in Mount Prospect, IL, and formerly taught Christian ethics at the Catholic University of America.


Part of a Symposium of articles which appear in the April issue of Theology Today under the general title of "The Revisioning of Worship."


Wolterstorff taught philosophy at Calvin College and at the Free University of Amsterdam and is now professor of Philosophical Theology at the Yale Divinity School.


Part of a Symposium of articles which appear in the April issue of Theology Today under the general title of "The Revisioning of Worship."

Yoder is a well-known ethicist in the Mennonite tradition who teaches at the University of Notre Dame.
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Books


Excellent introduction and overview to the historical theological and the liturgical aspects of the Eucharist.

Baldovin is professor of liturgy at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.


Billy is professor of moral theology at the Alphonsianum in Rome and Orsuto directs the lay center “Foyer Unitas” and teaches spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University.


Duffy teaches theology at Marquette University.


Three papers and two homilies given at the 1988 National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions held in San Diego, California.


This is an excellent book for a variety of possible uses, e.g., as a companion text in moral, spirituality, and/or pastoral theology courses, in adult education, RCIA, and/or general enrichment reading on how one could consider and grow in the life of a committed Christian disciple.  Gula grounds and develops his work in Scripture and the rich tradition of moral theology, and draws as well on the best of contemporary work in the field.

Gula was professor of Moral Theology at the Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union.


Looks at a variety of virtues and practices instrumental for helping develop and support a pastoral minister’s moral and spiritual life.

Contains several essays, most of which have appeared elsewhere in print.

Guroian teaches theology and ethics at Loyola College in Baltimore.


Deals with the connection between faith and politics, and investigates the implications for worship and liturgy.


The author argues "that there are three essential elements to an authentic spirituality: penance or conversion, contemplation or adoration, and service or response." He develops this thesis using contemporary development theories, the AA recovery program, scripture, and the writings of the church fathers and classical spirituality.


Most of the essays in this book have been previously published as articles in various journals.


O’Keefe teaches moral theology at the St. Meinrad School of Theology.

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Working within the Anglican tradition, Sedgwick examines the relation among language, worship, and the moral life.


Christians are a people whose moral lives have been formed, and continue to be formed, by gathering together for worship. This gathering is itself a moral act, reminding believers that they are called out of this world in order to receive the provisioning that equips them to return to it. There is, then, a profoundly moral character to the church's liturgy - one that has deep implications for how Christians think about contemporary social issues.


Short, but very readable exposition and analysis of the GIRM, giving a balanced assessment of both positive and problematic elements.


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