

## **RESOURCES FOR VOCATIONS / PRIESTHOOD**

### **The Unchanging Heart of the Priesthood**

Fr. Thomas Acklin, O.S.B.

Emmaus Books, 2005

The author provides a positive, upbeat evaluation of current trends among seminarians and young priests. His analysis of present-day challenges to authentic priestly life and ministry is based on solid scriptural and Christian anthropological foundations, and is reflective of the great insights of Pope John Paul II. This is a true understanding and appreciation of the unchanging heart of the priesthood, of the self-giving life and ministry of Christ the Servant and Priest. **12P.ACKLIN**

### **Christifideles Laici: A Guide for Reflection**

Archdiocese of Toronto

A guide for reflection on the document "Christifideles Laici" for use in small groups. **12P.ARCH**

### **Pastoring the Pastors**

Arthur Baranowski

Resources for training and supporting pastoral facilitators for small faith communities. **12P.BARA**

### **Funeral Homilies by William J. Bausch**

Fr. Bausch's homilies are always outstanding. He brings a deep pastoral presence and much thought and preparation to each of them. Each of the funeral homilies in this book is crafted to reflect the person remembered as well as the message of Scripture and reflects the communal nature of a Catholic funeral and is sensitive to the status of the mourners: non-Catholics, lapsed Catholics, faithful parishioners, relatives, and friends. **12P.BAUS**

### **Pastoral Talks for Special Occasions**

Harold a. Buetow, PHD JD

Alba House, 1994

Father Buetow, with the aid of little stories and practical examples from real life, has put together an extraordinary collection of reflections to hallow numerous special occasions. **12P.BUET**

### **To Be Just Is To Love**

Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.

Paulist Press, 2001

Homilists will be inspired by the fine preaching and others will read and enjoy the insights of one of the leading homilists of the day. **12P.BURG**

### **Christ in Ten Thousand Places**

Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.

Paulist Press, 1999

This collection of homilies is more than a random collection of talks. It represents a new way of looking at, listening to, reading about, watching and participating in people's own cultures, in an attentive manner. **12P.BURG**

### **Preaching the Just Word**

Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.

Yale University Press, 1996

In this inspiring book, one of America's foremost Catholic theologians explains why we must apply biblical justice – and not merely ethical or legal justice – to matters concerning the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized. Pointing to the Christian tradition of profound teaching on social justice, Father Burghardt offers advice to other preachers about the ways to address today's most controversial social issues. **12P.BURG**

### **The Catholic Priesthood and Women**

Sara Butler MSBT

Hillenbrand Books, 2007

This book successfully explores the complex and fundamental questions surrounding the ordination of women to the priesthood for anyone interested in a deep examination of this issue. **12P.BUTL**

### **Toward a Male Spirituality**

John Carmody

Twenty Third Publications

In this intriguing and profound work the author argues for the development of a male spirituality based on experience and potential. The author speaks from his own struggles and hopes, and introduces men who similarly share their thoughts and feelings. Key spiritual topics, such as prayer, work, and love, are dealt with and analyzed in terms of an enriching Christian approach. **12P.CARM**

### **Giving Good Homilies**

Jay Cormier

Ave Maria Press

Focusing on the skills needed to prepare and deliver a good homily or sermon, the author calls on his years of experience in public speaking to get right at the basics. He effectively shows the reader how to better communicate the gospel in liturgical, retreat or paraliturgical settings. An extremely useful guide not only for members of the clergy or those preparing for ministry but for the increasing number of people in church leadership roles who find themselves speaking or making presentations with little or no training for public speaking. **12P.CORM**

### **With the Smell of the Sheep**

Pope Francis

Orbis Book, 2017

The words of Pope Francis touch the core of humanity and priesthood. A guidebook for ministers in the 'field hospital' of the Church. **12P.FRAN**

### **Preparing to Preach**

Barry Glendinning

Novalis

Liturgical preaching is a skill, and preaching in the context of eucharist is even more specific. Those preparing to preach in a liturgical context can improve their preaching by understanding how the homily works in the flow of the celebration. This book provides some pointers and ideas for those entrusted with this service to God's people. **12P.GLEN**

### **The Crucible of Change**

Andrew Greeley

Sheed & Ward

The main thrust of this book is positive. By his analysis of what the parish should and could be, and by his sociological approach to the diocese and the "Church as neighbourhood," Father Greeley moves the discussion of these important topics considerably beyond the present point. **12P.GREE**

### **Preparing to Preside**

J. Frank Henderson

Novalis

Here's a book to help one overcome their anxieties and get start on their preaching ministry. Inside you'll find a number of helpful hints and exercises. If you pay careful attention to both, and with a little practice, you'll soon be doing well what your pastor feels you have the ability to do - preside at worship. **12P.HEND**

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**The Pastoral Companion: A Canon Law Handbook** Huels, J. 12P.HUEL

### **The Priest**

John Paul VI

In this volume Cardinal Montini, now Pope Paul VI speaks to all young men who are newly ordained and just beginning their lives of priestly service. Cardinal Montini's penetrating words are timely in a world that "both scorns and needs the priest." **12P.JOHN**

### **It is His Own Blood**

Vincent McCorry

Father McCorry's expert analysis of the Mass offers a key any interested thinking layman can use to acquire a background founded on a knowledge of and a love for the Mass. **12P.MCCO**

### **Grace upon Grace**

Rev. William F. Maestri

Alba House, 1988

The homily is a bridge connecting the Bible and the altar, the pulpit and the table. The homily nourishes us with insights into the ways we continue to receive grace upon grace. The homilies in this book will help to provide the preacher with some personal spiritual nourishment to preach with wisdom and power. **12P.MAES**

### **A Practical Guide to Priestly Wellness**

National Federation of Presbyteral Councils, 2004

Priests are encouraged to use this guide as an aid to personal reflection; as a means for group discussions using the group process provided; as a basis for support groups; and for Council of Priests and Deanery meetings. **12P.NFPC**

### **Poverty, Celibacy and Abedience**

#### **A Man and His God**

Martin Pable, OFM Cap.

Are men the "forgotten sex" when it comes to spirituality? Father Pable believes there is a real spiritual hunger among many men today. They are interested in reading about spiritual growth, "but most of what is written does not speak to their concerns." In this delightfully written book he sets out to help change that, to show just what spirituality looks like and what it does to a man's life. **12P.PABL**

#### **The Art of the Confessor**

Fr. Michael R. Prieur, S.T.D.

2017

#### **Priestly Ministry: A Search for its Meaning**

Joseph Ratzinger

The Sentinel Press

**12P.RATZ**

#### **Finding the Treasure**

Sandra M. Schneiders, I.H.M.

Paulist Press, 2000

This book examines major questions of celibacy, permanent commitment, formation, community, vows, prayer and more. It tackles issues of patriarchy, feminism and the role of women in the church. **12P.SCHN**

#### **Priesthood in the Third Millennium: Addresses of Pope John Paul II, 1993**

Compiles by James P. Socias

Scepter Publishers, 1994

This book is a collection of a series of talks by Pope John Paul II on the priesthood. **12P.SOCI**

### **Changing Pastors**

Thomas Sweetser, S.J., Mary McKinney, O.S.B.

Sheed & Ward, 1998

The co-authors offer the reader a dynamic, graced and practical way to involve the people of God in the process of pastoral transitions. This book offers hope for the future of both parishes and pastors. **12P.SWEE**

**Nothing for Granted... stepping stones to God**

Peter Timmins

**12P.TIMM**

**Handbook of Patrology**

Tixeront - Raemers

Patrology is the study of the life and works of the men designated by that name. A study of the works of the early fathers, from the fathers of the first three centuries to 750 **12P.TIXE**

**Directory on the Ministry and Life of Priests**

Congregation for the Clergy **12P.VARI**

**Homilies for the Active Christian**

Fr. Arnold Weber, OSB

Cabin Six Books, 2006

Fr. Weber had the remarkable gift of giving a homily that truly transformed the members of his parish community. These inspirational homilies have been collected into this book. It is hoped that these homilies will continue to bless and transform all who read them. **12P.WEBER**

## VIDEOS IN O.R.E.

### **TO BECOME A PRIEST**

**PUBLISHED:** Archdiocese of New York (1989)

This video examines the seminary formation program of the Archdiocese of New York. Filmed during the spring of 1989. Interviews are conducted with students, seminarians and the faculty. Jr. High-Adult. 30 min. **VID#: 14.700**

### **THE VOCATION TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE FOR WOMEN**

“An intimate and joyful communion of life with Him.” Knights of Columbus **DVD#: 14.701**

### **AN ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD PUBLISHED:** Diocese of Kingston (1984)

A video of an actual Ordination ceremony. **LENGTH:** 1 hr. **VID#: 14.702**  
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### **TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL**

**PUBLISHED:** Liguori Publications (1992)

Inspired by the life of Jesus, men and women through the ages have chosen to follow not only the gospel message but also the lifestyle of Christ. This video features men and women of different religious orders talking about their call to serve God. Aware of their individual gifts, they believe they have been called to commit their lives to God in a religious order, a group that shares similar values, and through their special charism, live and work for the greater good of God's people. Viewers are invited to consider this vocation as a real choice for their lives. **GUIDE. LENGTH:** 20 min. **VID#: 14.704**

### **CALLED BY GOD: WHAT IS VOCATION? PUBLISHED:** Liguori Publications (1992)

Vocation is beyond our lifework, it is beyond our occupation. It is not just God calling a person, but it involves the person in an active way. It is a form of relationship in which the person is a free and willing partner. This video offers practical ideas and suggestions for discussion on all vocations in the Church -- single and married life as well as priesthood and religious life. It is suitable for high school and adult viewing. It asks important questions like: What is a vocation? Does everybody have one? How can you determine whether the call you hear is from God or from self-interest? Why is your state of life not the same as your vocation? **GUIDE LENGTH:** 20 min. **VID#: 14.705**

**VID#: 14.706**

### **GOD'S CALL: A FAMILY AFFAIR**

**PUBLISHED:** Serra International's USA/Canada Vocations Committee

In this video, you will learn firsthand how dynamic young men and women, together with their parents, come to realize God's call to the priesthood and religious life. Come share with us the journey they have travelled. **LENGTH:** 27 min. **VID#: 14.707**

**VID#: 14.708**

### **CHURCH WITHOUT BORDERS**

This video examines the experiences of young people from the United States and Latin America who share their faith through creative inter-American missionary programs. During the last five centuries, missionaries have dedicated their lives to bringing Christianity to the Americas. As a result of their efforts, churches were built, schools begun, and entire communities formed. This video illustrates the need for all Catholics to appreciate the traditions and cultures that every Catholic brings to the faith and shows how each have a connection to Christ. **GUIDE. LENGTH: 60 min. VID#: 14.709**

### **“I AM JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER”: From Darkness to Light to Partnership**

Pope John Paul II called his March 2000 pilgrimage to the Holy Land a personal journey. But it was also the climax of another journey that has lasted for half a century - the journey of the Catholic Church's recognition of, and reconciliation with, the Jewish people. This is a story of self-examination and soul searching. It is the revolutionary story of estranged brothers and sisters beginning to speak with one another, leading to deeper understanding and genuine mutual respect. **GUIDE. LENGTH: 60 min. VID#: 14.710**

### **INTRODUCING THE COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Companions of the Cross are a new community of Roman Catholic priests and seminarians based in Ottawa, Ontario. They were founded by Fr. Bob Bedard in 1985. Their charism is evangelization. They are growing rapidly, having recently established new foundations in Toronto and Houston, Texas. This video gives the viewer a better understanding of who and what this new community is about. 21 min. **VID#: 14.711**

### **PREPARING NEW APOSTLES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**

*NET* Ministries of Canada. **VID#: 14.712**