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Dear LRSS Community,

We've had a wonderful year here at LRSS celebrating 50 Years of Catholic Bible Study! We hope you enjoyed our Little Rock Connections emails highlighting stories of our founding, our deep roots in the ethos of Vatican II, the importance of prayer in Bible study, and the flourishing of LRSS around the world.

We're still celebrating with the release of our two incredible new studies! I've already heard from groups studying **Women in the New Testament** who have experienced deep learning and meaningful faith-sharing. We're thankful to New Testament scholar Catherine Cory for sharing her considerable gifts and expertise in this wonderfully engaging study.



**Women in the Old Testament** is now available, and we can't wait to share it with you. This study includes the renowned classic commentary by beloved Scripture scholar Irene Nowell, OSB, along with new perspectives from Jaime Waters, a contemporary scholar from the Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry. Jaime has written brief essays at the end of each lesson, engaging with contemporary topics and helping us dig even deeper into these powerful stories of faith.



These studies (including all new video lectures by a diverse team) embody what we're all about here at LRSS: the best in biblical scholarship, an enriching variety of perspectives, and a celebration of our inspired biblical texts that doesn't shy away from their complexities and challenges.

As always, you know where to find me with questions, feedback, or if you just want to say hello! It is my privilege to help you choose a study or hear how you are using our resources.

Thank you for continuing to study God's Word with us. Here's to the next 50 Years of Catholic Bible Study!

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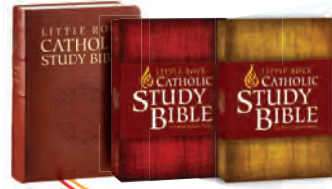
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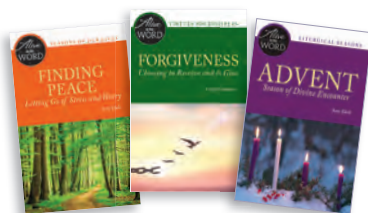
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**Catherine A. Cory** is professor emerita of theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. She earned her MA degree in theology from Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary and her PhD in Christianity and Judaism in antiquity from the University of Notre Dame. Cory is also the author of Little Rock Scripture Study's *Revelation*.

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**Patrick J. Hartin** is a priest of the Diocese of Spokane, Washington, where he now serves as Senior Pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Fr. Hartin taught courses in New Testament and classical civilizations at Gonzaga University for many years. He is a contributor to *Give Us This Day* and is the author of numerous books.



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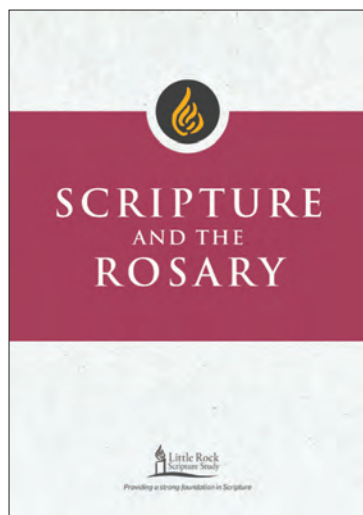
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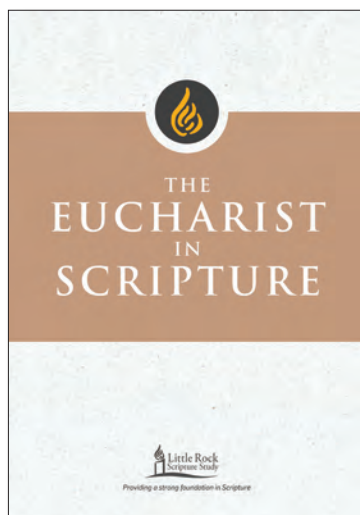
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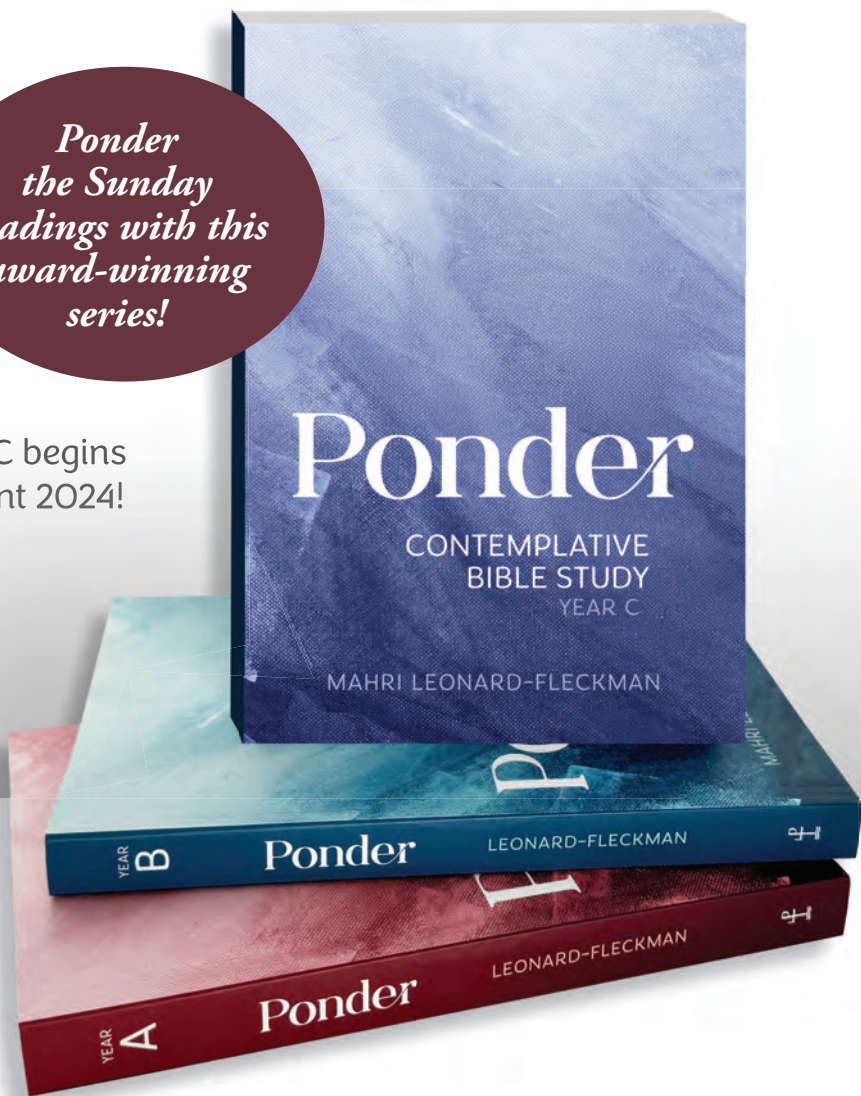
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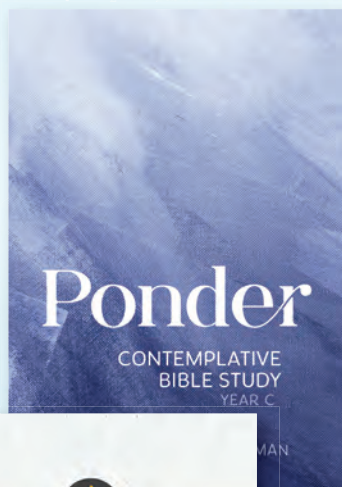
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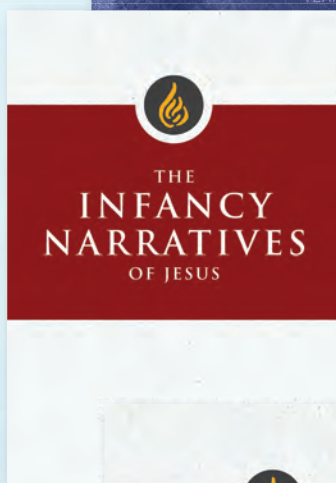
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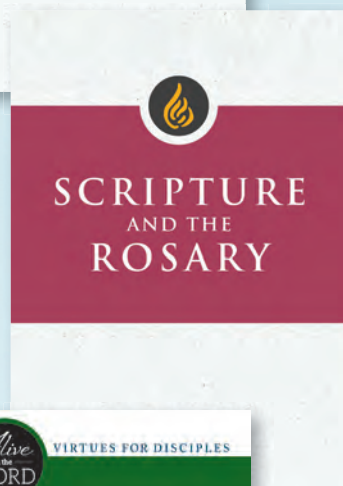
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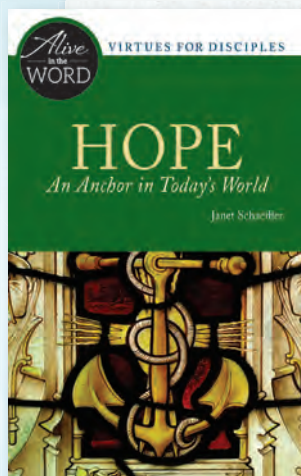
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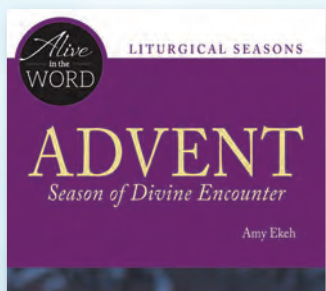
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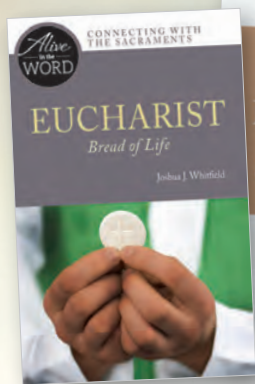
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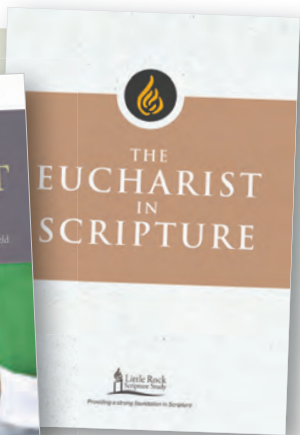
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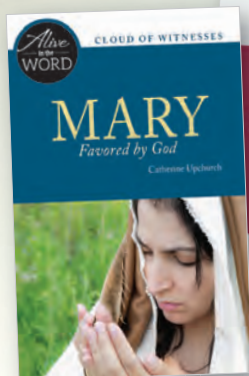


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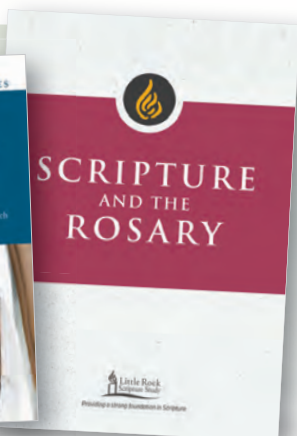


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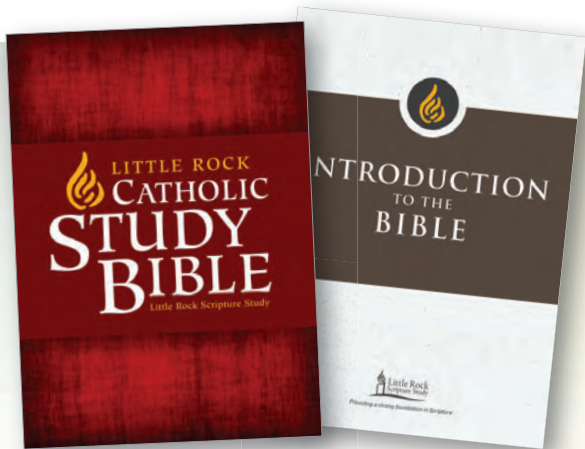
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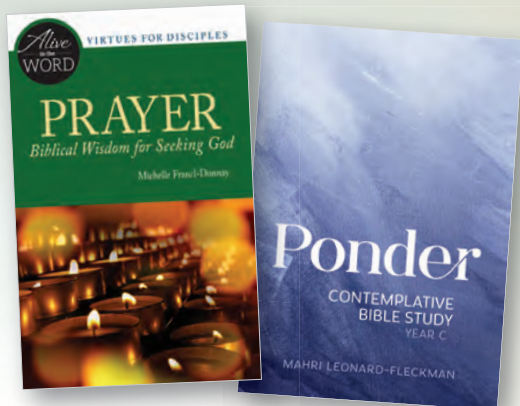
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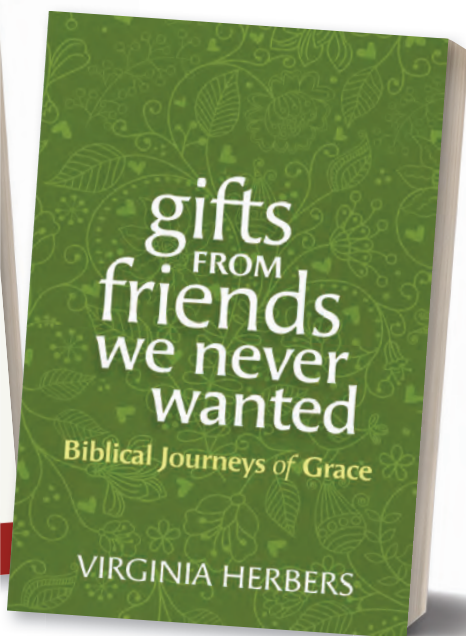
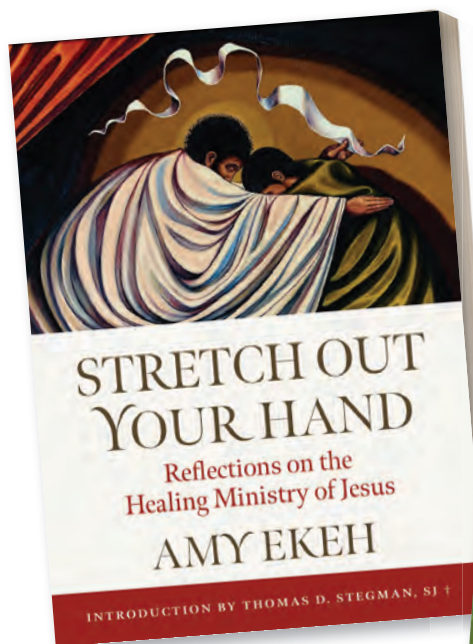
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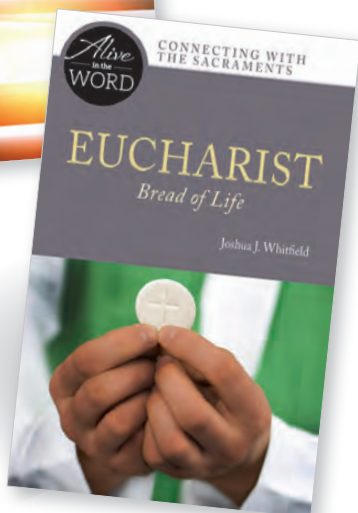
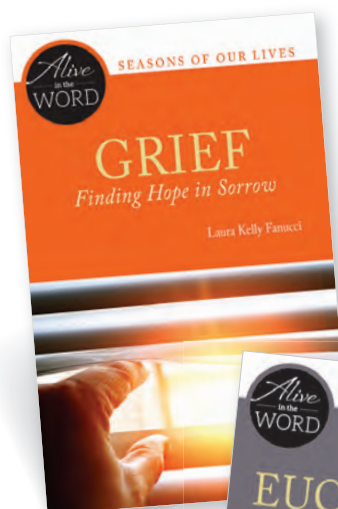
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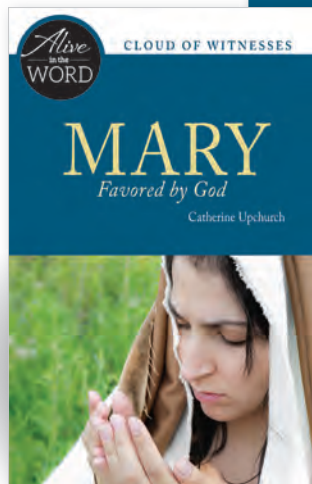
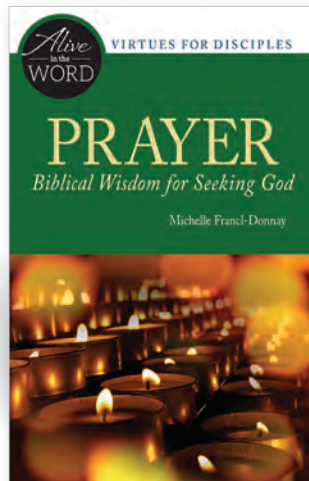
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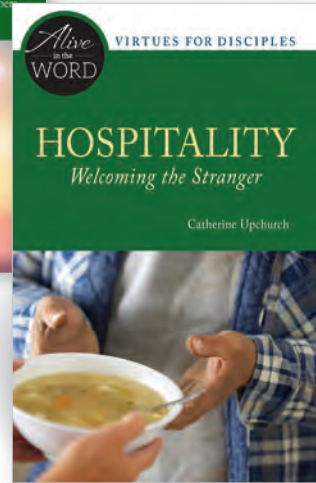
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