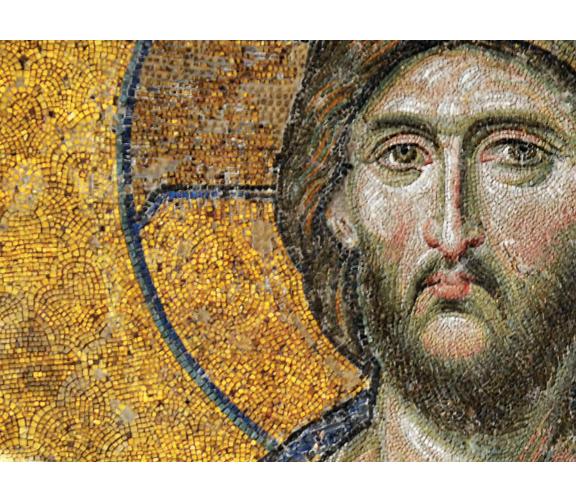
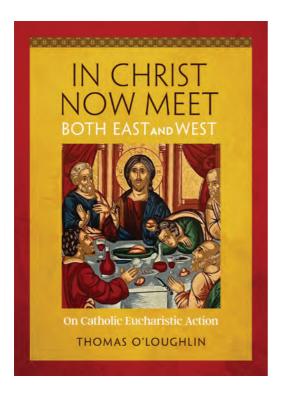
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Thomas O'Loughlin is professor emeritus of historical theology at the University of Nottingham, UK. He is the author of *Eating Together, Becoming One: Taking Up Pope Francis's Call to Theologians, The Rites and Wrongs of Liturgy: Why Good Liturgy Matters, and Washing Feet: <i>Imitating the Example of Jesus in the Liturgy Today*, from Liturgical Press.

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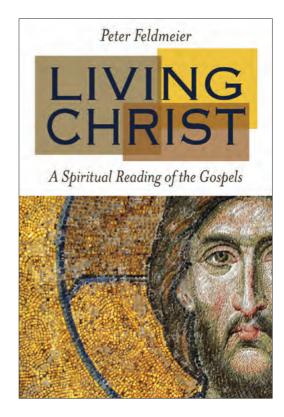
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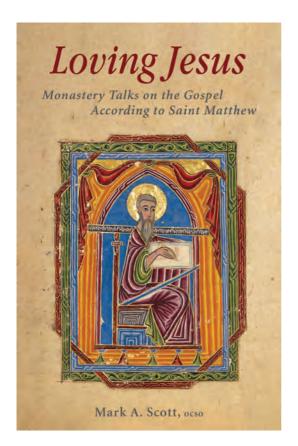
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Jesus in the Hands of Buddha

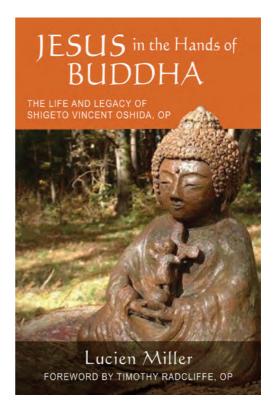
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Lucien Miller
Foreword by Timothy Radcliffe, OP

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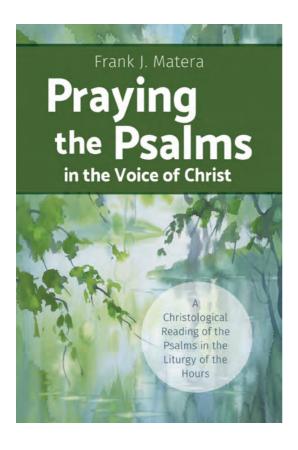
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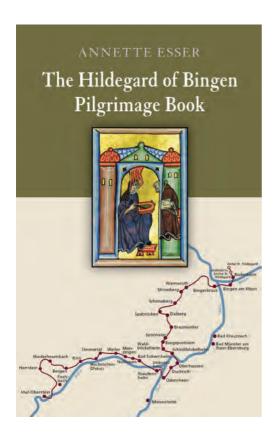
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Annette Esser

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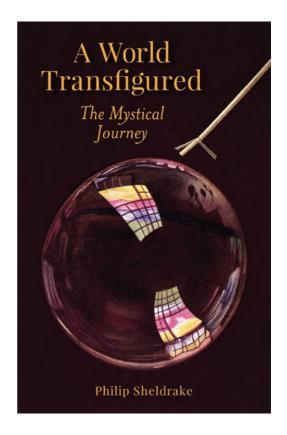
A World Transfigured

The Mystical Journey

Philip Sheldrake

In A World Transfigured: The Mystical Journey, Philip Sheldrake demonstrates the importance of the mystical dimension of religious belief and practice. Using the words of the great theologian, Karl Rahner, Sheldrake makes the case that the Christian of the future will be either a mystic or nothing at all. In our contemporary world, this judgment applies equally to other religions as well.

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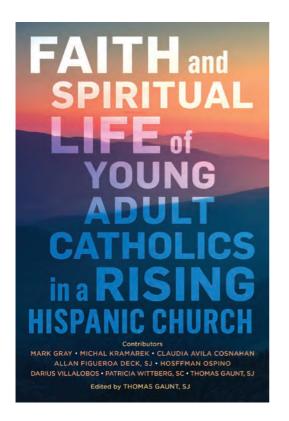
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Philip Sheldrake is professor and director of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Spirituality at Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas. He has taught and written extensively on Christian spirituality, is author or editor of eighteen books, and is past president of the international Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality.

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Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ, PhD, is a Jesuit of the USA East Province. He is the executive director for the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA). Previously he was the executive secretary of the Jesuit Conference-USA and director of formation and studies for the Jesuits of the Maryland and New York Provinces.

"New lessons for new times! This book will help you explore how to foster new spiritual growth with young adults in your Catholic community and across the country."

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Faith and Spiritual Life of Young Adult Catholics in a Rising Hispanic Church

Edited by Thomas Gaunt, SJ

This book carefully explores the claim that young adults (18 to 35) are leaving Catholicism in the United States. According to primary empirical research, many young adults stay and do so living their faith in engaged ways. Most, however, do not do it in the traditional context of the parish. Young adult Catholics are living their faith and spiritual life largely in small faith communities, ecclesial movements, faith-based affinity groups, at home, and through individual practice. The description of research findings is supplemented by commentaries from leaders in evangelization and young ministry, from both a theological and a sociological perspective.

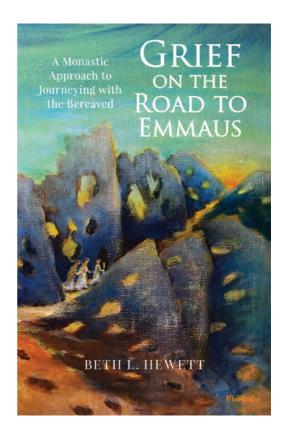
In a church that is more culturally diverse and increasingly Hispanic, this book offers key insights to better understand the spirituality of young adult Catholics today. Contributors include Mark M. Gray, Michal J. Kramarek, Claudia Avila Cosnahan, Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ, Hosffman Ospino, Darius Villalobos, Patricia Wittberg, SC, and Thomas P. Gaunt, SJ.

Grief on the Road to Emmaus

A Monastic Approach to Journeying with the Bereaved

Beth L. Hewett

In Grief on the Road to Emmaus, experienced bereavement author and facilitator Beth Hewett offers help for people interested in walking with those who grieve and supporting their mourning. Using the story of the bereaved disciples walking with Jesus to Emmaus and personal grief vignettes, this message is grounded in Benedictine monastic values that emphasize love, mutuality, hospitality. listening, prayer, humility, action, and community. This readable guide introduces a ministry of consolation, complete with facilitator skills, practices, and strategies for healing to assist readers to accompany the bereaved compassionately, leading each other to hope after loss.



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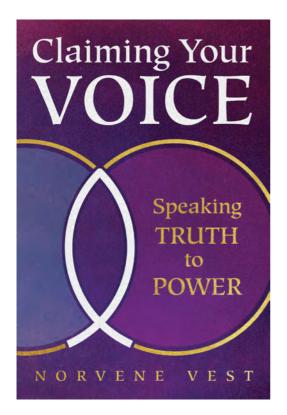
Beth L. Hewett, PhD, CT, CCISM, CEOLS, is an experienced bereavement facilitator, facilitator trainer, Benedictine oblate, and author. She supports individuals and groups in coping with trauma and grief, focusing on mindful mourning and the intention of finding hope.

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Norvene Vest, PhD, is an Episcopal laywoman, Benedictine oblate, and respected teacher and guide. She has graduate degrees in political theory, theology, mythology, and depth psychology. Her earliest ministry was as a public servant, and she is the author of six books on Benedictine spirituality for the common life.

"Vest challenges us to put on our mature Christian 'pants' in order to face into the hard truths of our times. By speaking the truth in love, she invites us to center ourselves in the Holy Spirit while moving to bring about the change our communities and the world yearns for. This is a brave voice speaking to those who wish to be courageous Christians in the work of transformation."

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Claiming Your Voice

Speaking Truth to Power

Norvene Vest

Has the contemporary American polity remained capable of asking itself questions about its purpose and integrity? We recall our optimistic beginnings, sure of God's blessing, yet something has gone wrong. We are at odds with each other and even our friends. What brought us to this moment, and is there anything "we the people" can do?

In Claiming Your Voice, Vest four examines contemporary deforming patterns: market culture, American empire, climate crisis, and racism. In consideration of the Christian foundations in prophetic imagination and Benedictine spirituality, she illustrates that Americans are called to provide energy for hope, to cut through public numbness, and to penetrate the deceptions of imperial consciousness so that God and the sacred again become visible and empowering for all our people.

"In an age when some lament the absence of public theology, Norvene Vest's Claiming Your Voice is a welcome and timely articulation of an important role for religion and spirituality in social discourse. Readers will find its combination of the Hebrew prophetic tradition and the Benedictine wisdom tradition refreshing and thought-provoking."

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Nature Praising God

Towards a Theology of the Natural World

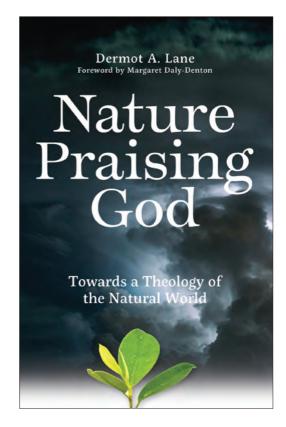
Dermot A. Lane; Foreword by Margaret Daly-Denton

During the lockdown caused by the Covid-19 crisis, streets were emptied, churches closed, and a relationship with nature developed in which questions to be asked again in light of the crisis arose: Is God present in nature? Is communion with God in nature possible? Is there a relationship between the God of creation, the God of history, and the God we worship in Sunday liturgies?

In Nature Praising God, Dermot Lane explores these questions by returning to the Bible. The Christian tradition shows that nature is understood as a living community, is graced by God, and has a sacramental character. He suggests that readers change their perception of how nature is traditionally regarded as a resource for human needsand embrace a new way of praising God through an appreciation of and care for the myriad life forms on earth. The result of these explorations is the outline of a new theology of nature praising God, with lessons for the way we worship God in our churches today.

"Fr. Lane sketches how ecological awareness can, and should, help us to reshape Catholic theology and worship for living together on a planet in crisis."

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Dermot A. Lane is a priest of the Archdiocese of Dublin, former president of Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University, and retired pastor in Balally parish.

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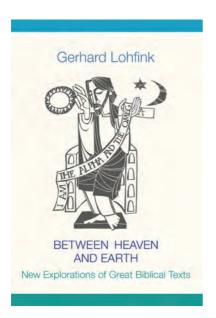
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Between Heaven and Earth

New Explorations of Great Biblical Texts

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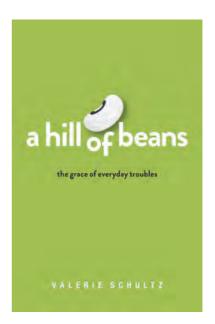
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Valerie Schultz is the author of two previous books: Overdue: A Dewey Decimal System of Grace and Closer: Musings on Intimacy, Marriage, and God. Her work has also appeared in Give Us This Day, America magazine, and in her regular column for The Bakersfield Californian.

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