

# The Maritain Notebook

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## President's Remarks

We are looking forward to our 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, “Commemorating the Legacy of Jacques Maritain on the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Death,” to be hosted by the University of Dallas from April 27–29, 2023. **Do not forget to submit your paper proposal by January 1.** I also want to thank our hotel host, the Spring Hill Suites Dallas DFW Airport East/Las Colinas Irving. (That’s a mouthful, but since there are so many hotels in the area of DFW, these identifiers will indicate the correct branch.) The conference rate is \$139 per night. See the AMA website for a link to make reservations. **Note, however:** since the conference rate has been extended to us for an entire week, you need to specify the dates of your stay when making reservations.

Considering Maritain’s legacy, we need to note that it is not only of Catholic interest, but also catholic in its interests. He wrote incisively not only about the difficult issues of contemporary politics, but also the ethereal eternal issues of mysticism, and of all manner of philosophical issues in between. Maritain himself, in *Existence and the Existent*, put his finger on what united all his intellectual endeavors: as a student of Thomism, he is motivated by the desire to inculcate an appreciation for the



“generosity of being.” Indeed, this is precisely why Maritain’s legacy is still of urgent relevance, for, as he points out, it is only this piety to being which can cure the intellectual diseases of our day. These admonitions might well have been written today:

We are here in the presence of the most significant privilege of that great zeal for being which animates Thomist thought and renders it so desperately necessary while at the same time so foreign and intolerable to the emptied, exasperated, ailing reason of our time. Thomist thought is a creator of unity; we cherish dispersion. It is a creator of liberty; we go in quest of any sort of collective yoke. It is a creator of peace; and violence is our preference. The ills that rend us are what we love most in the world. We do not want to be set free.... If [Thomas’s] spirit and his doctrine tend to create unity in man it is always by virtue of the same secret—which is to understand all

things in the light and the generosity of being.

Too many in our society, and especially in the academy, abuse the gift of reason to distort the truth, to sow discord, to try to gain partisan advantage. Indeed, many philosophers, following Nietzsche, have concluded preposterously that this is the *only* function of rational discourse. Our inquiries, then, are not merely exercises in academic nostalgia or sectarian apologetics; rather, they are called for by our duty to truth and our love of neighbor, for the sake of which we work to reveal the generosity of being in our midst. In this way, the philosopher’s vocation is to serve, not an ideology, but rather that most generous Creator of being, God, by showing how all reality points back to Him.

Upon Maritain’s death, Pope Paul VI eulogized his friend by stating that Maritain was a “master of the art of thinking, of living, and of praying.” These are the only proper responses to the generosity of being: contemplating it in wisdom, fructifying it in love, and directing it back to God. It is this way of life that we commemorate in recognizing the legacy of Maritain at our next meeting.

*James Jacobs, President*

# Festschrift in Honor of Sr. Mary Prudence Allen, R.S.M.

In early 2017, the third and last volume of Sister Mary Prudence Allen's magisterial work, *The Concept of Woman*, was published by Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Grand Rapids, MI. This event marked the culmination of 40 years of sustained scholarly research and writing on Sister Allen's part.

In November of 2019, a conference was held in Sister Allen's honor in Saginaw, Michigan, the diocesan see in which the Motherhouse of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan – of which she has been a member since 1983 – is located. The papers given at the conference were written in view of the publication of a *Festschrift* in her honor, which has currently been recommended for publication at the first phase of review by a prospective publisher.

Sister Allen's work has many connections to the American Maritain Association. In addition to her three-volume *magnum opus*, Sister Allen has published a plethora of articles. In many of these, she explores in greater depth themes or philosophers presented in *The Concept of Woman*. In other articles, she has written extensively on Jacques and Raissa Maritain, as well as other exponents of the personalist movement of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, such as Edith Stein, Dietrich von Hildebrand, W. Norris Clarke, and, most particularly, Pope Saint John Paul II.

Sister Allen has been a member of the American Maritain Association from its beginnings and has been a regular presenter at its annual conferences. She was the recipient of the AMA's Scholarly Excellence award in 2014. She has won numerous other awards, most recently the Aquinas Medal of the American Catholic Philosophical Association in 2021. In 2014, she received the great honor of being appointed to the Holy See's International Theological Commission, on which she served until 2019.

The *Festschrift* itself also has many connections to the American Maritain Association. Many of the contributors are long-time members, including Michael Durham Torre, past president of the AMA and past general editor of the association's publications. Other contributors include John Hittinger, Mary Hayden Lemmons, and Thomas McLaughlin. Yet another contributor, William Sweet, was past president of the Canadian Maritain Association and will be an invited plenary speaker for the AMA meeting in Dallas in 2023. His contribution to the *Festschrift* on the relationship of bodily



integrity to the dignity of the human person is drawn from an extensive consideration of Maritain's writings on human dignity.

Sister Allen often would make presentations at philosophical conferences, including AMA meetings, to present research she had done for *The Concept of Woman* in order to solicit feedback from colleagues. In this way as well, the American Maritain Association played an important role in the development of each volume of the three volume work. Others whose work will be featured in the volume include Sarah Borden-Sharkey, Peter Casarella, Thérèse-Anne Druart, Patricia Pintado-Murphy, Deborah Savage, Susan Selner-Wright, Mary Catherine Sommers, Terrence Wright.

At this time, Sister Allen is completing the manuscript of a one-volume *Synthesis of The Concept of Woman*, with a thematic treatment according to St. John Henry Newman's criteria of authentic development from his work, *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*.

You can look forward to the publication of both the *Festschrift* and the one-volume *Synthesis of the Concept of Woman* in the not-too-distant future.

Sr. Mary Veronica Sabelli, R.S.M.

## News from Great Britain!

### Proposed Maritain ‘Event’ (London, UK – Summer 2023)

Greetings from England! During this year's AMA meeting in Pennsylvania, I discussed the forthcoming 50th anniversary of Maritain's death in 2023 with a few folk, and suggested marking the occasion in the UK with some form of event in London. The idea was enthusiastically received. There is far less Maritain interest in the UK than in the US, or indeed on mainland Europe, so the anniversary affords an opportunity to begin to address this. I envisage a small, convivial day conference, open to scholars, students, lay and religious, which might open the door to more ambitious projects. The aim would simply be to appraise the spiritual and intellectual mission of Jacques Maritain, noting that in the present times, his voice is a clarion call to truth, realism and wisdom.

At this point, I'm gauging interest here in the UK, but would like to proceed to planning and publicity as soon as possible. I'm reasonably confident of a free or 'costs-only' location in London (or possibly Cambridge). But what do you think of this venture? Would you like to be involved in any capacity? Plainly, for most, the UK is too far to come for just a day, but any advice, ideas or support would be greatly valued. Maybe you have a vacation planned! Do get in touch (via the email below), and please disseminate this ‘newsflash’ to any relevant parties. Hopefully, the next edition of the Notebook (and website) will have more concretized plans to announce.

Dr. Christopher Grey  
[christopher.grey1@outlook.com](mailto:christopher.grey1@outlook.com)

“Shall we say, similar [to the engineer], that everything is over for the philosopher when, at long last, he is in possession of the truth, of some truth, perhaps of some tiny bit of truth? Not everything is over for him; it would be more exact to say that everything is just beginning. Life begins—a life of meditation, of contemplation, a life that consists in looking at an actually possessed truth, beyond the changing and imperfect life of research.... Contemplation is not the actualization of an incomplete subject; it is the activity of a perfect subject, of a subject so perfect as to be able to live without changing, without undergoing or effecting any transformation. It is a very faithful image of eternal life.”

*Yves R. Simon, “The Concept of Work”*

## A Comment from the Secretary

We had a good turn out from the membership concerning work that has been done recently. I just want to continue to invite everybody to email me with anything that you are working on, have had published very recently, or merely think that we should be aware of in our newsletter. My goal is to have this newsletter be something that everybody looks forward to receiving every quarter!

Have a great reminder of your fall semester!

**Also: Don't forget to pay your dues** (under “membership” at [americanmaritainassociation.com](http://americanmaritainassociation.com)).

Matthew Miner  
[webmaster.maritainassociation@gmail.com](mailto:webmaster.maritainassociation@gmail.com)

“If I deem it inconceivable that intelligible objects are subject to an aging-process, or that a chronometric criterion suffices to evaluate our relationship with them, I believe on the other hand, that we must make room for a certain historical growth which creates—mainly as a result of the development of the positive sciences—ever new conditions of existence and exercise, an ever renewed *state* for philosophy. (Whether or not this state is a privileged one is another matter; it is, at all events, one which philosophy can reject only at the risk of becoming a mere museum piece.) I do not admit, however, that the essence of philosophy is changed on that account. And, it is my view that although Christian philosophy took form during the Middle Ages, its nature was not struck by an exclusively medieval, precopernican, precartesian, or preinsteinian—in short prehistoric—stamp. Now that it has been freed, thanks to Galileo and Descartes, from the dead weight of that Aristotelian astronomy and pseudophysics which some still persist in confounding with its metaphysics, I believe it can take its place on the morrow (depending on its powers of assimilation) in a perfectly contemporaneous status.”

Jacques Maritain, “An Essay on Christian Philosophy”



# Recent Work by Members and Former Speakers

## Travis Dumsday

*Assisted Suicide in Canada Moral, Legal, and Policy Considerations* (University of British Columbia, 2021)  
Written in response to the 2015 *Carter vs. Canada* decision, Dumsday provides an essential guide through lingering uncertainties, including how to safeguard both medical professionals' and taxpayers' freedom of conscience.

For more information:

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/A/bo126379088.html>

## John Marson Dunaway

(Michael Edwards) *Untimely Christianity: Hearing the Bible in a Secular Age*, Forward by Alister McGrath (Fortress Press 2022). Translation from French. Edwards's work is an eloquent, prophetic effort to recapture the revolutionary power of the Bible to transform the way humans view the world and how they live in it.

For more information:

<https://www.fortresspress.com/store/product/9781506480879/Untimely-Christianity>

## J. L. A. Garcia

### Articles

- “Racism & the Discourse of Phobias,” *Philosophic Exchange*, 2021.
- “Africana Philosophy: What Is It? What Should It Be? Why Care?” *APA Newsletter on Philosophy & the Black Experience*, 2022.
- “Utilitarianism: a Study in the Unreasonable,” *American Maritain Assn Annual*, 2023 forthcoming.
- “Defending a Volitional Account of Racism against Mills's & Shelby's Challenges,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

### Lectures

- “Morality's Partiality,” invited presentation, Conference on Virtuous & Vicious Partiality,

Christopher Norris University, Spring 2022. (Derived chapter scheduled for a related planned volume.)

- “Utilitarianism: a Study in the Unreasonable,” invited presentation, American Maritain Assn Mtg, Spring 2022.
- “Is Race a Social Construct?” discussion with doctoral philosophy student joint reading group, University of Pennsylvania & Rutgers University, Spring 2022.
- “Is Racism an Ideology?” invited presentation, conference honoring Howard McGary, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, Summer 2022.
- “Theoretical Grounding for Double Effect,” invited presentation, BIOS Center, London, Fall 2022 forthcoming

## Matthew Minerd

*Conscience: Four Thomistic Treatments*

Translation of and commentary on works by Frs. Benoît-Henri Merkelbach, Reginald Beaudouin, and Michel Labourdette (Cluny Media, 2022)

For more information:

<https://clunymedia.com/products/conscience>

*The True Christian Life: Thomistic Reflections on Divinization, Prudence, Religion, and Prayer* (CUA Press, 2022)

Translation of a work by Fr. Ambroise Gardeil, commissioned by Jacques Maritain

For more information:

<https://www.cuapress.org/9780813234533/the-true-christian-life/>

(Emmanuel Durand) *Divine Speech in Human Words: Thomistic Engagements with Scripture*. Translation of essays addressing various topics drawn from biblical revelation.

For more information:

<https://www.cuapress.org/9780813235363/divine-speech-in-human-words/>

## Joseph Nicolletto

*Monsieur Maritain, Meet Miss O'Connor: An Imaginary Dialogue* (Angelico Press, 2020)

An exploration of the grand themes of “mystery and manners,” the interdependencies of doing, making, thinking, and feeling, theological poetics and connatural knowledge, the requisites and rewards of literary culture—all the while taking sniper-like shots at modern idols and idiocies.

For more information:

<https://www.angelicopress.org/monsieur-maritain-meet-miss-occonnor-nicolletto>

## Mark Spencer

*The Irreducibility of the Human Person A Catholic Synthesis* (CUA Press, 2022)

An exploration of the irreducible features of our subjectivity, senses, intellect, freedom, and affections, and of our souls, bodies, and activities. In showing how to synthesize various traditions' claims, the book also offers new solutions to a number of debates in Catholic philosophy.

For more information:

<https://www.cuapress.org/9780813235202/the-irreducibility-of-the-human-person/>

## John Trapani

Paulist Press recently published (much to John's surprise) editions of Maritain's *Existence and the Existent* and *Approaches to God*, featuring forwards written by him. John included the following amusing story about these long-delated volumes:

In 2013, then president of the AMA, John Trapani, was contacted by Paulist Press; they planned to republish two of Maritain's classics, *Existence and the Existent* and *Approaches to God*, and they invited him to write the "Forward" to each of these books. Happily, he accepted their request, and he worked hard on this project. After receiving both of his essays, Paulist Press never contacted him again and John's repeated emails went unanswered. Disappointed, John believed that the project never came to fruition, and he eventually gave up trying to contact them; he chalked up his disappointment to a lesson in humility.

Fast forward to July of this year (2022): while at a luncheon with some of his former colleagues from Walsh, John became speechless (*is that even possible?!*) when one of the attendees remarked rather casually how much he had enjoyed reading one of

these Forwards from Maritain's book. Wait! What? As it turns out, in 2015, Paulist Press had indeed published these Maritain titles, the Forwards included. Now, here it was 7 years later, and John was just now learning of their publication!

In any case, these two books are available through Paulist Press and on Amazon, should anyone be interested in obtaining a copy of these Maritain gems. John tells us that he is reasonably proud of what he wrote all those years ago ... even if he himself was totally unaware of their ever having been published!

For more information:

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/4832-5/existence-and-the-existent.aspx>

<https://www.paulistpress.com/Products/4833-2/approaches-to-god.aspx>

## Donna West

“Intuition in Peirce and Maritain”

A lecture delivered in mid-July as part of the International Open Seminar on Semiotics (A Tribute to John Deely on the Fifth Anniversary of His Passing)

For more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qChxuDmIOU>

## Msgr. John Wippel

Msgr. Wippel wrote in to inform us that a French edition of his magisterial *Metaphysical Thought of Thomas Aquinas* was recently published by Éditions du Cerf.

Also, members will almost certainly be interested in the final volume of essays gathered as *Metaphysical Themes in Thomas Aquinas III* (CUA Press, 2021)

For more information:

<https://www.cuapress.org/9780813233550/metaphysical-themes-in-thomas-aquinas-iii/>

# 2023 AMA Conference CFP

## Commemorating the Legacy of Jacques Maritain on the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Death

### THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MARITAIN ASSOCIATION

Thursday, April 27 to Saturday, April 29, 2023  
Hosted by the University of Dallas, Irving, TX

April 28, 2023, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Jacques Maritain. We therefore take this opportunity to reflect on the significance of Maritain's thought in his own day and its continued relevance for Catholic thinkers in ours. Like his great teachers, Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas, Maritain himself embraced a "supreme docility to the lessons of the real [that ground] the principles and the scale of values" (Degrees of Knowledge, xiv) in the full spectrum of intellectual inquiry, from science and politics to art and theology. Maritain's dedication to the unity of wisdom based in being is a model for contemporary scholars in their work to overcome both the groundless idealism of modern philosophy and the overspecialization that obscures the integrity of human experience.

Accordingly, we invite proposals for papers in any area of philosophy considering how Maritain influenced the development of Catholic and Thomistic thought in the twentieth century and how his contribution to the *philosophia perennis* inspires continued efforts to align man with reality. We also invite papers on any topic in which the perennial philosophy engages issues of contemporary debate.

#### PLENARY SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:

**V. Bradley Lewis** (*The Catholic University of America*)  
**Timothy B. Shah** (*University of Dallas*)  
**William Sweet** (*St Francis Xavier University, Nova Scotia*)  
**James Matthew Wilson** (*University of St. Thomas, Houston*).

#### SUBMISSIONS

Please send proposals of up to 500 words that explore the above and related questions to **Dr. James M. Jacobs at [jjacobs@nds.edu](mailto:jjacobs@nds.edu)** by January 1, 2023. There is a \$250 prize and a guarantee of publication for the best graduate student paper; this paper is to be submitted by January 15, 2023. For more information, visit [www.americanmaritainassociation.com](http://www.americanmaritainassociation.com). **Final presentations should be 25-30 minutes in length.**

#### CONFERENCE FEES

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: \$125 (\$50 for students).  
OPTIONAL CONFERENCE BANQUET AND PREPRANDIALS: \$50.  
YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$75.00 (\$35.00 for students).

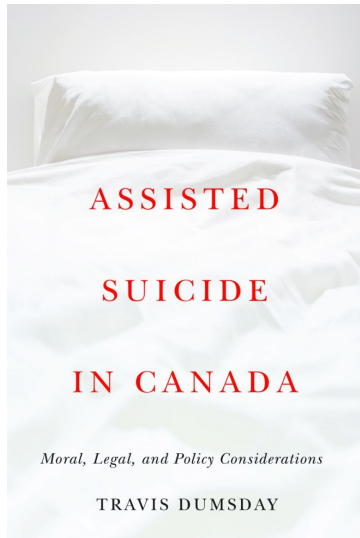
We encourage online payment by March 15, 2023.  
Registration at the conference will be \$175.00 (\$75.00 for students)

**Program Committee:** James M. Jacobs (President), James M. Murdoch (Vice-President and Program Chair), Matthew Minerd (Secretary and Web Editor), Daniel C. Wagner (Treasurer), Travis Dumsday (General Editor)

# Recent Books by Members of the AMA

## ***ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CANADA MORAL, LEGAL, AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS***

By Travis Dumsday



**PAPERBACK, 200 PP.**

**PRICE: \$35.95.**

**ISBN: 978-0774866026**

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In its 2015 *Carter vs. Canada* decision, the Canadian Supreme Court decriminalized assisted suicide and voluntary euthanasia. As the public debate continues, *Assisted Suicide in Canada* offers an accessible but nuanced survey of the controversial ruling's ethical, legal, and political contours—including its judicial precedents and subsequent legislation. Contending that *Carter vs. Canada* will alter our relationship to life, death, and medicine for generations, Travis Dumsday offers an essential guide through lingering uncertainties, including how to safeguard both medical professionals' and taxpayers' freedom of conscience.

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“Adding an often-unheard voice, *Assisted Suicide in Canada* gives an excellent presentation of the history and argument of *Carter v Canada*.”

– William Sweet  
St. Francis Xavier University

“Dumsday has given a fair-minded account even of arguments that he is countering. His book will inform and promote informed public debate about a contentious issue.”

– Michael Yeo  
Laurentian University

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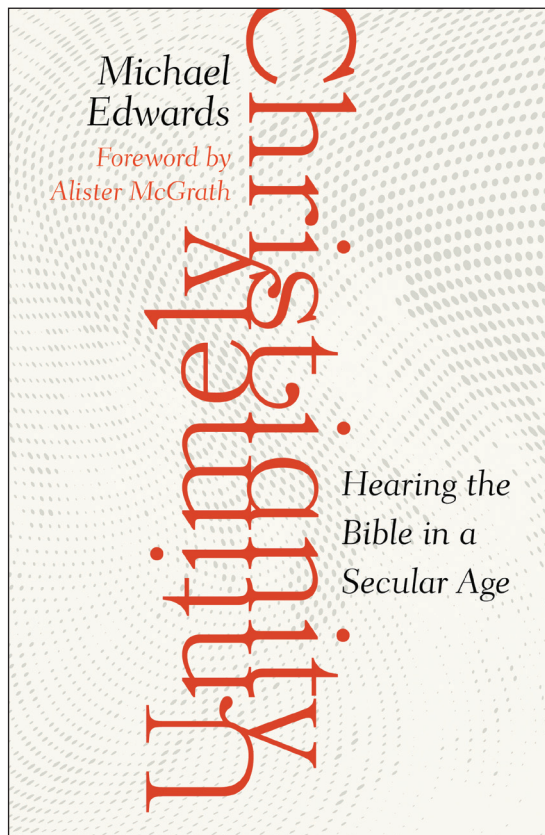
### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Travis Dumsday is associate professor of philosophy and religious studies at Concordia University of Edmonton and the author of *Dispositionalism and the Metaphysics of Science*.

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Recovering the otherness of Scripture then and now.

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## Untimely Christianity

Hearing the Bible in a Secular Age

Michael Edwards

Christianity is always untimely, always foreign to our beliefs and contrary to our desires. It was untimely in Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome when Jesus and his early followers were killed. It is just as untimely now. But we have become deaf to its otherness, to the disruptive strangeness of Christian faith. If we are to hear it again, we must traverse the distance between our comfortable and overly conceptual Christianity and the true Christianity that “turns the whole world upside down.”

In *Untimely Christianity*, acclaimed poet and literary scholar Michael Edwards calls for a countercultural Christianity that recovers the Bible’s radical otherness and renews our habits of attention to its message—to its revelation of a God who is not merely a set of doctrines but a person, someone we can know. Edwards’s work is an eloquent, prophetic effort to recapture the revolutionary power of the Bible to transform the way humans view the world and how they live in it. Rich in theology, philosophy, poetry, biblical interpretation, and cultural criticism, *Untimely Christianity* invites readers of all kinds to encounter the Bible anew, as “a continuous questioning of the reader and a prodigious expansion of reality.”

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**Sir Michael Edwards** is a celebrated poet and literary scholar. He is an Honorary Fellow of Christ’s College, Cambridge; Emeritus Professor at the Collège de France; and the first British person elected to the prestigious Académie française. He is the author of numerous scholarly books on literature, art and theology, as well as several collections of poetry.

**John Marson Dunaway** (translator) is professor emeritus of French and Interdisciplinary Studies at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

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“*Untimely Christianity* offers an acutely discerning reflection on the conscience-searing language of Jesus, and the startling otherness of the words of biblical poetry from the Psalms, Prophets, and sayings of Christ.”

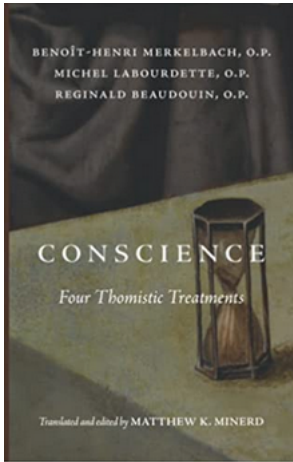
—David Lyle Jeffrey  
author of *Scripture and the English Poetic Imagination*



# Recent Books by Members of the AMA

## ***CONSCIENCE: FOUR THOMISTIC TREATMENTS***

*Edited and Translated by Matthew K. Miner*



**PAPERBACK, 386 PP.**

**PRICE: \$29.95.**

**ISBN: 978-1685950231**

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*Conscience: Four Thomistic Treatments* presents a series of distinct essays by the Thomistic scholars Benoît-Henri Merkelbach, Reginald Beaudouin, and Michel Labourdette. Expertly compiled and translated by Matthew K. Miner, these essays confront the difficulty of assessing the proper locus of conscience in moral theology—a difficulty as palpable today as when debates over casuistry and probabilism raged. Introduced by Miner's own expansive overview of conscience, the volume comprises Merkelbach's "Where Should We Place the Treatise on Conscience in Moral Theology?" (1923) and "Treatise on Conscience in General" (1946); Labourdette's *Comments on Conscience* (1940s); and Beaudouin's *De Conscientia* (1911).

The seventh volume in the Thomist Tradition series, *Conscience: Four Thomistic Treatments* offers a technically rigorous, deeply insightful examination of a crucial aspect of moral theology.

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"The retrieval of these Dominican moral masters on the topic of conscience marks a watershed moment. It is high time to face the question of how to integrate virtue ethics and casuistry, and these masters offer important directions. In translating and introducing these works, Matthew Miner has outdone himself again."

– Matthew Levering  
James N. and Mary D. Perry Jr. Chair of Theology  
Mundelein Seminary

"Conscience is easily one of the most important texts on the conscience written in English. Miner's scholarship brings together central Thomistic developments and synthesizes the resulting theory in a rigorous and eminently plausible way. The volume represents both the best starting point for those seeking to understand the conscience and a central contribution to senior scholars of this area. It is required reading for moral philosophers and theologians thinking about the mechanics of moral knowledge."

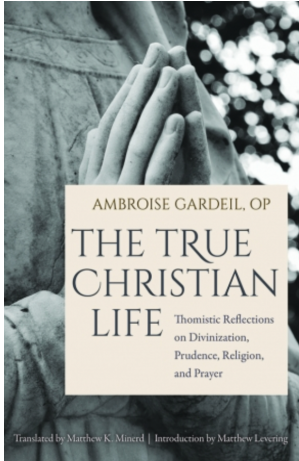
– Brian Besong  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Saint Francis University

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## ***THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE THOMISTIC REFLECTIONS ON DIVINIZATION, PRUDENCE, RELIGION, AND PRAYER***

*Ambroise Gardeil, OP*

*Translated by Matthew K. Miner*



**PAPERBACK, 304 PP.**

**PRICE: \$34.95.**

**ISBN: 978-0813234533**

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The True Christian Life provides a thorough and stirring introduction to Fr. Gardeil's work in spiritual theology. The volume was originally published posthumously through the collaboration of Fr. Gardeil's nephew, Fr. Henri-Dominique Gardeil, OP and Jacques Maritain.

Although not well-known in the English-speaking world, Fr. Ambroise Gardeil, OP (1859-1931) was a Dominican of significant influence in French Catholic thought at the turn of the 20th century. Conservative theologians like Frs. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP, Michel Labourdette, OP, Jean-Hervé Nicolas, OP and many others hailed him as a careful expositor of the supernaturalism of faith, a defender of the theological nature of rational apologetics, and a spiritual master.

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“In this faithful and alert translation of Ambrose Gardeil's theological reflections, Miner illuminates for us Gardeil's conviction that the "true" Christian life bears a mysterious leaven within it of theosis, whose fermentation touches all we do. Miner's graceful rendering of three master principles of the Christian life immerses us in Gardeil's own experience of unitive life with God and confirms for us that spiritual theology is less a work of independent genius or a set of arcane debates than it is a contemplative and docile response to divine love.”

– Heather Erb  
Lockhaven University

“Ambroise Gardeil may be the most underestimated Thomist scholar and spiritual master of the twentieth century. Here we find his most accessible spiritual treatise. Readers with a basic foundation in scholastic thought will profit mightily from Gardeil's clear thinking, incisive analysis, and global vision of the Christian life centered on the practice of virtue and the gift of grace.”

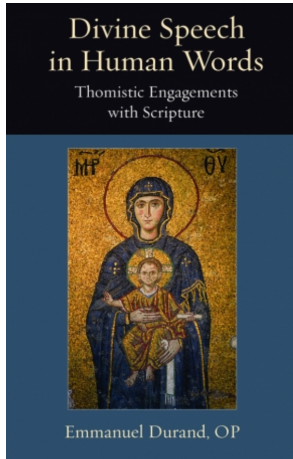
– Bernhard Blankenhorn, OP  
University of Fribourg, Switzerland

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# Recent Books by Members of the AMA

## ***DIVINE SPEECH IN HUMAN WORDS: THOMISTIC ENGAGEMENTS WITH SCRIPTURE***

*Emmanuel Durand, OP*  
*Translated by Matthew K. Miner*



**HARDCOVER, 480 PP.**

**PRICE: \$65.00.**

**ISBN: 978-0813235363**

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In *Divine Speech in Human Words*, Fr. Emmanuel Durand unties some of the knots that face us when we reflect on the God of biblical Revelation. In each of the essays gathered here, Fr. Durand sympathetically articulates the tensions and apparent contradictions experienced by contemporary minds as they strive to understand the revealed truth of God. A whole host of topics are covered in this volume: the Cross and the revelation of the Trinity; God's holiness and transcendence; divine immutability and the sorrow of a loving God; Divine Providence and human prayer; the fatherhood of God and eschatology; Christ's way of life; and many others.

Drawing philosophical insights from the Thomistic tradition as his intellectual tools, Fr. Durand nonetheless emphasizes the importance of a properly theological mode of reflection, allowing these issues to be illuminated by the revealed truth of Sacred Scripture. Thus, for each of these difficult topics, he shows that a vital theological response must not limit itself to mere logical rigor but, rather, requires metaphysical insight and, above all, sapiential appreciation of God's revealed word.

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“This book is a model of ‘Thomistic renaissance.’ Not only does Emmanuel Durand offer a profound reflection on the attributes of God, on God's action, on Christ, and on salvation, he also formulates a quite exemplary method which brings together Sacred Scripture, the Fathers of the Church, Thomas Aquinas, and contemporary theology. The close attention Durand gives to Sacred Scripture and to the employment of analogy, together with a keen sense of God's mystery and the singularity of Christ, allows him to offer a fresh reading of Thomas Aquinas on issues which are of utmost theological relevance today. This book is an exemplar of how to do theology.”

—*Gilles Emery, OP*  
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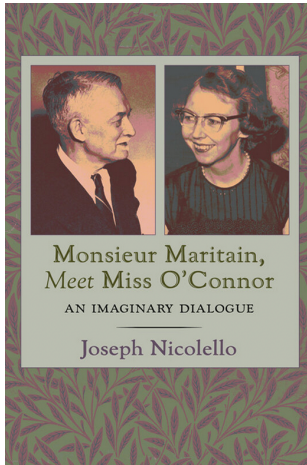
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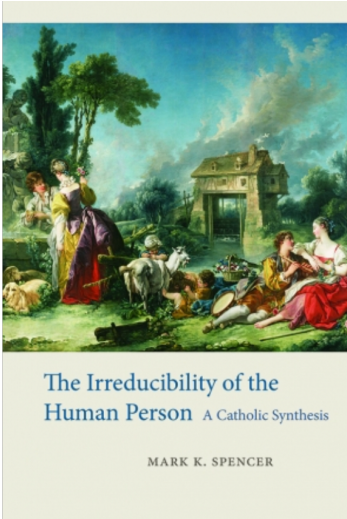
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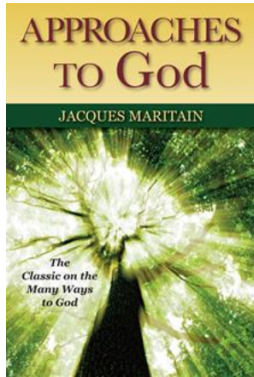
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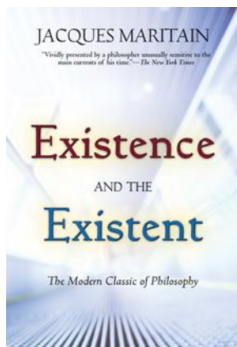


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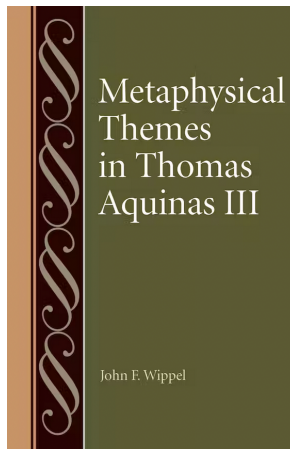
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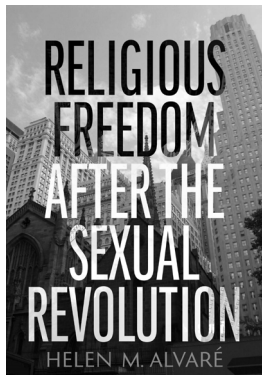
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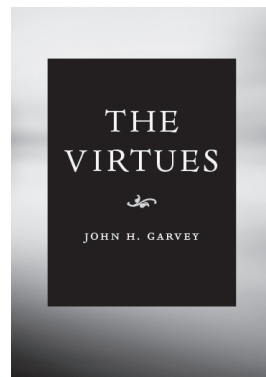
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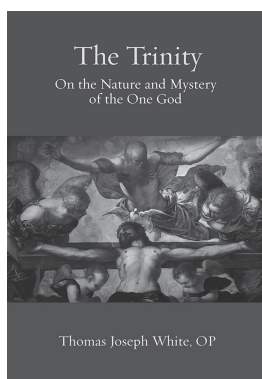
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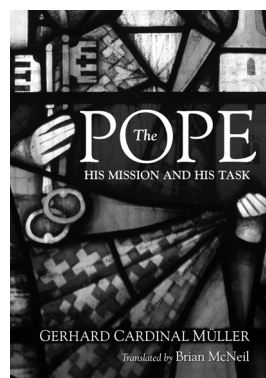


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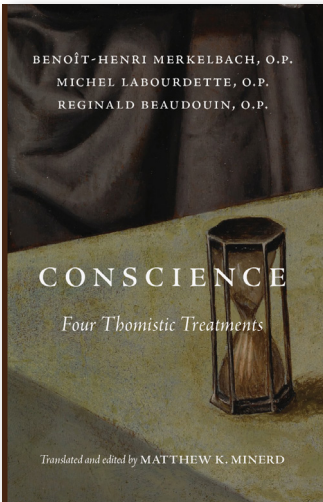




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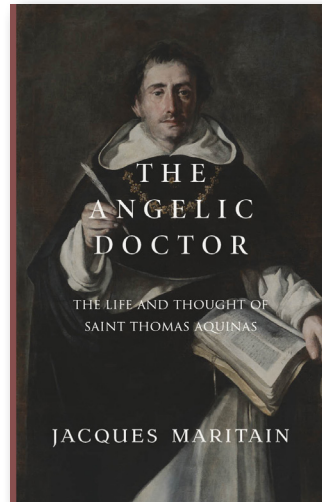
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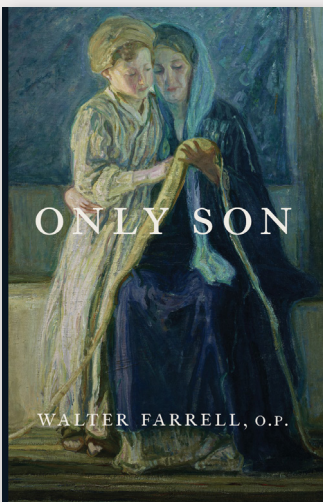
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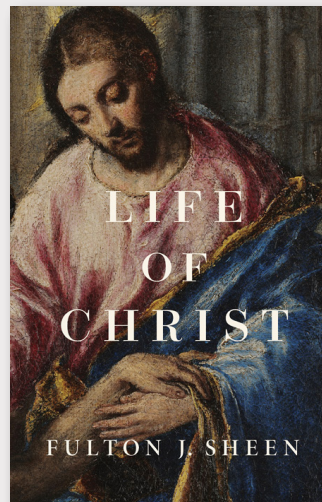
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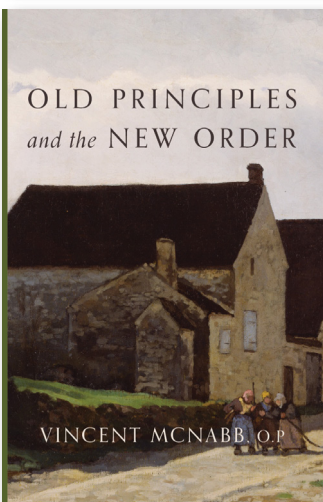
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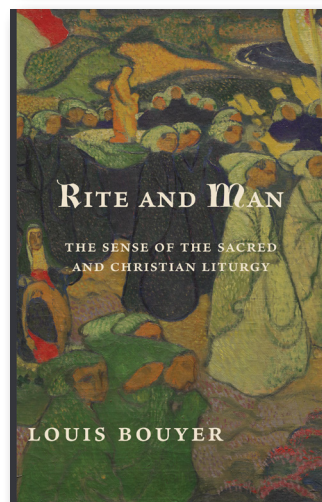
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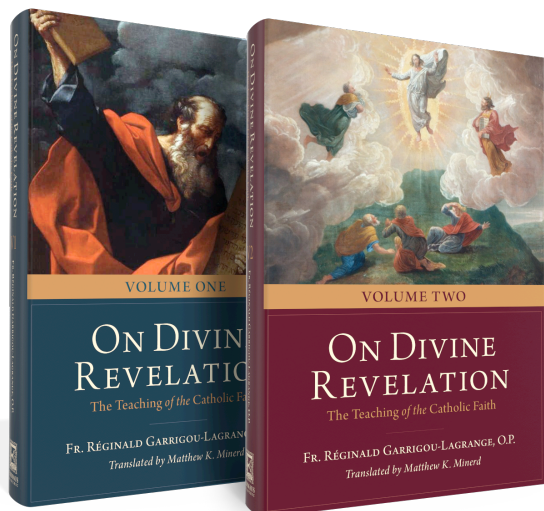
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