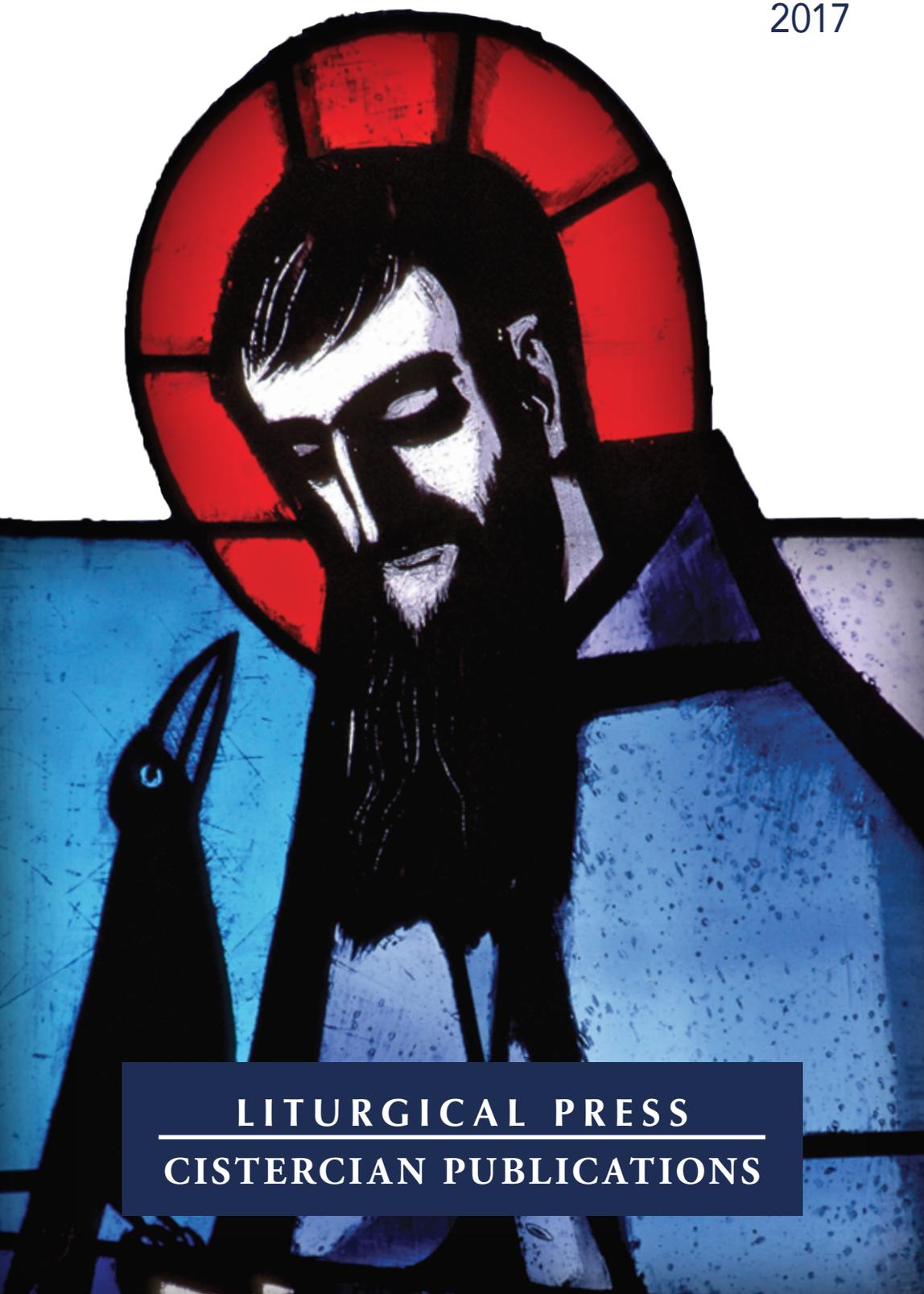


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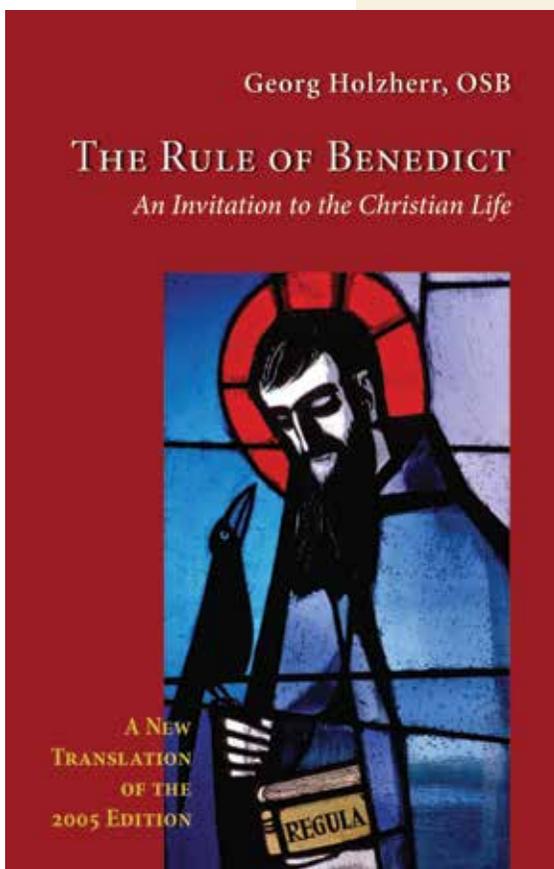
In this new translation, based on the completely revised seventh edition of *Die Benediktsregel*, Holzherr has created a profoundly rich commentary using up-to-date research methods and the latest translations of ancient monastic texts. At the same time, this commentary is meant not only for experts in the field of ancient monasticism but also for all lay and monastic readers interested in delving into the teachings and spirituality of Saint Benedict and his spiritual predecessors in the East and in the West.

“I heartily recommend the commentary of Abbot Georg Holzherr on the Rule of Benedict. Abbot Georg was abbot of Einsiedeln Abbey when he first published this commentary about 1980. Even as a busy abbot, he must have continued to keep abreast with the new research on the Rule, because after his retirement he published a new edition, which we have here. Holzherr is especially good on the patristic background of the Rule, but he is an overall judicious commentator.”

Terrence G. Kardong, OSB
Assumption Abbey

“It is state-of-the-art commentary and translation with meticulous edits. Holzherr brings forward what we know and treasure about our Rule, as well as new insights and questions that could come only from someone who has lived the monastic way of life. This Abbot of Einsiedeln writes from experience. He’s done the work—all we have to do is read, enjoy, and linger long into these insights.”

Mary Margaret Funk, OSB



Georg Holzherr, OSB, entered monastic life at the Abbey of Einsiedeln in Switzerland in 1949, and was elected abbot of Einsiedeln Abbey in 1969. Holzherr is recognized as one of today’s leading experts on the Rule of Saint Benedict and its sources, spirituality, and applicability to everyday life.

Mark Thamert, OSB, is a monk of Saint John’s Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. Since receiving his PhD in Germanic languages and literatures from Princeton University in 1985, Thamert has taught all levels of German in the Language and Cultures Department at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University.

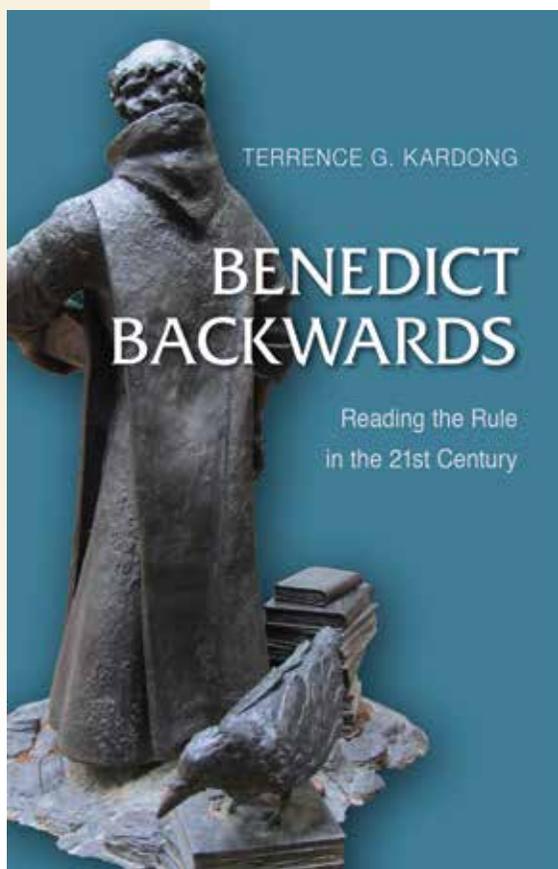
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Book

Terrence G. Kardong, OSB

Benedict Backwards

Reading the Rule in the Twenty-First Century



Terrence G. Kardong, OSB is a monk of Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota. He has been editor of *The American Benedictine Review* since 1982 and has written many books and articles.

“Oblates who follow Kardong on his exploration through the Rule will see fresh ways to be shaped for Christ’s service in their daily lives under the wisdom and guidance of Benedict.”

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Oblate, Saint John’s Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota
Dean, Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral
Fargo, North Dakota

In *Benedict Backwards*, Terrence Kardong builds the case that the Rule of Benedict is best read “backwards,” that is, with emphasis on the last chapters, not the first ones. Benedict starts out dependent on the Rule of the Master, but he ends on a much more self-assured note, revealing more about his own thoughts on matters of monastic life. Kardong shows the final chapters of the Rule are primarily about community, and they provide insight into Benedict’s vision for his monks.

“The subtitle of Terrence Kardong’s brief collection of essays, *Reading the Rule in the Twenty-First Century*, does not mean that the author writes in emoji. It does mean that this thoroughly American Benedictine scholar, like a high-res audio technician, lets the clear tone of Benedict himself stand out from the many other voices that Benedict allowed to coexist in his sixth-century Rule. Kardong has distilled and presented a lifetime of rigorous scholarship in crisp prose—not lacking, though, verbal emoji winks, grimaces, and shrugs.”

Mark A. Scott, OCSO

Abbot of New Melleray

“*Benedict Backwards* is both a delight and a challenge to read for twenty-first-century followers of St. Benedict. This is a book that will definitely make a deep impact on Benedictine life in the future.”

The Reverend Jamie Parsley, OLSB

Oblate, Saint John’s Abbey
Collegeville, Minnesota
Priest at St. Stephen’s Episcopal
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Irene Nowell, OSB
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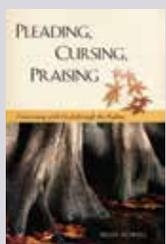
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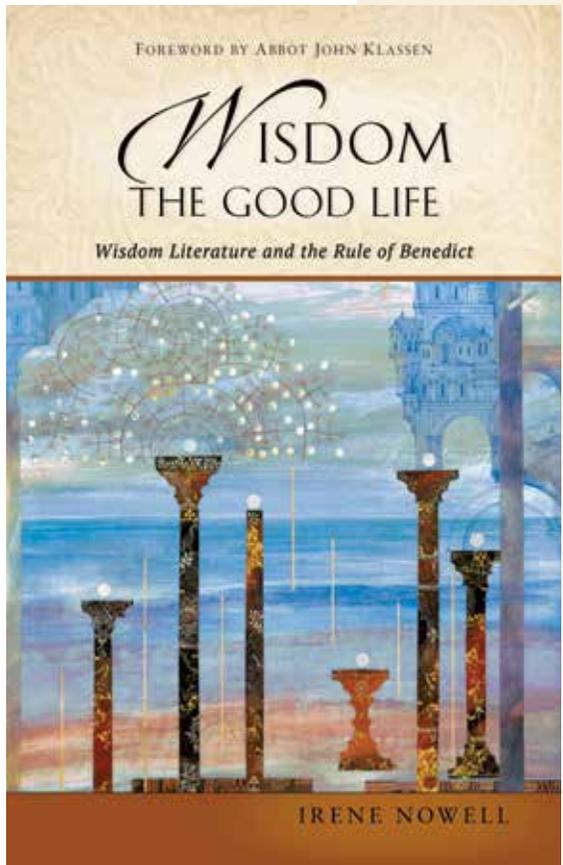
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Irene Nowell, OSB

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Irene Nowell, OSB, is a Benedictine of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kansas. A theologian and biblical scholar, Nowell is a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association and the author of *Numbers* (of the New Collegeville Bible Commentary); *Sing a New Song: The Psalms in the Sunday Lectionary*; *Women in the Old Testament*; and *Pleading, Cursing, Praising*, all published by Liturgical Press. She is also a member of the editorial board of *Give Us This Day* (Liturgical Press).

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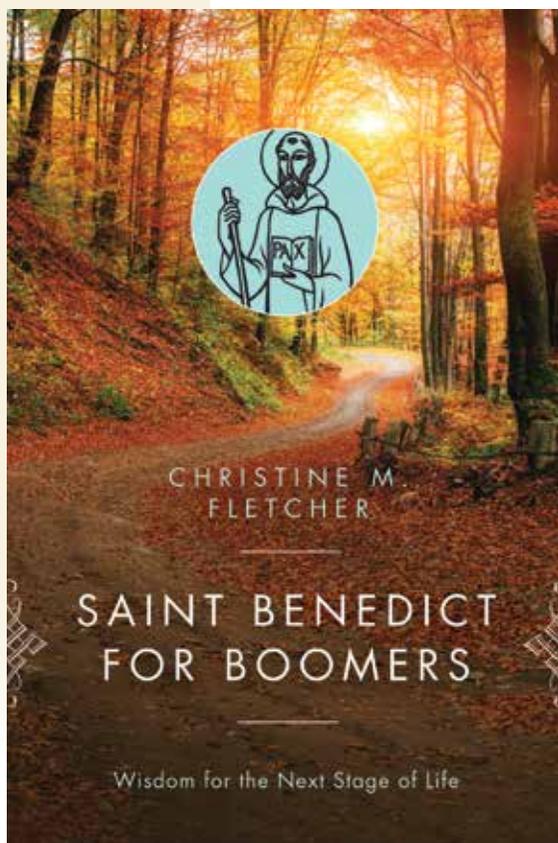
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Christine M. Fletcher is associate professor of theology at Benedictine University and an oblate of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, Illinois. She is the author of *24/7 Christian: The Secular Vocation of the Laity*, published by Liturgical Press.

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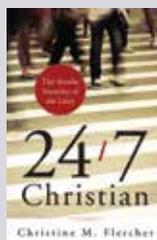
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Foreword by Abbot John Klassen, OSB

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Monastic life involves a continual return to the Gospel, and this exploration begins on the road to Emmaus, in the company of downhearted disciples who were astonished to discover the Lord in their midst. Inviting the reader to a renewed encounter with the Lord on the road, this book explores the Rule of Saint Benedict and illustrates how the English Benedictine Congregation is responding to Christ's call today. It will inspire all clergy, religious, and laypeople who value the consecrated life.

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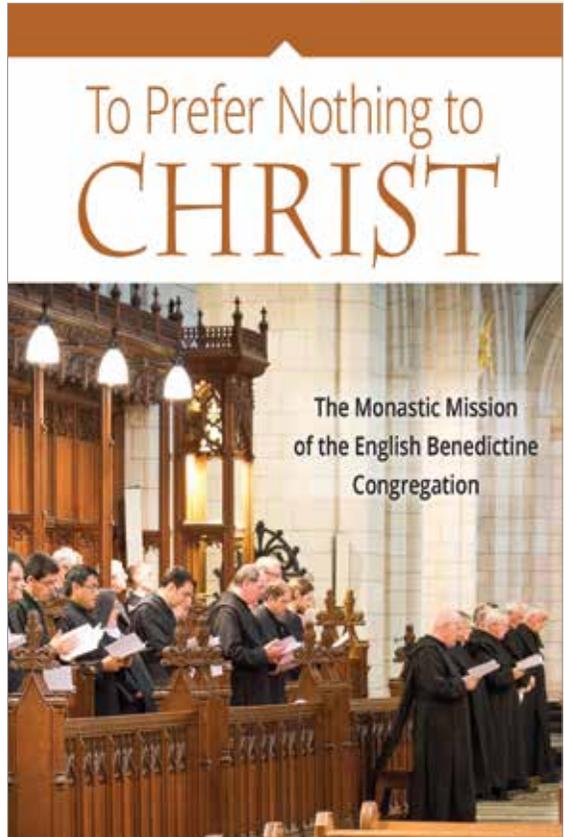
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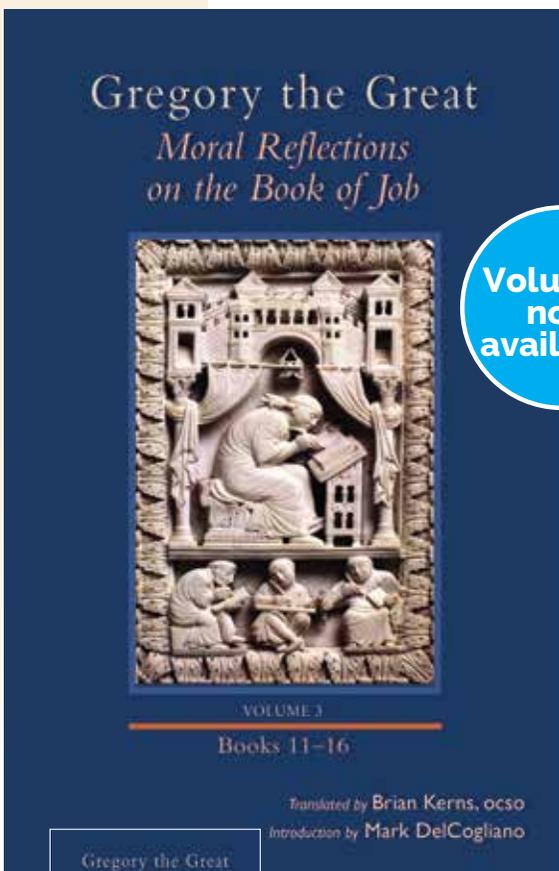
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Gregory the Great was pope from 590 to 604, a time of great turmoil in Italy and in the western Roman Empire generally because of the barbarian invasions. Gregory's experience as prefect of the city of Rome and as apocrisarius of Pope Pelagius fitted him admirably for the new challenges of the papacy. The *Moral Reflections on the Book of Job* were first given to the monks who accompanied Gregory to the embassy in Constantinople.



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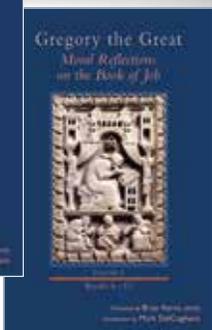
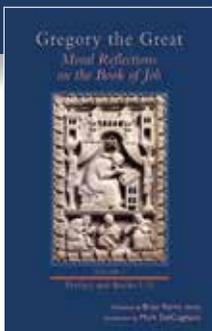
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Br. Brian Kerns has been a Trappist for sixty years, seventeen years at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, and the rest at the Abbey of the Genesee in upper New York state, interrupted by a year at Oxford, North Carolina, and five years at Genesee's foundation of Novo Mundo in Parana, Brazil.



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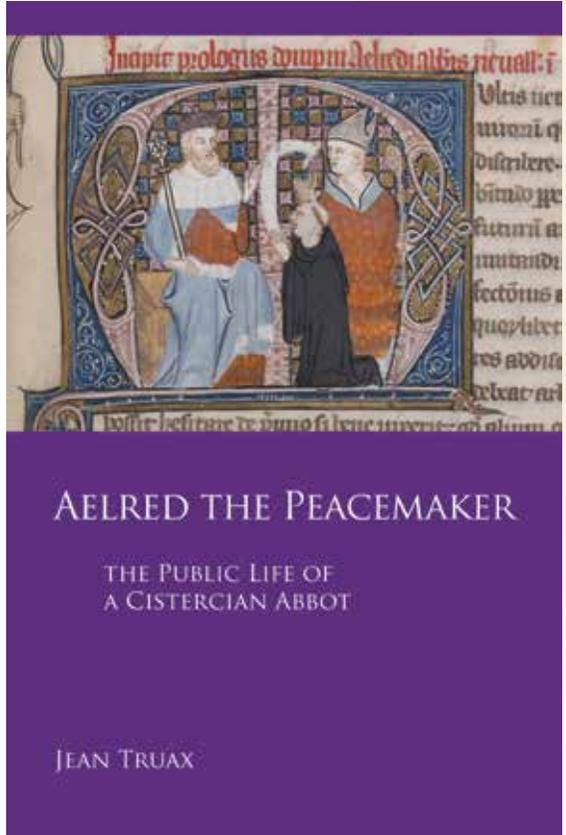
In addition to being a prolific spiritual writer and the abbot of the premier Cistercian monastery in northern England, Aelred of Rievaulx somehow found the time and the stamina to travel extensively throughout the Anglo-Norman realm, acting as a mediator, a problem solver, and an adviser to kings. His career spanned the troubled years of the civil war between King Stephen and Empress Matilda and reached its zenith during the early years of the reign of Henry II. In this work, Jean Truax focuses on the public career of Aelred of Rievaulx, placing him in his historical context, deepening the reader's understanding of his work, and casting additional light on his underappreciated role as politician, mediator, and negotiator outside his abbey's walls.

“Jean Truax has accomplished a mammoth service by organizing an incredible amount of resources so as to create and evaluate the influential public life of this Cistercian abbot. Aelred is presented in his contemporary setting moving among friends and rivals as spiritual abba, abbatial administrator, historian, builder, mediator, and counselor to kings and to St. Thomas Becket.”

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Jean Truax obtained her PhD in medieval history from the University of Houston in 1995 while working in the IT department of an oil service company. Now that she has retired from the business world she is an independent scholar.

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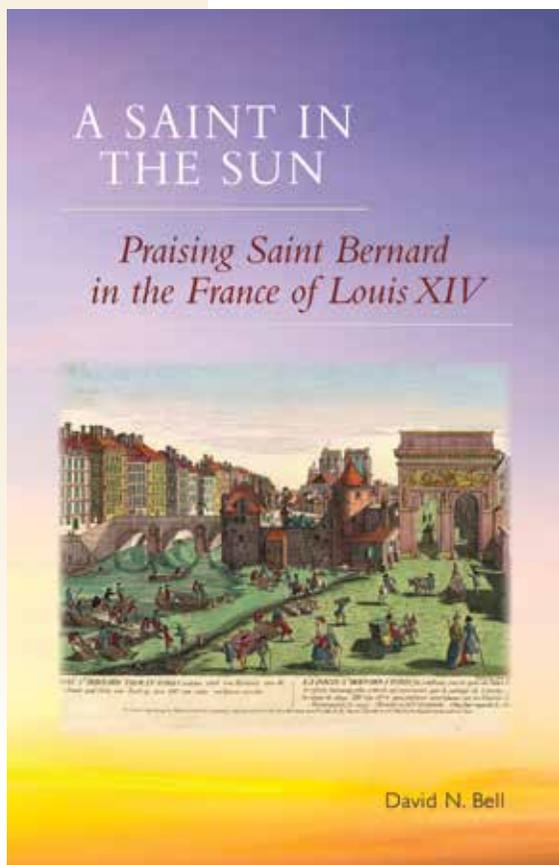
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David N. Bell

A Saint in the Sun

Praising Saint Bernard in the France of Louis XIV



David N. Bell is professor emeritus of religious studies at Memorial University and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He retired as head of the Department of Religious Studies at the end of 2011. He has published some two dozen books, more than a hundred articles, and a great number of book reviews.

This volume contains translations or summaries of the most important panegyrics in praise of Saint Bernard that were preached during the reign of Louis XIV. Some of the preachers were and are regarded as the greatest orators ever to grace the French pulpit. All the translations are extensively annotated, and there are three introductory chapters providing a necessary background for appreciating the sermons. Sixteen preachers are represented, and, with one exception, none of the material has ever appeared in English. For those interested in the afterlife of Saint Bernard, as he was used, and sometimes abused, in the reign of the Sun King, this collection provides essential primary sources.

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Michael Casey, OCSO

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**The Text of a
Coptic Monastic Discourse,
On Love and Self-Control**

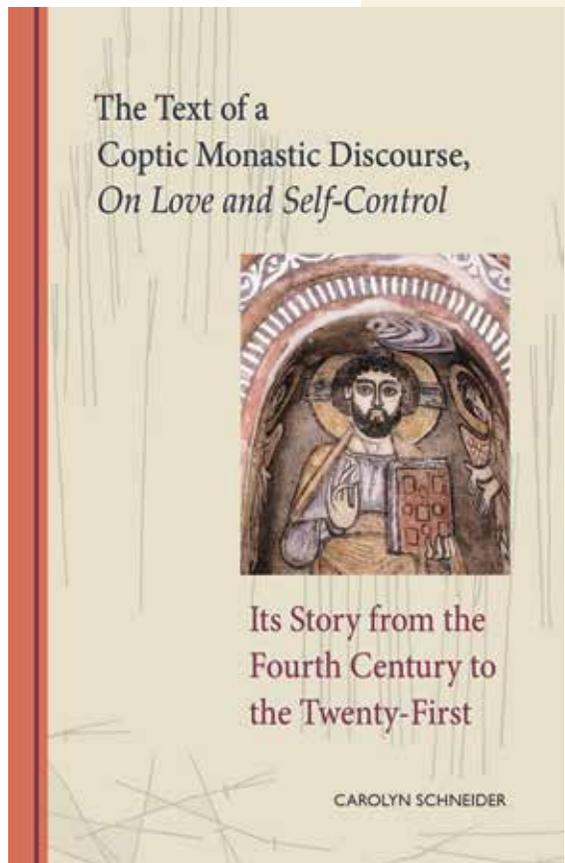
Its Story from the Fourth Century to the Twenty-First

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This book introduces a beautiful fourth-century Coptic discourse on love and self-control in its first English translation. The text's heading attributes it to Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, but this attribution is questionable. Exploring issues of authorship and context, this book locates the origins of *On Love and Self-Control* in the Upper Egyptian Pachomian monastic community of the mid-fourth century. It then traces the various uses of *On Love and Self-Control* to the late eleventh and early twelfth centuries, when the single surviving manuscript was copied as part of an anthology at the Monastery of St. Shenoute of Atripe. A partial reconstruction of this now dismembered codex is provided.

“In this excellent book of meticulous scholarship, Carolyn Schneider restores a neglected Coptic text to its original context in early Egyptian monasticism. Schneider persuasively argues that *On Love and Self-Control* originated within the Pachomian monastic community, probably during the turmoil that followed Pachomius's death in 346, and that the leader Horsiesios could have been its author. She then traces the history of the text and its reception, from late antiquity, to a medieval scriptorium in the White Monastery, to its rediscovery by modern scholars. A clear and accurate English translation makes this rich discourse available to a wide range of readers interested in the history and spirituality of early Christian monasticism.”

David Brakke
Ohio State University



Carolyn Schneider is associate professor of church history at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, where she serves as a missionary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

“Schneider has written the first thorough study of *On Love and Self-Control* (with English translation), carefully comparing it to related Pachomian texts and also to similar material in the *Apocalypse of Samuel of Qalamun*. The detailed review of the monastic manuscripts in which these texts are preserved also raises many interesting questions. Her work will certainly encourage further work on fourth- and fifth-century ascetic contexts in Egypt.”

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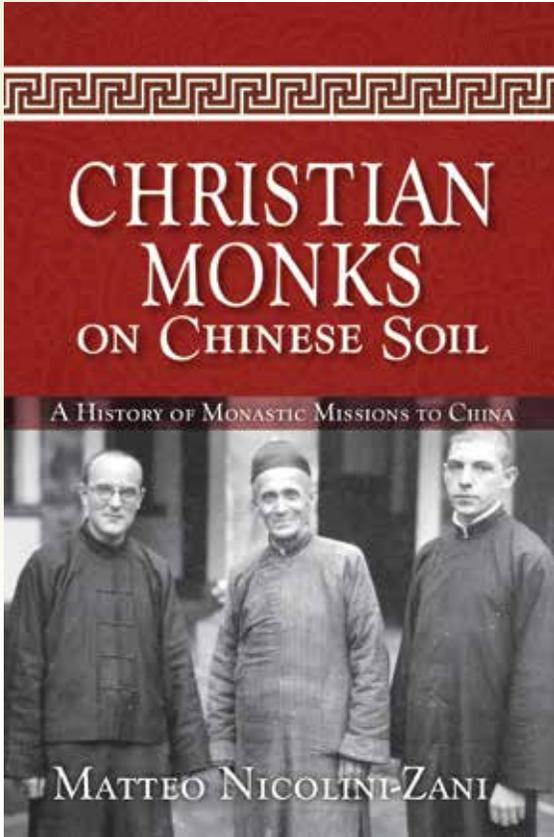
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Matteo Nicolini-Zani

Christian Monks on Chinese Soil

A History of Monastic Missions to China

Translated by Sophia Senyk and William Skudlarek, OSB



Matteo Nicolini-Zani is a monk of the Community of Bose (Italy) and coordinator of the Italian Commission of Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. He holds a Master of Arts Degree in Chinese Language and Literature. His main interest of research is the history of Christianity in China, a topic upon which he has published several articles and books.

Introduction

Monastic Life and Mission among the Nations
Toward a Chinese Christian Monasticism

Chapter 1

The Luminous Monks

Chapter 2

The Carmelites

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The Trappists

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The Benedictines

Chapter 5

The Chinese Monastic Apostles

The contribution of monks to the evangelization of lands not yet reached by the preaching of the Gospel has certainly been remarkable. The specific witness that the monastic community gives is of a radical Christian life naturally radiating outward, and thus it is implicitly missionary. The process of inculturation of Christian monasticism in China required a bold spiritual attitude of openness to the future and a willingness to accept the transformation of monastic forms that had been received. In *Christian Monks on Chinese Soil*, Matteo Nicolini-Zani highlights the willingness of foreign monks to encounter the cultural and spiritual realities of China and the degree of acceptance by the Chinese of the form of monastic life that was presented to them by the missionaries.

“I recommend *Christian Monks on Chinese Soil* to students of Chinese history, Christian missions, and monasticism, as well as to anyone interested in intercultural dialogue.”

Timothy P. Muldoon, PhD
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Michael P. Plekon

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 Book

Not a few figures—writers, poets, activists, teachers—have focused on the presence of the Holy One in the ordinary, on the many possibilities of worldly spirituality. In this book, pastor, teacher, and theologian Michael Plekon introduces us to several persons of faith from both the Western and Eastern Church traditions to illumine God’s presence in everyday living: the world as sacrament. In this discovery of liturgy and life entwined, Plekon shows how these lives, and our own lives, are texts about looking for and following God in everyday existence.

“Reading Michael Plekon’s essays is like being told by a trusted mentor, ‘Come and meet some of my friends.’ Warm, wise, and conversational, this book unveils the habit of holiness right in the thick of things. You’ll come away richer for the experience.”

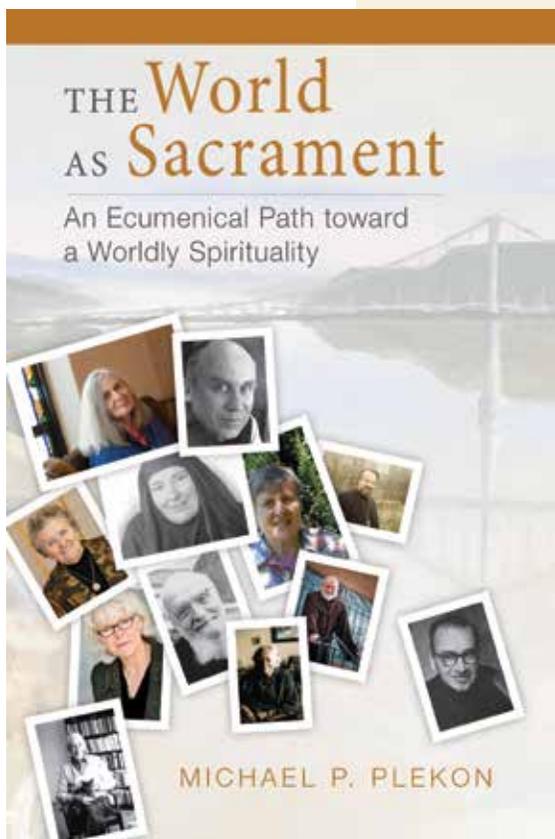
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“Michael Plekon’s diverse and ecumenical company of spiritual teachers includes monks, priests, nuns, and lay people. But what they all have in common is a call to plumb the sacred depths of ordinary existence. We don’t have to escape to a special ‘religious’ place to find God. As Merton exclaimed, ‘The gate of heaven is everywhere!’”

Robert Ellsberg

Author, *Blessed Among Us*



Michael P. Plekon is emeritus professor of sociology and religion and culture at Baruch College of the City University of New York. He has served parishes while teaching, writing, and researching for thirty-five years.

“*The World as Sacrament* bears witness to the truth of a Russian proverb, ‘The walls we build on earth do not reach to heaven.’ Michael Plekon’s life has provided him with a grand tour of Christianity, Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox. In crossing borders, he has locked no doors. Among those lighting his path have been the remarkable people he writes about in these pages. All of them men and women with souls on fire who sought God in everyday experience; all of them a challenge to each of us.”

Jim Forest

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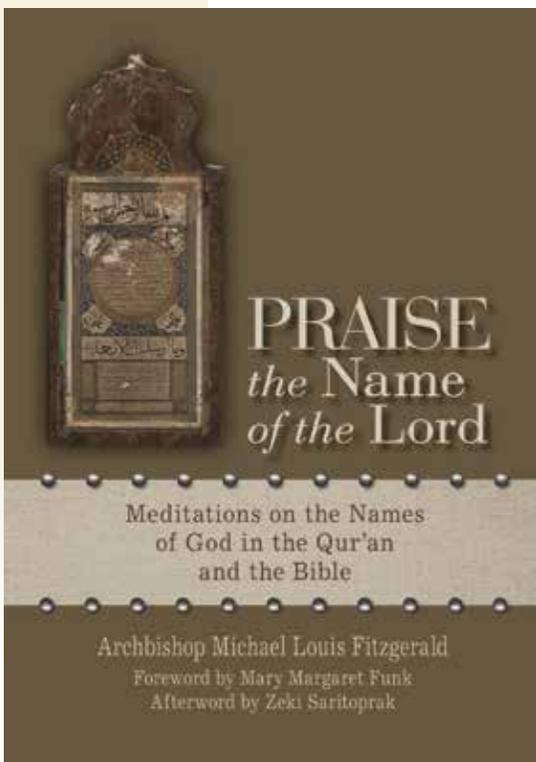
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Praise the Name of the Lord

Meditations on the Names of God in the Qur'an and the Bible

Foreword by Mary Margaret Funk

Afterword by Zeki Saritoprak



Archbishop Michael Louis Fitzgerald, MAfr, has dedicated his life's work to interreligious dialogue. He was ordained priest as member of the Society of Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in 1961, obtained his doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1965, and received a BAhons in Arabic from the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, in 1968. He served on the General Council of the Missionaries of Africa and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. From 2006 to 2012, he was apostolic nuncio in Egypt and delegate to the League of Arab States.

“Archbishop Fitzgerald offers an insightful exploration of divine names drawn from both the Bible and the Qur'an, producing a volume that combines a fascinating excursus in comparative theology with a compendium of passages that can serve as material for a group retreat or for personal reflection.”

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Christians and Muslims both have an abundance of names for God. The Bible provides Christians with a rich array of names for God, and the ninety-nine Names that Islam gives traditionally to God are drawn from the Qur'an. *Praise the Name of the Lord* is an offering of texts, from the Qur'an and the Bible, meant to lead to meditation and prayer.

To pray starting from the texts of another religion can help us to acquire a better appreciation of that religion. It is possible that we will find different echoes that can capture our attention and may nourish our prayer, encouraging dialogue with the persons among whom we are living.

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Icons in the Western Church

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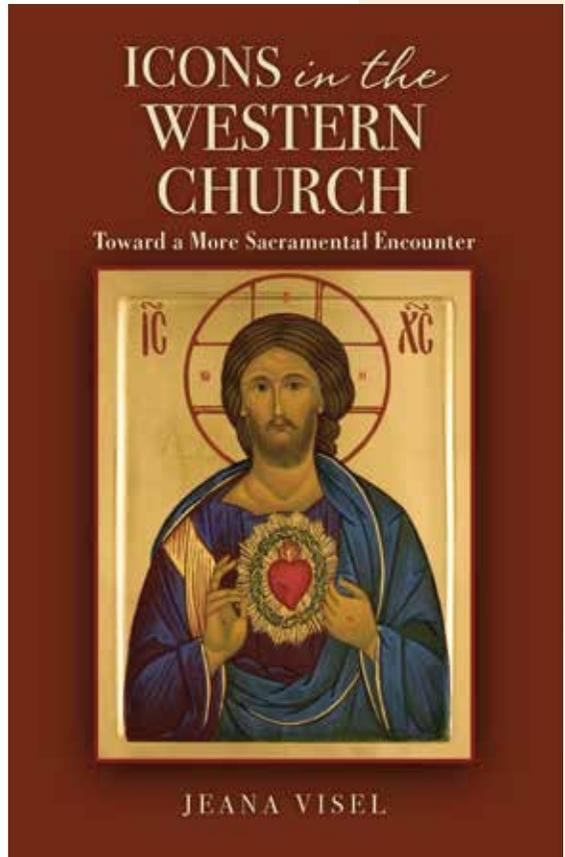
Within the Eastern tradition of Christianity, the *eikon*, or religious image, has long held a place of honor. In the greater part of Western Christianity, however, discomfort with images in worship, both statues and panel icons, has been a relatively common current, particularly since the Reformation. In the Roman Catholic Church, after years of using religious statues, the Second Vatican Council's call for "noble simplicity" in many cases led to a stripping of images that in some ways helped refocus attention on the eucharistic celebration itself but also led to a starkness that has left many Roman Catholics unsure of how to interact with the saints or with religious images at all.

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Jeana Visel, OSB, joined the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, in 2003. She is working on a DMin in spirituality from The Catholic University of America and has been studying icon painting since 2006. She works at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. She is also a contributor to *Give Us This Day*.

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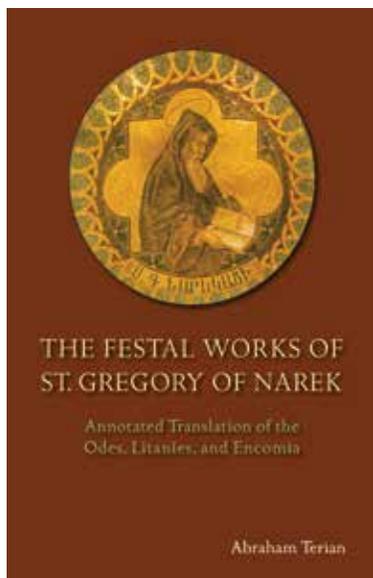
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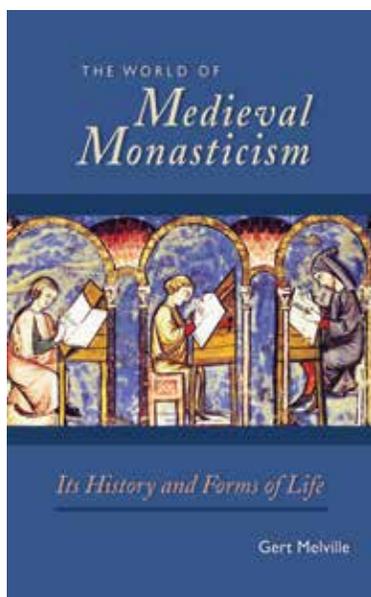
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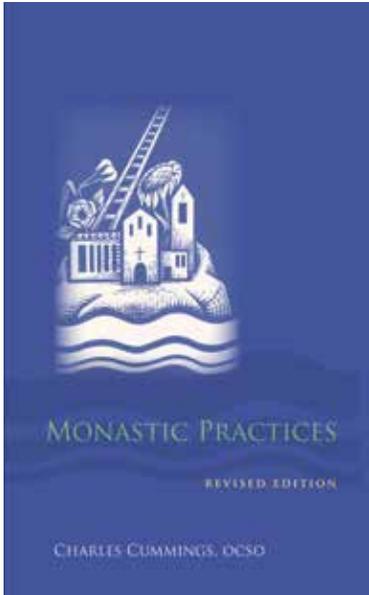
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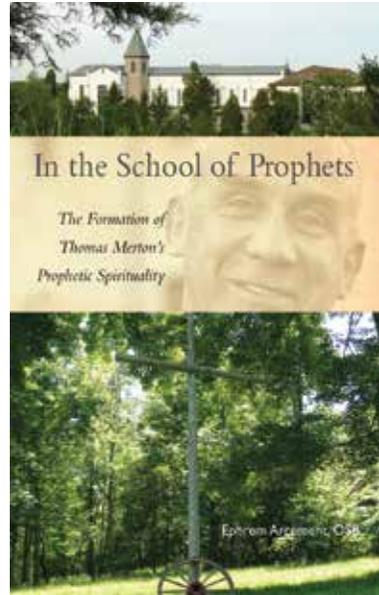
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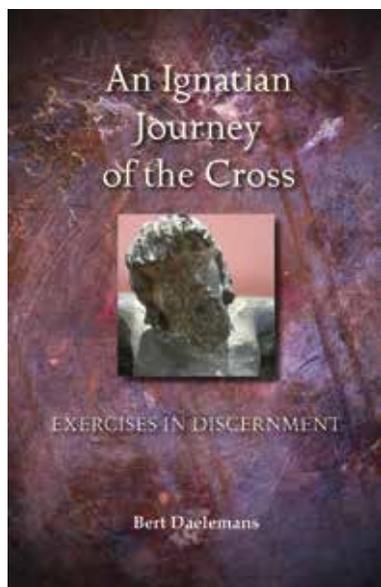
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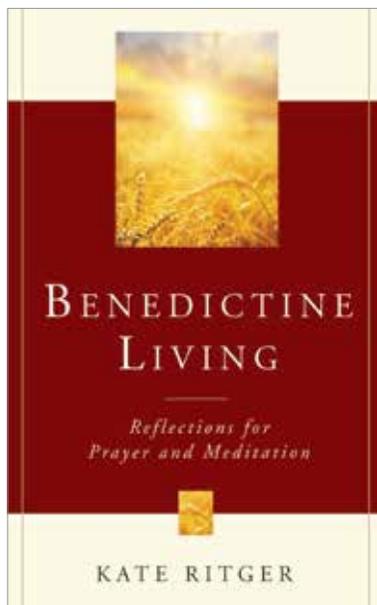
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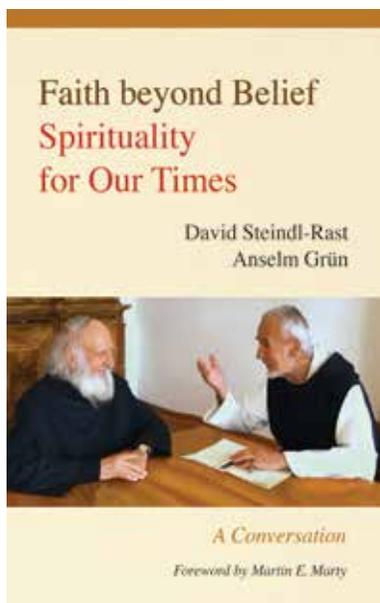
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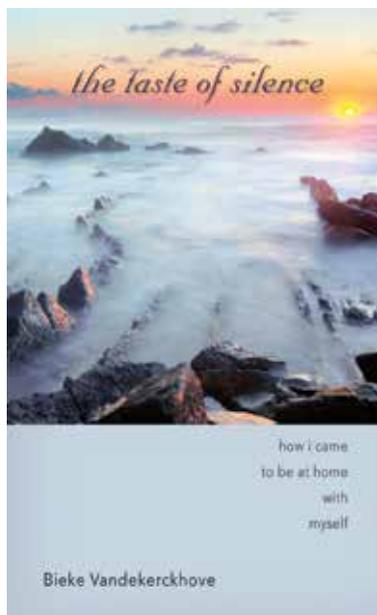
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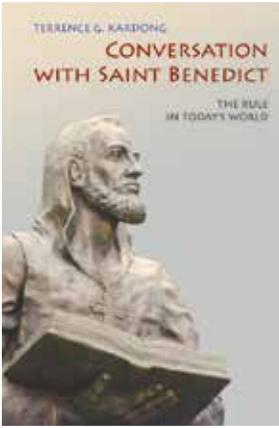
Bieke Vandekerckhove (born 1969) lived in Kuurne, Belgium. In 1988, when she was a psychology major at the University of Leuven, she was diagnosed with ALS and became paralyzed from the pelvis up. With round-the-clock help from husband Bart Verhulst and various assistants, she led an active life of teaching, counseling, and writing for, among others, *Volzin* and *Tertio*. She regularly conducted Zen meetings and retreats at the Benedictine Sint-Andries Abbey in Zevenkerken, Belgium. In 2014 Bieke Vandekerckhove received formal transmission as Zen Master (Ch’an Ssu) in the Chinese Ch’an tradition from internationally known Zen Master Prof. Ton Lathouwers, himself the Dharma-Successor of Ch’an Master Teh Cheng, longtime head of the Guang Hua Ch’an School in China. On the occasion, she received the name Xia Fan Zhi Guang, meaning “Light of Kenosis.” Bieke passed away in her home, early in the evening on September 7, 2015.

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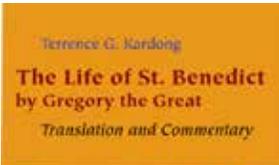
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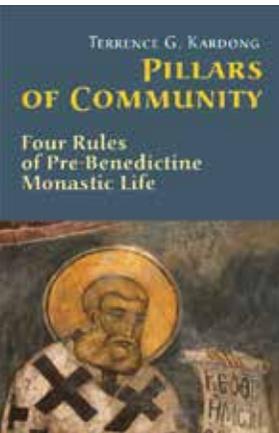
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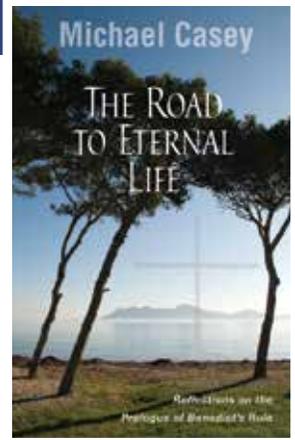
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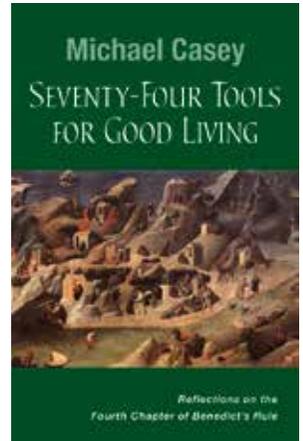
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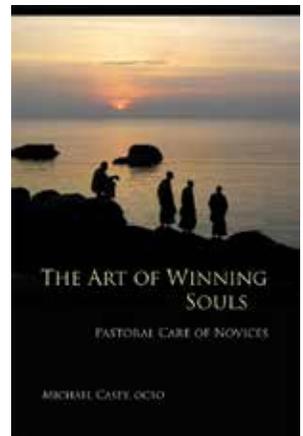
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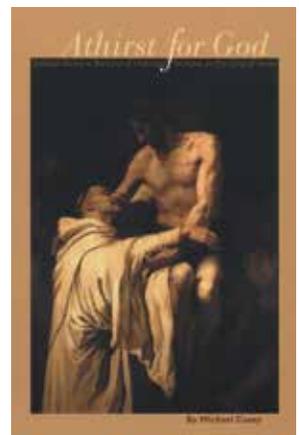


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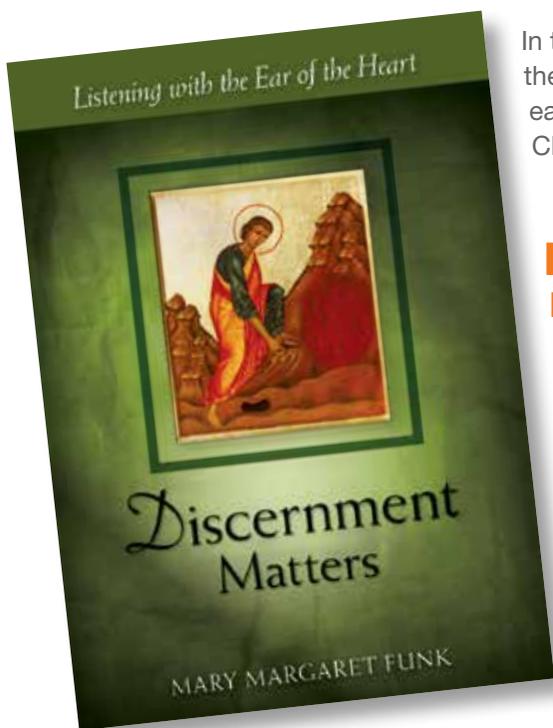
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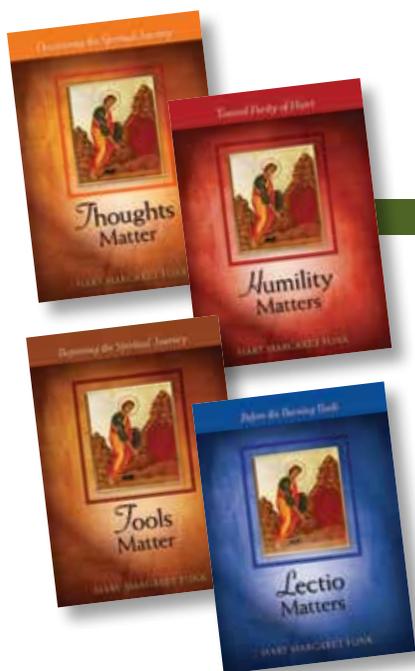
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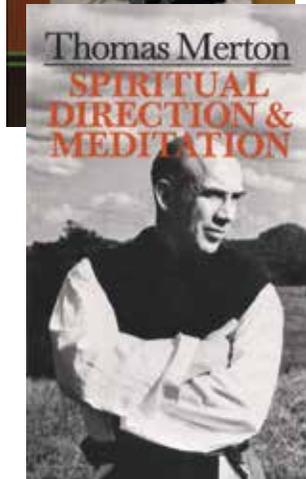
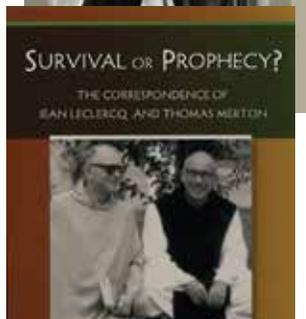
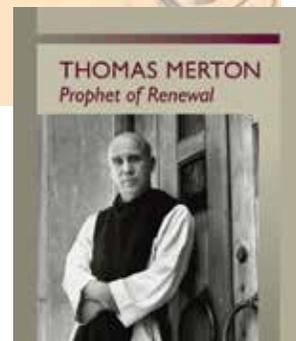
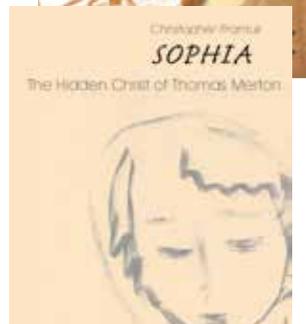
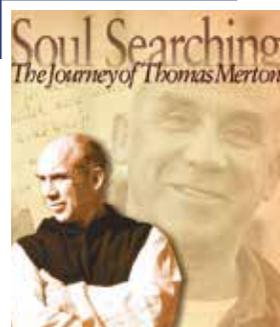
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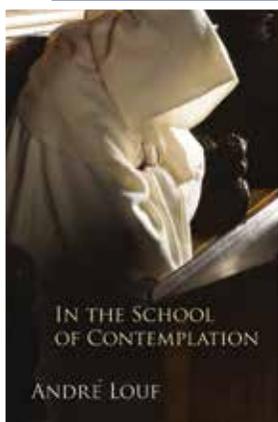
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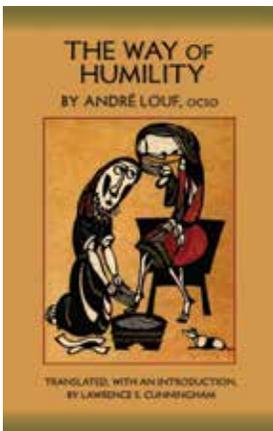
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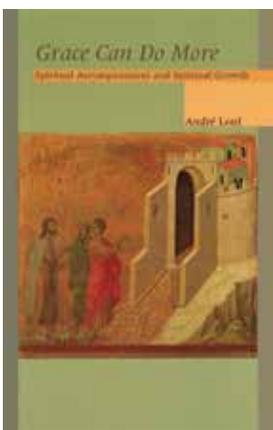


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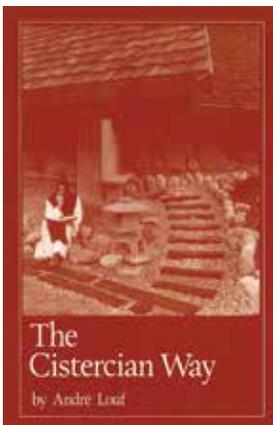
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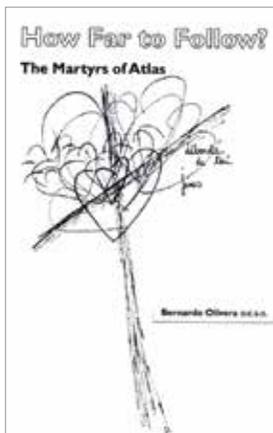
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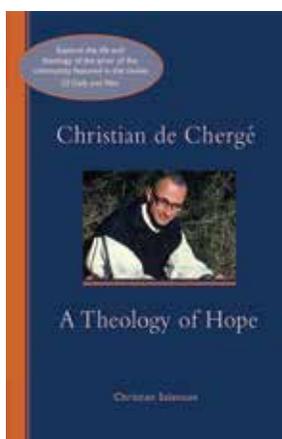
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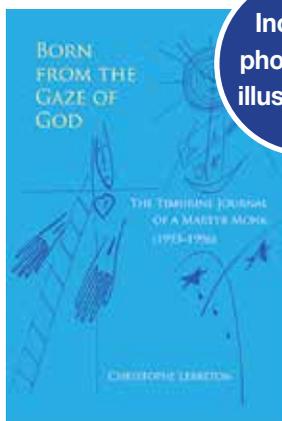
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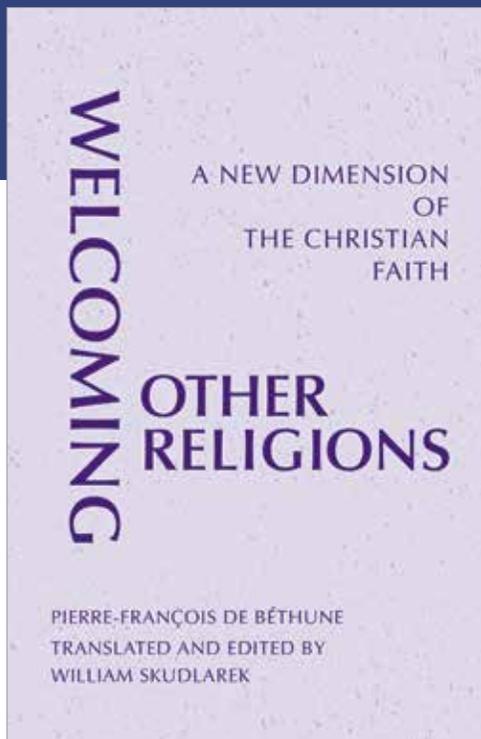
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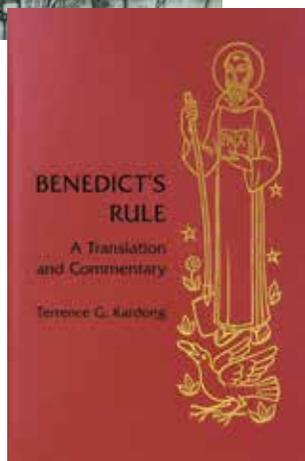
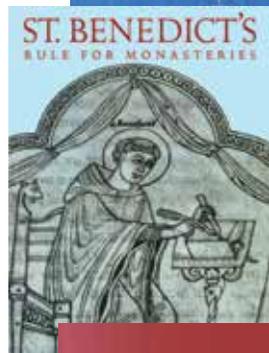
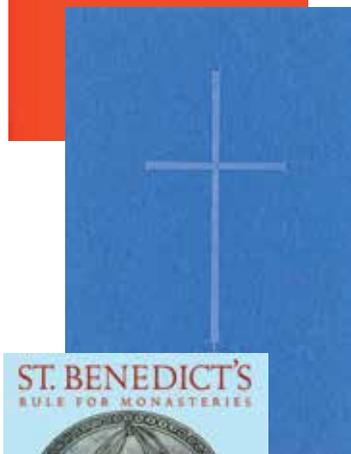
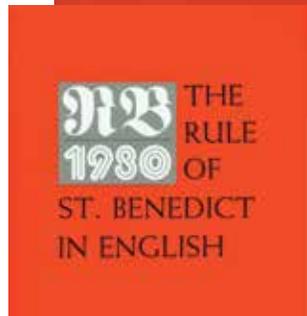
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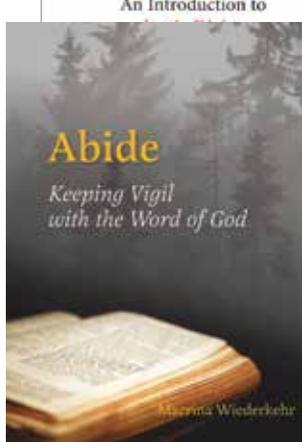
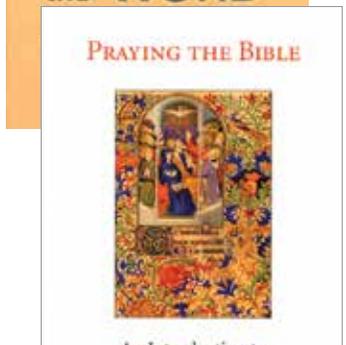
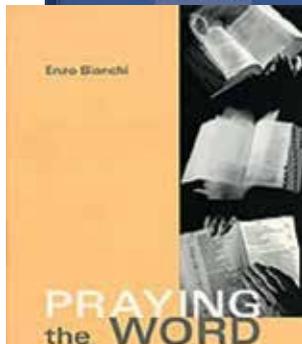
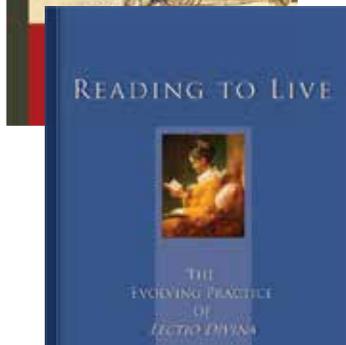
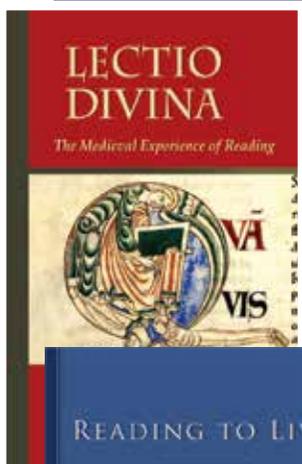
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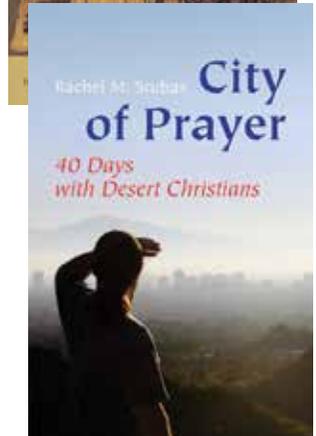
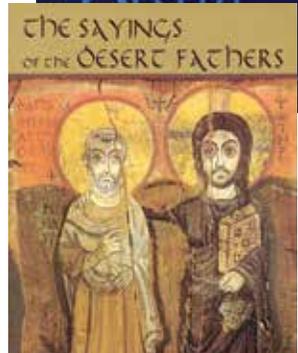
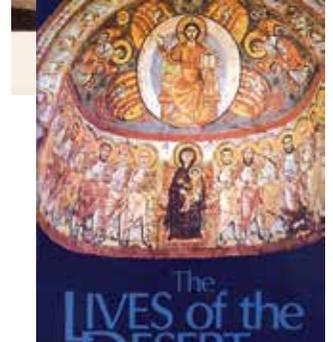
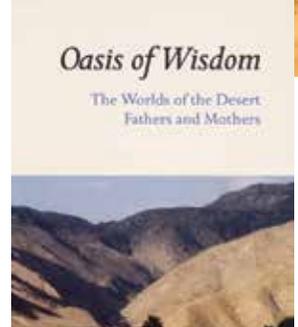
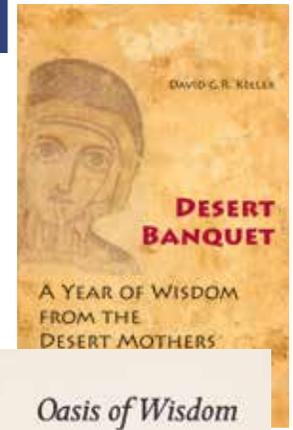
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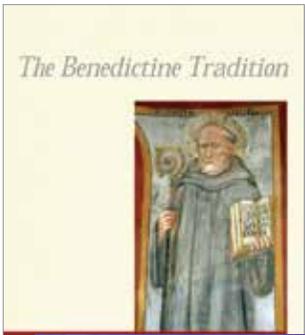
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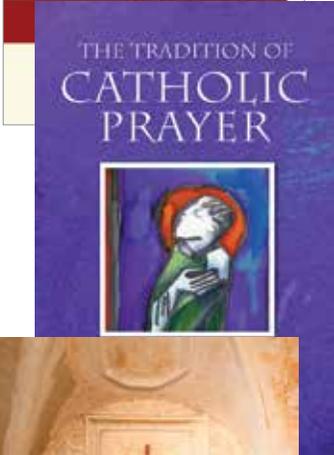
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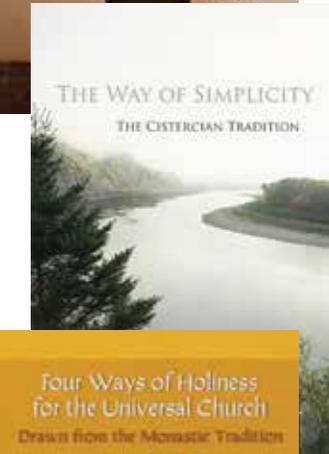
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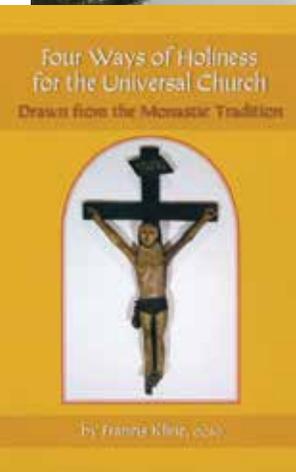
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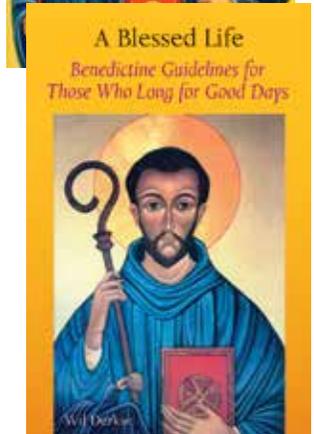
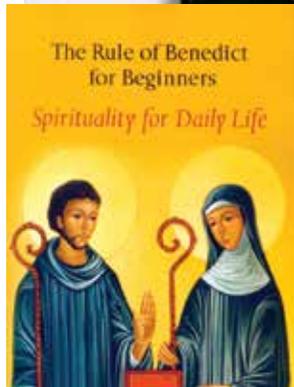
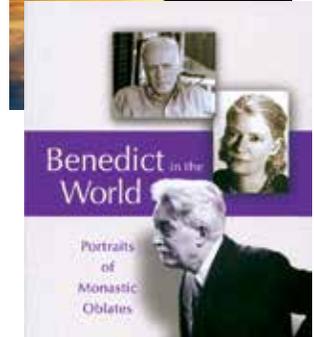
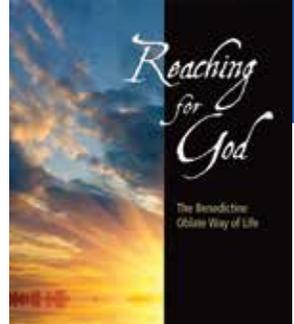
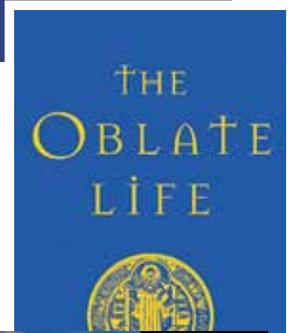
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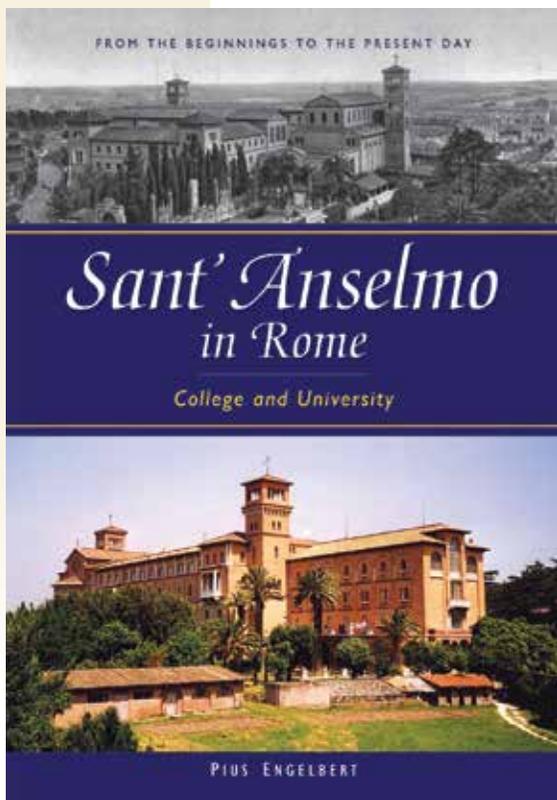
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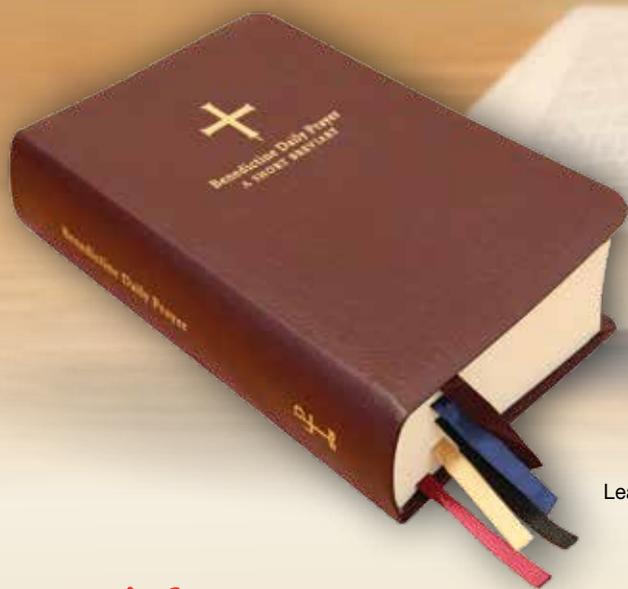
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