Dear Friends,

Since I last wrote to introduce our new titles the world has changed, the world at large as well as our own worlds. And in the barrage of words all around us that try to describe, explain, and even cast blame for what we are going through, I, for one, am more often than not at a loss for words.

Yet here I am, inviting you to consider taking on even more words, words on topics that may seem so far removed from our daily upheavals. I do so not only because it is my job but also because I am repeatedly struck by the way our new offerings are unique contributions and aids in living and grappling with the perennial human question so well expressed by Leo Tolstoy: “How then shall we live?”

The Gospel of Luke and the wisdom of St. Benedict both offer every generation distinct and inexhaustible perspectives on what it means to live the call to be the community of Christ “in the world,” to attempt to live ethically in a daily response of prayer and discernment, to be and do the “Work of God” in ministering in “the field hospital,” and to know and celebrate the Giver of Life in the gathered assembly even when we may not be able to do so in the same locale.

The troubles and turmoil of these days and months have led many of us to deeper self-reflection. We do not know what lies ahead, but we know it begins every day. Karl Rahner once said there are two things we must always keep in mind about daily life and prayer: Pray every day; pray the everyday.

Good books help us do so.

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Liturgical Press was founded by the Benedictines of Saint John’s Abbey—saintjohnsabbey.org—in 1926.
This reading of Mark’s Gospel engages this ancient text from the perspective of contemporary feminist concerns to expose and resist all forms of dominance that prevent the full flourishing of all humans and all creation. Accordingly, it foregrounds the Gospel’s constructions of gender in intersectionality with the visions, structures, practices, and personnel of Roman imperial power. This reading embraces a rich tradition of feminist scholarship on the Gospel, as well as masculinity studies, particularly pervasive hegemonic masculinity. Its politically engaged discussion of Mark’s Gospel provides a resource for clergy, students, and laity concerned with contemporary constructions of gender, power, and a world in which all might experience fullness of life.
Barbara E. Reid, OP, and Shelly Matthews

Luke 1–9

Because there are more women in the Gospel of Luke than in any other gospel, feminists have given it much attention. In this commentary, Shelly Matthews and Barbara Reid show that feminist analysis demands much more than counting the number of female characters. Feminist biblical interpretation examines how the female characters function in the narrative and also scrutinizes the workings of power with respect to empire, to anti-Judaism, and to other forms of othering. Matthews and Reid draw attention to the ambiguities of the text—both the liberative possibilities and the ways that Luke upholds the patriarchal status quo—and guide readers to empowering reading strategies.

“This series should be required reading for any serious engagement with the Bible.”
— Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa Canada

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Qoheleth, also called Ecclesiastes, has been bad news for women throughout history. In this commentary Lisa Wolfe offers intriguing new possibilities for feminist interpretation of the book’s parts, including Qoheleth’s most offensive passages, and as a whole. Throughout her interpretation, Wolfe explores multiple connections between this book and women of all times, from investigating how the verbs in the time poem in 3:1-8 may relate to biblical and contemporary women alike, to noting that if 11:1 indicates ancient beer making it thus reveals the women who made the beer itself. In the end, Wolfe argues that, by struggling with the perplexing text of Qoheleth, we may discover fruitful, against-the-grain reading strategies for our own time.
Beyond finding the feminine in these ancient patriarchal texts, deClaissé-Walford engages other voices for insight, including those of South African women who personally testify to the hope these psalms provide in the midst of systemic violence and economic inequity. Like Jacob wrestling at the Jabbok, deClaissé-Walford wrestles with these psalms to seek a blessing for all her readers.

William P. Brown
Columbia Theological Seminary

Psalms, Books 4–5
In this close reading of Psalms 90–150, Nancy deClaissé-Walford discovers meanings in the Psalms that were “there all along” but hidden beneath layers of interpretation built up over the centuries. Approaching the canonical storyline of the Psalter with feminist-critical lenses, she reads against the dominant mind-set, refuses to accept the givens, and seeks to uncover a hidden/alternate/parallel set of societal norms. DeClaissé-Walford attends to how context affects the way hearers appropriate the Psalter’s words: women, for the most part, hear differently than men; women of privilege differently than women living in poverty. Her interchanges with students and scholars in post-apartheid South Africa bring the biblical text alive in new ways for today’s believers.

Nancy L. deClaissé-Walford is the Carolyn Ward Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. She holds a PhD in biblical studies from Baylor University and is the author of several articles and books on the Psalms.

“With such a careful and yet creative study of the texts, the commentary reveals and presents a rich female tradition evoked by these psalms. In general, the commentary is a successful mixture of scientific exegetical writing and comprehensive language. I have enjoyed reading this commentary because it offers new and innovative insights to the psalms in books 4 and 5. I can highly recommend this commentary to all readers interested in the Psalms.”

Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher
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While many Christians recognize the abiding value of the Old Testament as God’s Word they stay away from studying it because they see it as a difficult and forbidding subject. In this completely revised and expanded edition of *God’s Word to Israel* Joseph Jensen incorporates the latest scholarship using a combination of the historical, literary, and thematic approaches to present a unified treatment—one that with even a modest degree of effort will produce rich rewards.

By selecting the most important matters, rather than attempting to cover every aspect of the Old Testament message, Jensen has given them the space and emphasis they deserve.

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Revelation is one of the most difficult and misinterpreted texts in the Christian Scriptures, yet it is widely used in the liturgical life of the Roman Catholic Church.

In *Reading Revelation at Easter Time*, Francis Moloney explores it as a celebration of the perennial and ongoing effects of Jesus’ death and resurrection. After an introduction to Revelation, the book provides an interpretation for each biblical reading in the Liturgy of the Hours across the Easter period. A presentation of every passage from Revelation used elsewhere in the Roman liturgy is also provided by means of a different typeface across the commentary. Readers are invited to rejoice in the ongoing victory of “the Lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world” (Rev 13:8).

Francis J. Moloney, SDB, studied at the Salesian Pontifical University, at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, both in Rome, and at the University of Oxford (DPhil, 1976). He is currently a senior professorial fellow at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, Australia, part of the ecumenical University of Divinity. Moloney is also the author of more than forty books, including *The Gospel of John* in the Sacra Pagina series.

“Aiming his interpretation at a broad array of readers, Moloney’s book is inspired by the idea that Revelation is an ‘Easter Book.’ Moloney coordinates his interpretation of specific sections of Revelation with their place in the lectionary and liturgy of the hours, which provides a helpful guide for those who want to understand more fully how to interpret Revelation in a liturgical context.”

Micah Kiel
St. Ambrose University

“The distinguished Johannine scholar Fr. Francis Moloney, taking a cue from liturgy, has produced a guide to Revelation for the Office of Readings in weeks two through five after Easter. Moloney’s imaginative reconfiguration of almost everything Christians have thought about Revelation requires time and patience.”

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Holy Land Pilgrimage

Biblical scholar and seasoned pilgrimage guide Stephen J. Binz offers an up-to-date handbook for experiencing the sites of the Holy Land as a disciple of Jesus. Whether contemplating future travel, on the road of pilgrimage, savoring memories of a past trip, or journeying in mind and heart from an armchair, readers will explore the nature of pilgrimage and encounter the places of the Holy Land from a biblical, historical, meditative, and prayerful perspective. This guide will enable Christians to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, confident that their pilgrimage will be both an educational journey and a transforming spiritual experience.

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What does it mean to live and build up the Kingdom of God? In this book, professor and priest Alberto de Mingo Kaminouchi introduces the contemporary reader to Christian ethics by examining the New Testament through the three key concepts of Aristotle’s ethics: happiness, virtue, and love.

De Mingo Kaminouchi shows the reader a real model of this in the community we call the church, the “field hospital” for all those in need of hope. This book is accessibly written for readers not already well-versed in Christian ethics.

“De Mingo is that rare Catholic bridge builder who spans biblical theology with theological ethics and introduces us to the grammar of virtue as we learn from revelation to be configured by Christ. Rightly he unfolds for us the beatitudes at the heart of this remarkable lesson and then concludes with an introduction to the three forms of love. I cannot recall ever such a compelling and ultimately satisfying introduction to Christian ethics. Bravo!”

James F. Keenan, SJ
Boston College

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“Thoroughly rooted in Scripture and history, comprehensive but never tedious, accessible without sacrificing depth—a lucid and engaging introduction to the beauty of the Christian story and life lived in response to it.”

Kate Ward, PhD
Marquette University
THEOLOGY

Women in Church Ministries
Reform Movements in Ecumenism
Edited by Margit Eckholt, Dorothea Sattler, Ulrike Link-Wieczorek, and Andrea Strübind

Regarding the question of office in the Christian churches, this volume illuminates with heightened ecumenical sensitivity the arguments for the participation of women in all church offices and ministries, without which there will be no way to the visible unity of the churches. It documents the ecumenical congress that took place in Osnabrück in December 2017 and the “Osnabrück theses”—meant to serve the future international and ecumenical conversation and further discussion about the questions of women in church offices—passed by the congress.

The editors hope that this publication will help to set into motion a debate about ministries and services in the Church, which has been stagnant for a long time, and that it will become clear that these questions can only be answered together—by men and women—from now on.

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“Women in Church Ministries provides scientific evidence that there is a very old tradition of women’s participation in different church ministries and offices. This is an extremely important book because it gives back the debate on the role of women in the Church to theological arguments in an ecumenical and global framework and with a pastoral perspective. It is both possible and urgent to talk about women in church ministries theologically, without resorting to arguments of cultural politics.”

Massimo Faggioli
Villanova University
Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of *The Roman Missal* (1970), *With One Spirit* embarks on a significant investigation into the history of this text and the principles that impacted its development. In particular, Lamberts examines whether and how *The Roman Missal* encourages the active participation of the faithful in the liturgy demanded by the Second Vatican Council. Considering this pastoral and theological context, *With One Spirit* offers a commentary of the possibilities and limitations of the Missal’s encouragement of active participation, and formulates suggestions and improvements to realize true communal eucharistic celebrations.

**Jozef Lamberts**

*With One Spirit*

*The Roman Missal and Active Participation*

Emeritus Professor Dr. Jozef Lamberts taught sacramentology and liturgical studies at the Catholic University Leuven (Belgium). His research area includes the Christian sacraments of initiation and the history of the liturgical movement. He is the honorary editor of the journal *Questions Liturgiques / Studies in Liturgy*.

“Over the years much ink has been spilled over the interpretation of the term *participatio actuosa*. This book looks at the term critically within the context of Vatican II, most especially the Constitution on the Divine Liturgy. Prescinding from the stated aim of the Council that all the baptized have the right and duty to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the liturgy, the author moves to the central point that the liturgy is an ecclesial event—a matter for the entire Church. The second part of the book gives good practical examples how this is achieved in the eucharistic liturgy according to *The Roman Missal*. He reminds the reader that full, conscious, and active participation is still one of the primary and enduring goals of the reformed liturgy envisaged by Vatican II.”

**Michael S. Driscoll**

Professor emeritus of liturgy and sacramental theology

University of Notre Dame
Authenticity is a value difficult to define but impossible to ignore in contemporary life.

In this book, Nathaniel Marx argues that the defining characteristic of authentic liturgy is harmony. Authentic liturgy happens when the minds of participants are in tune with their voices. The call for worshipers to harmonize their inward and outward offerings of prayer is discernible in the Bible, in the history of Christian prayer, and in diverse efforts to invigorate communal worship today. Marx’s argument unfolds the meaning of this call to authentic worship through a provocative and wide-ranging study incorporating scriptural exegesis, liturgical history, anthropology of ritual, and philosophy of action. He argues that authenticity is not a modern buzzword but an ancient virtue essential to worshiping in a spirit of communion.

Nathaniel Marx is associate professor of sacramental and liturgical theology at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He holds a PhD in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame and an MA in social sciences from the University of Chicago.

“I highly recommend this not just for students of liturgy but for communities, parish groups, worship committees, and in short, for all of us concerned about authenticity and integrity in our worship. It is simply excellent!”

Maxwell E. Johnson
University of Notre Dame

“Nathaniel Marx is an important fresh voice in matters liturgical and theological today. The breadth of his erudition in the sources used, the way he contextualizes such a breadth of them, and the invitational style through which he makes his arguments makes Marx someone to read and savor now, as well as someone to watch and learn from, hopefully for decades to come.”

Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin
The Catholic University of America
“In today’s anxious, uncertain world, we are challenged to see prayer more fully in ways that raise new questions as to how we can cooperate with God. This book reminded me of the works written by mystic and premier theologian, Karl Rahner. If you take this book to heart it can be a portal to new joy and peace at a time when we need it most.”

Robert J. Wicks, author of Heartstorming: Creating a Place God Can Call Home, editor, Prayer in the Catholic Tradition

Gerhard Lohfink

Prayer Takes Us Home

The Theology and Practice of Christian Prayer

Translated by Linda M. Maloney

A lot of people would like to learn to pray all over again. Others are not so sure they ought to pray. They want to know whether prayer will help them and, more than that, whether it will be of any use at all to our world.

This book gives an answer—not in the form of glib instructions, but by introducing the reader to the theology of prayer. It refers again and again to the Bible, especially the Psalms, while repeatedly speaking about personal experiences as well. Gerhard Lohfink writes in inviting, easy-to-read language, answering questions such as:

“To whom do we pray?”
“Does it make any sense to ask for things in prayer?”
“What happens in the Eucharistic Prayer?”
“What is so special about the Psalms?”
“How can I practice Christian meditation?”

This book offers an inviting approach to Christian prayer.

“In response to humble and practical questions about Christian prayer, Lohfink engages his life experiences and a wide range of interlocutors, from modern philosophers and great authors to our Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist brothers and sisters. Yet Prayer Takes Us Home is always grounded in the close readings of Scripture and attention to Christian tradition that are characteristic of Lohfink’s writing. What results is a series of meditative essays that are deeply Christian and profoundly relevant to the lives of contemporary people of faith.”

Jessica Coblentz
Saint Mary’s College, South Bend, Indiana

“This gorgeous book, rich in wisdom, will change the way readers understand and experience prayer.”

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman
College of the Holy Cross
Gerhard Lohfink was professor of New Testament exegesis at the University of Tübingen. Since 1986, he has lived and worked as a theologian for the Catholic Integrated Community. His many books include No Irrelevant Jesus, Jesus of Nazareth, Does God Need the Church?, Is This All There Is?, and The Our Father, all from Liturgical Press.

Additional books by Gerhard Lohfink
Pope Francis has said, “Discernment is a choice of courage.”

In this little wisdom book, Professor Ladislas Orsy shows contemporary readers a well-tested way to listen to the Holy Spirit within and among us as well as offering a way of navigating life’s questions through communal discernment. Community discernment is the discovery of a gift by another gift: the discovery of God’s plan for the community through the light of faith infused into the minds of its members.

While this text was originally written for Jesuits living in community to help them to live God’s calling, the principles of Ignatian spirituality outlined here have broad application beyond such a setting today. As such it is:

- Rooted in history but not a history of discernment
- Theological but not a doctrinal treatise
- Practical but not a how-to manual
- Spiritual but does not belong to any specific school of thought.

Succinct and very readable, this book contains a collection of insights suitable for both individual and group discernment exercises.

Excerpt from Introduction:

To probe the ways of the Spirit is an adventure out of the ordinary, an enterprise that is both uplifting and humiliating.

It is an adventure out of the ordinary because it is easier to look outward than to look inward. The universe that surrounds us holds our attention with its display of movements, sounds, and colors. To find the ways of the Spirit we must turn in the opposite direction: we must enter the world of silence and mystery. Once there, we become aware of new signs of life that speak about the source of all life.

To experience inwardly even fragmentary manifestations of God’s power and glory is a fascinating event for any human being; it lifts a person up beyond any expectation. It is an experience of humiliation or mortification, contrary to natural human desire. It reveals fragments of God’s greatness and goodness; it bares our frailty and poverty.
Ladislas Orsy, SJ

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Monastic spirituality has much to offer Christians who live far beyond monastery walls. In *Saint Benedict’s Wisdom* Luigi Gioia, OSB, demonstrates that monastic spirituality is a gift for the whole Church. Because monastic vows are fundamentally a deep dive into one’s baptismal commitments, monastic experience speaks to all the faithful who wish to do the same within different lifestyles. As an expression of divine wisdom, monasticism offers a way of deeply integrating spirituality with the rest of life, teaching us to seek holiness, not only in prayer, but also through work, sharing of food, sleep, and life in community.

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Luigi Gioia, OSB, was a professor of systematic theology at the Pontifical University of Sant’Anselmo in Rome for many years and now is a research associate at the Von Hügel Institute for Critical Catholic Inquiry at Cambridge University. In great demand as a retreat leader all over the world, he is the author of several books, including *Say It to God: In Search of Prayer* (the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2018) and *Touched by God: The Way to Contemplative Prayer*.

“Gioia’s conclusions are profound and stimulating, and accessible to the ordinary reader.”

Michael Casey, OCSO

“An inviting, accessible, and above all wise investigation into what the Rule of St. Benedict, that treasure house of Christian spirituality, can teach us about wisdom. This subtle book is meant not simply for the monk or even the Benedictine aficionado but all Christians seeking the path to Wisdom, which is to say to God.”

James Martin, SJ, author of *In All Seasons, For All Reasons: Praying Throughout the Year*
The Christian life is a grand journey. And like any pilgrimage along unfamiliar roads, we can benefit from having experienced guides and trustworthy companions along the way.

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Steven Payne, OCD, author of The Carmelite Tradition: Spirituality in History

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Keith J. Egan, Guest Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame and Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology Emeritus at Saint Mary’s College
Words of Scripture. Symbols of faith. Do you ever wonder what they really have to do with you? Can they truly help to interpret human experiences and change hearts? Does the metaphor of life as a journey make sense to you? Mark A. Villano’s latest book offers a path into questions like these. Delve into the spiritual insights that have guided human beings for millennia in order to better appreciate the significance and power they hold. Discover more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, who meets us where we are and guides us along the diverse spiritual landscapes of life. The invitations of grace are all around us. We’re all called to participate in the life-changing mystery of Christ.

Consider this book as a daily “retreat,” an invitation to let go of the noise around us and to simply listen. See it as a travelling companion on the most important journey of our lives.

Mark A. Villano, a native of New Haven, Connecticut, studied theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where he received his Master of Divinity degree. He has ministered at parishes and campus ministry centers across the country, including those at the University of Texas, Ohio State University, and Yale. Currently, he is director of outreach at the University Catholic Center at UCLA.

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Shepherds and Fishermen
Spiritual Exercises for Bishops, Priests, and Religious
Translated by Marsha Daigle-Williamson and Patrick McSherry, OFM Cap
Foreword by Archbishop José Gomez

Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap, preacher to the papal household for over forty years, graciously accepted Pope Francis’ invitation to lead a six-day retreat for the bishops of the United States in January 2019. Shepherds and Fishermen contains the reflections and meditations that guided this gathering, presented in an accessible format for groups and individuals seeking spiritual and ministerial inspiration.

Shepherds and Fishermen lifts up the words of Mark 3:14: “He appointed twelve that they might be with him and he might send them forth to preach.” Reflections and meditations offered in lectio divina, homilies, and liturgies focus on what it means to “be with Jesus” while also “going forth to preach.” Retreatants will reflect upon the ways their ministry is dependent upon both personal sanctification and pastoral activity.

The twenty-six scripturally based and culturally relevant meditations makes Shepherds and Fishermen an ideal companion for a self-directed retreat or a prolonged spiritual exercise.
In recent years Ignatian spirituality has experienced a resurgence. There has been a widespread desire to learn more about Ignatius and his legacy, and many people have made the Spiritual Exercises in one of their many forms, growing through the experience.

God Ever Greater is accessibly written for those who are looking for an introduction to Ignatian spirituality, while being suitable for those who have some acquaintance with the Ignatian tradition. It will draw its readers into an exploration of a rich Christian heritage that continues to live and breathe today.

Brian O’Leary, SJ, is an Irish Jesuit who has worked almost exclusively in the field of spirituality. After completing his doctoral studies in Rome, he joined the staff at the Center of Ignatian Spirituality at Manresa House, Dublin. Over a fifteen-year period he directed retreats, conducted workshops (many focused on renewal in religious life), and helped with training programs.

“Brian O’Leary conceived his book as a journey to discover the ‘landscape’ of Ignatian spirituality—its origin in Ignatius’ experience and context and its current experience in a very different context. The ‘landscape’ most readers think familiar, in this writer’s hands, turns out to be full of rich surprises. God Ever Greater is a book to hold on to.”

Joseph A. Tetlow, SJ, Director of Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, Lake Dallas, Texas

“O’Leary has given us a fresh look at Ignatius and his testament to God’s working in his life such that we are more willing to embark on this exploration ourselves.”

James T. Bretzke, SJ, Professor of Theology
John Carroll University
When asked what he wanted written on his tombstone, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh responded with one word: Priest. This giant of a man—a man who advised presidents and counseled popes, who championed civil rights and world peace, who accepted sixteen presidential appointments and 150 honorary degrees, who served an unprecedented thirty-five years as president of the University of Notre Dame—could have listed any number of accolades. Instead, he chose his first and most important vocation. Fr. Ted never felt that his calling to be a priest set him apart. Rather, it drew him into relationships with others and out in service to the world. It was a call to serve as mediator, to bridge the divides that separate church and society, conservatives and liberals, the powerful and those on the margins. He spent his life bringing people together.

This new biography is the first to tell the story of the spirituality that shaped one of the twentieth century’s most distinguished public servants. It is a story to inspire all those who strive to live out their faith in the midst of a deeply divided world.

“Reading this elegant biography will make those of us who knew Father Ted miss him all the more, and those that never met him wish they had. Hesburgh’s unparalleled ability to build bridges across polarizing divides, so richly described by Hahnenberg, should prompt contemporary Americans both to admire his legacy and to emulate his approach.”

Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Professor of American Studies and History, University of Notre Dame
In *Desert Daughters, Desert Sons*, professor Rachel Wheeler argues that a new reading of the texts of the Christian desert tradition is needed to present the (often) anonymous women who inhabit the texts. Though these women may have been included by storytellers to provide a foil to the exemplary men in the stories’ foreground, Wheeler demonstrates how women’s persistence in places they were not welcome witnesses to truths about where wisdom may be sought and found. In this book, Wheeler allows these women’s stories to critique the desert impulse that can create a spiritual life devoid of social relationships and responsibility.

Rachel Wheeler is assistant professor of spirituality at the University of Portland where she teaches Bible, ecospirituality, contemplative traditions, and arts as spiritual formation. Her degrees include a PhD in Christian spirituality from the Graduate Theological Union, an MA in theology, specializing in monastic studies, from Saint John’s School of Theology, and an MA in English from Humboldt State University. She writes on desert spirituality and ecospiritual practice.

“By attending to desert daughters as well as desert sons, Wheeler uncovers the pain caused by distancing ourselves from one another, and she offers us a way of love, not only for those traveling alone in their deserts, but also for those seeking renewed community among men and women in cities, churches, and families.”

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“This is precisely the kind of reading we need so that classics of the monastic tradition can continue to inspire.”

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“Observant of the multifaceted presence of women in desert literature, and the sayings collections in particular, Wheeler’s incisive analysis overturns normative assumptions about spiritual formation. Wheeler’s approach and findings are welcome; they merit examination and application in future scholarship. This is a timely and important book.”

**Bernadette McMary-Zak**
Rhodes College
Aelred of Rievaulx

The Liturgical Sermons
The Reading-Cluny Collection, 1 of 2; Sermons 85–133
Translated by Daniel Griggs, with an introduction by Marjory Lange and Marsha Dutton

Aelred (1110–1167) served Rievaulx Abbey, the second Cistercian monastery in England, for twenty years as abbot. During his abbacy he wrote thirteen treatises, some offering spiritual guidance and others seeking to advise King Henry II. He also wrote thirty-one sermons as a commentary on Isaiah 13–16 and 182 surviving liturgical sermons, mostly addressed to his monks.

This volume contains the first half of Aelred’s ninety-eight liturgical sermons from the Reading-Cluny collection, Sermons 85 through 133. For the most part, the collection follows the liturgical year, beginning in this volume with three sermons for Advent and ending with five for Pentecost and three for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Sermons 134 through 182, from the Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24) through the Feast of All Saints, will appear in CF 87. These sermons appear to contain evidence of Aelred’s editorial additions to the autograph of the sermons, as he added selections from patristic and medieval authors within the sermons and between them.

Daniel Griggs earned an MA in medieval studies and a PhD in Byzantine theology, both from the University of Leeds. He teaches Latin at Butte College near Chico, California, and translates medieval texts from Greek and Latin. He previously translated Saint Bernard’s *Sermones de Diversis*, published in CF 68 as *Monastic Sermons*.

Marjory Lange has been a professor of English/humanities at Western Oregon University for twenty-three years. After publishing *Telling Tears in the English Renaissance* (Brill, 1996), she returned to medieval monastic and spiritual literature as her true métier and regularly presents papers on Aelred at the annual Cistercian Studies Conference in Kalamazoo.

Marsha Dutton is the executive editor of Cistercian Publications and a long-time student of Aelred of Rievaulx and other Cistercian authors. She is at work on a book about twelfth-century Cistercian laments.
Gertrud the Great (1256–1302) entered the monastery of Helfta in eastern Germany as a child oblate. At the age of twenty-five she underwent a conversion that led to a series of visionary experiences. These centered on “the divine loving-kindness,” which she perceived as expressed through and symbolized by Christ’s divine Heart. Some of these experiences she recorded in Latin “with her own hand,” in what became book 2 of The Herald of God’s Loving-Kindness.

Books 1, 3, 4, and 5 were written down by another nun, a close confidant of the saint, now often known as “Sister N.” Book 5 details the sickness, deaths, and afterlife fates of various Helfta nuns, novices, and lay brothers, as witnessed by Gertrud in her visions. It also describes Gertrud’s preparations for her own death and her predictive visions of her ultimate glorification in heaven. The Herald concludes with Sister N.’s personal account of her presentation of the whole book to the Lord at Mass, the welcome he gave it, and the privileges he attached to it.

The Book of Special Grace, which mainly records the visions of Mechtild of Hackeborn, was probably compiled by Gertrud herself with the help of Sister N. Parts 6 and 7 recount the deaths of the abbess Gertrud and of Mechtild, her younger sister. As many passages overlap, sometimes verbatim, with corresponding chapters in book 5 of The Herald, a translation has been included for purposes of comparison.

Alexandra Barratt is professor emeritus at the University of Waikato in New Zealand. She studied at the Universities of Cambridge and Toronto and has published extensively on religious writing by medieval women in Latin and English. She has previously translated books 1 and 2 (CF035), book 3 (CF063), and book 4 (CF085) of The Herald for the Cistercian Fathers series.

“This book is the capstone to a project of the utmost significance for the study of medieval religious culture.”

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This book places the life of Aelred of Rievaulx, third abbot of the English Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, within the hundred-year period from the Norman Conquest of England in October 1066 through Aelred’s death in January 1167. While exploring what is known of Aelred’s life from his own works and especially from the principal work of Walter Daniel, author of *The Life of Aelred of Rievaulx*, Burton considers the influences of both English and church history on Aelred’s personality and purpose as Christian, abbot, and writer. He emphasizes the place of the crucified Christ at the center of Aelred’s life while calling spiritual friendship—not only personal but cosmological—the “hermeneutic key” to his teaching.

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“Burton builds his profound insight into Aelred’s spirituality on the framework supplied by his study of the stages in Aelred’s life. This work is both historically profound and theologically insightful. Burton’s work is a masterful study of a spiritual giant.”

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University of Dallas
For at least eight centuries, the Norwegian island of Tautra in the Trondheim fjord has been known for its spiritual waves and special light. In the Middle Ages, Cistercian monks established the northernmost monastery of the Order, living God-centered lives and developing skills such as land use and animal husbandry until the Reformation.

In 1999, Cistercian nuns reestablished Tautra Mariakloster, the monastery of Our Lady of the Safe Island. Visitors to the modern monastery, distinguished by its glass-roofed church, quickly sense the silence, peace, and light of the place.

Four of the women who live at Tautra have contributed to this volume of monastic wisdom from the north. They write of their experiences as monastics living close to the land, sky, and water on this island, following the liturgical year of the monastery with its enduring rhythm while experiencing the changing seasons and landscape that help to shape their life of faith and light.

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The history of religious institutions is too often stereotyped as devoutly formulaic, excising or overlooking the inherent drama in most community histories. This is especially the case with Mount Angel Abbey. In its almost 140 years of existence, it has known triumph and tragedy. The sacrifices of a founding generation were joined to the devastation of two fires. An initially insular community of Swiss monks became Americanized and expanded to Canada and Mexico. Despite periods of financial crisis and the occasional scandal, the momentum of a unique monastic culture left its mark. In many ways, Mount Angel’s history is the history of a pilgrim church, a steady and transformative sign of God’s kingdom on earth.

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“Mount Angel Abbey has a compelling story to tell, propelled by the fullness of its long life. Father Joel Rippinger’s novelistic telling of that story gives this monastery the care and attention it deserves.”

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