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God's Voice Within - Mark E. Thibodeaux 2010-11-01

Many of us do not trust our own thoughts, feelings, and desires when it comes to discerning God's will. Instead we look outside ourselves to determine what God wants from and for us. In *God's Voice Within*, spiritual director Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ, shows us how to use Ignatian discernment to access our own spiritual intuition and understand that the most trustworthy wisdom of all comes not from outside sources, but from God working through us. *God's Voice Within* is intended for people who know that there is more to the spiritual life than they are currently experiencing and are ready to take the next step in their walk of faith by making effective discernment—specifically Ignatian discernment—a daily practice. Ultimately, *God's Voice Within* teaches us to discern what is at the root of our actions and emotions, which in turn allows us to respond to God's promptings inside us rather than unconsciously reacting to life around us.

Spiritual Discernment - Watchman Nee 2010-03-24

Listen to the prayer of the apostle Paul for his beloved church in Philippi: "this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto the day of Christ" (Phil. 1.9-10). What was it that inspired him to offer such a prayer for the dear saints in Philippi? Do we today desperately need the same prayer? We talk about love and fellowship, and yet we encounter many problems and failures. What is the missing link to a glorious church? Can it be the lack of "full knowledge and all perception that ye may prove [or, distinguish] the things that differ" (literal translation)? Certainly spiritual discernment is the pressing need of today. How can we obtain this full knowledge of God? Where do we get spiritual discernment that we may know the things which differ or are more excellent? These are the matters which brother Watchman Nee tried to address during his latter years of ministry. This present volume, entitled *Spiritual Discernment* is composed of three parts: Abound in Knowledge, Abound in Discernment, and Approve the Excellent. The Publishers were able to acquire these Notes in Chinese recently, and they have now been translated into English for sharing with the English-speaking saints. May these Notes help many in meeting the pressing need of today.

Spirituality in Business - J. Biberman 2008-05-12

An innovative look at some of the latest research on the intersection of spirituality and business.

How The Light Shines - Trisha Elliott 2021-09-01

This book is for caregivers who have a desire not only to hone their caring skills, but also to deepen their relationship with God through their care. It explores feelings of loss and challenge, but turns always towards potential and hope. THESE ARE THE FACTS: There are over 100 types of dementia affecting over 50 million people around the world. But if you're picking up this book, you probably already know that. Unfortunately, knowing the hard numbers doesn't make caregiving less demanding, challenging, exhausting, and, yes, many times and in many ways, potentially uplifting. Caregiving is typically understood as an activity, as something we do - likely because caregivers do a lot. But caregiving is deeper than what we do. It is more than a series of tasks. It is, first and foremost, a call to love. In *How the Light Shines* each chapter engages an issue raised by caregivers themselves and is filled with real-life stories that convey the

realities of caregiving, as well as tips and advice, and spiritual insight and guidance. It is written with both individuals and groups in mind. Each chapter includes questions and, for personal or group reflection, a spiritual practice and a prayer grounded in the pain and possibilities of it all.

Act Justly, Love Tenderly - Neafsey, John 2016-10-13

Inspired by the words of the prophet Michah to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly before God, the author describes how we realize our vocation to holiness as it is expressed throughout the various stages of life.

God Isn't Finished with Me Yet - Barbara Lee 2018-03-01

2019 Illumination Book Awards, Gold: Christian Living 2019 Living Now Book Awards, Gold: Meditation/Relaxation 2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Health: Aging/50+ 2018 Independent Press Awards, Winner: Aging I haven't finished with my life, and neither has God. As we see fewer years ahead than behind, it can be easy to question our value or what we have left to contribute to our communities. How can we continue to give back and live with purpose in our later years? Barbara Lee is living this reality every day, and in this book she describes the intersection of aging with the timelessness of Ignatian spirituality. *God Isn't Finished with Me Yet* shows readers how God meets us with unexpected grace. In five succinct chapters, Lee shows how Ignatian prayer and discernment offer those in later life a path to discovering previously unknown vocations and new ways of living and being of service. You're still living your life, and God is still revealing His grace.

Getting It Right - Viva Bartkus 2008-07-23

To be a successful business leader, executives need to make values-based problem solving a habit of mind, argue management experts and Notre Dame professors Viva Bartkus and Ed Conlon. In *Getting It Right*, Bartkus and Conlon draw on insights from consulting, management, and academia to deliver a powerful message: no matter how chaotic the marketplace, leaders can still address even the most staggering challenges in a calm and confident manner.

The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times - Dean Brackley 2004

Fr. Brackley uses the timeless insights of Ignatius to explain a genuine spiritual methodology: True ways of decisionmaking for living better, more fulfilled lives.

The Pilgrim's Story - Brendan Comerford 2021-02-01

Learn about St. Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Journey to Continue Yours Whether you are a novice or an expert in Ignatian spirituality, *The Pilgrim's Story* satisfies with fresh perspective and deep insight into the life of Saint Ignatius Loyola and his monumental works. Thoughtfully written by Brendan Comerford, SJ, *The Pilgrim's Story* goes beyond a simple biography to explain how the life of Saint Ignatius affected his Spiritual Exercises and describe how Ignatian spirituality can help each of us understand our own spiritual longings and experiences. Part One provides an accurate, high-energy portrait of the saint—covering critical moments in Ignatius's life while bringing in sources both complimentary and critical. Part Two deals specifically with Ignatius's spirituality, stressing the importance of having a personal experience of God, a call for the reader as it was for the saint. The result is a realistic, balanced view of Ignatius as well as a

concise introduction to Ignatian spirituality, the Spiritual Exercises, and the Examen—his most important gifts to the world.

Renewing Theology - J. Matthew Ashley 2022-07-15

This comprehensive study investigates the role that Ignatian spirituality has played in the renewal of academic theology using three prominent Jesuits as case studies. Over several centuries, spirituality has come to define a field of concerns and themes increasingly treated separately from those of academic theology, as if the latter had little relation to the former. This raises the question for us today: How is spirituality related to the practice of theology? In *Renewing Theology*, J. Matthew Ashley provides an answer by turning to Ignatian spirituality and three prominent twentieth-century theologians who embraced its spiritual resources: Karl Rahner, Ignacio Ellacuría, and Jorge Mario Bergoglio—that is, Pope Francis. Ashley begins his investigation by considering the historical origins of the widening separation between spirituality and academic theology in the Christian West. He provides an initial overview of Ignatian spirituality, focusing on the openness and multidimensionality of Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises, presented here as a text in which the conditions of modernity that defined its author's world are present, at least incipiently. Ashley then offers three case studies in order to show how each Jesuit—Rahner, Ellacuría, and Pope Francis—responded to the challenges of modernity in a way that is uniquely nourished and illuminated by themes constitutive of Ignatian spirituality. Their theologies, Ashley suggests, evince a particular clarity and force when the Ignatian spirituality that animates them is foregrounded. Providing new and productive avenues into understanding the theologies of these three individuals, this sophisticated and enlightening book will interest scholars and students of systematic theology, as well as readers who are interested in the future of theology and spirituality in a fragmented age.

Social Analysis for the 21st Century - Cimperman, Maria 2015-09-30

Toward a Micro-Political Theology - Yin-An Chen 2022-09-14

Has liberation theology reached a dead end? Has the time come to propose another strategy of political resistance, one that considers and takes account of the complexity of power relationships in daily life? How can we explore the deeper meaning of freedom and liberation? This book begins with a reflection on the "failure" of social movements and revolutions and a review of the methodologies of liberation theologies. Offering a brand-new micro-political theology, it attempts to demonstrate how Michel Foucault can help us recognize the limitations of our standard definitions of liberation. Continuing Foucault's critical engagement with desire, sexuality, and the body, this book opens a fresh dialogue between Althaus-Reid's indecent theology, Latin American liberation theology, and radical orthodoxy, leading to an exploration of how that dialogue can remind us that spirituality and the transformative practice of the self can themselves be fully political. It also urges prayer as both the radical root of political resistance and its action.

Experiencing God's Compassion - Virginia A. Blass 2022

Over the past thirty years, while offering retreats, xspiritual direction, and preached missions, the author was privileged to accompany many on their spiritual journey. She highlights here their common desires for peace, purpose, and meaning in life, ways to deal with suffering and death, among other life experiences. The author recounts how each experienced a "breakthrough" moment in their relationship with God. Reading these stories, one can easily recognize that transforming moment when each person experienced God's compassion and as a result, everything changed in his or her life. These stories capture various dynamic aspects of our spiritual journey with God and others. Ultimately, at the heart of our spiritual journey is God's never-ending desire to draw us into a loving relationship. We too can rediscover that God has been searching for us, while we have been searching for God. Through the reading of these stories, scripture, and insights, we can reclaim our own desires and continue to deepen in loving union with our compassionate God, and be "carriers" of compassion for others. +

When the Gospel Grows Feet - Thomas M. Kelly 2013

The Salvadoran priest Rutilio Grande, SJ, was killed in a hall of bullets on March 12, 1977, along with two passengers in the car he drove. The impact of this killing transformed his friend and archbishop, Oscar Romero, as well as the church in Latin America and throughout the world. How could powerful forces

within the overwhelmingly Catholic country of El Salvador execute a Roman Catholic priest and two innocent people in broad daylight in front of witnesses? Why would this same government go to the extreme of murdering thousands of lay Catholic ministers, dozens of priests, and even the nation's archbishop? Why would the government, and the oligarchy that supported it, believe it necessary to repress the church in such a brutal manner? Thomas Kelly finds answers to these questions by exploring the church's identity and mission during the colonial period (1500 - 1820) and the transformative impact of Vatican II (1962 - 65) on the Latin American bishops. He considers Grande's life, formation, ministry, and death and his impact on Archbishop Romero. Finally, Kelly explains what Grande and the church of El Salvador can teach North American Catholics today.

Spiritual Exercises Reclaimed, 2nd Edition, The - Liebert, Elizabeth 2022-09-07

This new anniversary edition is a companion to the Spiritual Exercises that does justice to women's experience across contexts and social locations. While acknowledging obstacles that the Exercises hold for women in various contexts, the authors provide fresh interpretations of every aspect of this spiritual classic. They bring together feminist consciousness, a broad knowledge of psychology and theology, and the compassionate insight of experienced spiritual guides.

An Ignatian Spirituality Reader - George W. Traub 2008

An Ignatian Spirituality Reader is a collection of the finest short essays on Ignatian spirituality and its founder, Ignatius Loyola. These 18 essays on Ignatian spirituality, compiled by George W. Traub, SJ, are written by a veritable "Who's Who" of Ignatian spirituality experts (including Howard Gray, SJ; William A. Barry, SJ; Dennis Hamm, SJ; Ron Hansen; and many others). These essays on Ignatian spirituality will be of particular interest to those involved in all forms of Jesuit ministry, but also to any lay individual seeking to broaden his or her understanding of Ignatian practices and principles. For further information on Ignatian Spirituality, please visit our sister site: www.IgnatianSpirituality.com

Handbook of Research on Integrating Spirituality in Modern Workplaces - Garg, Naval 2022-04-15

Workplace spirituality has become a popular topic in today's society as it has been reported to have a positive association with employee performance, organizational citizenship behavior, employee engagement and commitment, team building, and the physical and psychological health of employees. Integrating spirituality into the workplace provides a number of organizational benefits that require further study, particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The *Handbook of Research on Integrating Spirituality in Modern Workplaces* discusses the numerous benefits of spirituality in the workplace and considers best practices and approaches for successful implementation. Covering topics such as emotional labor and job satisfaction, this major reference work is ideal for researchers, practitioners, academicians, managers, business professionals, instructors, and students.

When God Talks Back - T.M. Luhrmann 2012-03-27

How does God become and remain real for modern evangelicals? How are rational, sensible people of faith able to experience the presence of a powerful yet invisible being and sustain that belief in an environment of overwhelming skepticism? T. M. Luhrmann, an anthropologist trained in psychology and the acclaimed author of *Of Two Minds*, explores the extraordinary process that leads some believers to a place where God is profoundly real and his voice can be heard amid the clutter of everyday thoughts. While attending services and various small group meetings at her local branch of the Vineyard, an evangelical church with hundreds of congregations across the country, Luhrmann sought to understand how some members were able to communicate with God, not just through one-sided prayers but with discernable feedback. Some saw visions, while others claimed to hear the voice of God himself. For these congregants and many other Christians, God was intensely alive. After holding a series of honest, personal interviews with Vineyard members who claimed to have had isolated or ongoing supernatural experiences with God, Luhrmann hypothesized that the practice of prayer could train a person to hear God's voice—to use one's mind differently and focus on God's voice until it became clear. A subsequent experiment conducted between people who were and weren't practiced in prayer further illuminated her conclusion. For those who have trained themselves to concentrate on their inner experiences, God is experienced in the brain as an actual social relationship: his voice was identified, and that identification was trusted and regarded as real and interactive. Astute, deeply intelligent, and sensitive, *When God Talks Back* is a remarkable approach to the

intersection of religion, psychology, and science, and the effect it has on the daily practices of the faithful.

Divine Revolution - Dean Brackley 2004-09-27

A compelling exploration of one of the central issues - if not 'the' central issue - facing theology in our time: the relation between transcendent salvation and temporal liberation. What does the salvation that the church proclaims mean for the poor of the world? In 'Divine Revolution', Dean Brackley presents in a comprehensive yet manageable way what Catholic theology has to say about this complex and urgent topic. He addresses the historical as well as the systematic dimensions of the question, providing insights that point toward an understanding of the issues that challenge conservative and liberal interpretations alike. In a work of great daring and clarity, Brackley surveys the confusion surrounding the social-historical dimension of salvation in Catholic thought. He shows the irony of the fact that, after 2,000 years, what salvation means for the poor in relationship to their concrete plight remains a 'quaestio disputata' for official, Magisterial teaching. Going deeply into the relationship of salvation and liberation, Brackley explores the thought of Maritain, Rahner, and Gutierrez to demonstrate how the 'synbolon' of the Reign of God that Jesus announces transcends the tired theological distinctions of all sides in the debate. Drawing from developments in feminist and Protestant theology, as well as contemporary social theory, 'Divine Revolution' offers a fresh understanding of what it means to participate in God's revolutionary reign. Catholic tradition, Brackley argues, has great potential to articulate a hope which responds to the suffering of the poor in our time. When conventional wisdom says compassion-fatigued Americans are tired of hearing about the poor, Brackley responds, The poor are far more tired of being poor. They, too, would like to move on to other things, but they cannot.

Just Call Me Lopez - Margaret Silf 2012-08-01

Just Call Me Lopez is a recipient of the QED Seal, which stands for Quality, Excellence, Design for ebooks and applications and a PIA (Publishing Innovation Awards) finalist. What do we have in common with a man from the sixteenth century—or even more so, a saint from the sixteenth century? Probably a lot more than you think. St. Ignatius of Loyola wasn't always the heroic and holy figure that you hear about today; he was a flawed, fallible, and relatable man named Íñigo Lopez. In Just Call Me Lopez, a twenty-first-century woman, Rachel, meets the man who becomes the saint, and both are transformed by their unlikely friendship and series of thought-provoking conversations. Their worlds literally collide when Rachel is struck by a hit-and-run driver, and Lopez is there to help her. They realize that this chance accident is actually an act of God that allows Rachel and Lopez, through the medium of their friendship, to come to terms with their personal struggles. Lopez shares his life with Rachel, describing the obstacles he faces during his unbelievable conversion from a womanizing soldier to a man of God. While Rachel keeps mostly silent about her personal struggles, she observes and is astounded by Lopez's metamorphosis from mess to mystic. Rachel finally faces her troubling situation, and Lopez gently guides her through the process of discernment to make a difficult, but inspired, life choice. Just Call Me Lopez helps us realize that our very human faults and imperfect behavior do not prevent us from receiving God's grace; rather, knowing our weaknesses and giving ourselves over to the Holy Spirit can create a new way for us to live.

The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor - Kathleen P. Rushton 2020-07-10

Focused around the lectionary readings from the Gospel, "The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor" suggests that far from being a Gospel which sits at a safe remove from every day life, it can in fact be preached as an urgent call to hear the voices of the oppressed in our world.

Imaginative Preaching - Geoff New 2015-10-14

From generation-to-generation there has been an anguished cry from preachers about preaching - there is no imagination! The Scriptures present the wondrous hope and vision of "Kingdom Come" and yet contemporary preaching can often be mute and blind by comparison. This book explores what is possible when the Scripture to be preached is prayed through the agency of two ancient prayer disciplines: lectio divina and Ignatian Gospel Contemplation. Through the experiences of eight vocational pastor-preachers this study tracks the difficulties, discoveries and delights as they commit to utilizing these prayer disciplines as part of their regular sermon preparation. The reader will be orientated to what a biblical imagination entails and how praying the Scriptures affects the preacher, sermon and listener. Careful explanation of how to pray using lectio divina and Ignatian Gospel Contemplation is included. This work is,

in places, a raw examination of the forces that regularly conspire against the preacher as they endeavour to faithfully expound the Scriptures. The study is a rousing exclamation of the joy experienced when a preacher's imagination and their preparation is formed by the Spirit, bringing the Scriptures to bear on all who speak and hear it.

Catholic Social Learning - Roger C. Bergman 2011

The canon for Catholic social teaching spreads to six hundred pages, yet fewer than two pages are devoted to Catholic social learning or pedagogy. In this long-needed book, Roger Bergman begins to correct that gross imbalance. He asks: How do we educate (lead out) the faith that does justice? How is commitment to social justice provoked and sustained over a lifetime? To address these questions, Bergman weaves what he has learned from thirty years as a faith-that-does-justice educator with the best of current scholarship and historical authorities. He reflects on personal experience; the experience of Church leaders, lay activists, and university students; and the few words the tradition itself has to say about a pedagogy for justice. Catholic Social Learning explores the foundations of this pedagogy, demonstrates its practical applications, and illuminates why and how it is fundamental to Catholic higher education. Part I identifies personal encounters with the poor and marginalized as key to stimulating a hunger and thirst for justice. Part II presents three applications of Catholic social learning: cross-cultural immersion as illustrated by Creighton University's Semestre Dominicano program; community-based service learning; and the teaching of moral exemplars such as Dorothy Day, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Archbishop Oscar Romero. Part III then elucidates how a pedagogy for justice applies to the traditional liberal educational mission of the Catholic university, and how it can be put into action. Catholic Social Learning is both a valuable, practical resource for Christian educators and an important step forward in the development of a transformative pedagogy.

The Ignatian Adventure - Kevin O'Brien 2011-09-01

NOW AVAILABLE IN SPANISH AS La aventura ignaciana! Third Place, Prayers & Spirituality category ACP Excellence in Publishing Awards, 2012 There is no better guide than St. Ignatius Loyola if one desires to discover how faith and everyday life can thrive together. In The Ignatian Adventure, Kevin O'Brien, SJ, follows St. Ignatius's lead and offers today's time-strapped individual a unique way of "making" the Spiritual Exercises in daily life. The first part of O'Brien's book provides helpful background information, including a brief history of St. Ignatius, an explanation of the Spiritual Exercises and their purpose, and a description of different ways to make the Exercises. The book's core offers 32 weeks of prayer and meditations to draw participants into a deeper encounter with God. But what truly sets this book apart from other 19th annotations is how O'Brien has woven throughout the chapters his own personal accounts of living out the Exercises in everyday life. Through his deeply moving stories, readers discover how the Exercises intersect with the real world. The Ignatian Adventure is an ideal resource for spiritual directors, but its user-friendly, down-to-earth style also makes it perfect for any individual seeking a deeper life of prayer.

The Art of Discernment - Stefan Kiechle 2005

A way to make important decisions--look at the pros and cons, consider the decision, listen to your heart, and seek the freedom to do what's best.

Putting on the Heart of Christ - Gerald M. Fagin 2011-05-01

Putting on the Heart of Christ by Gerald M. Fagin, SJ, offers a fresh look at the Spiritual Exercises through the lens of virtue ethics. In doing so, the book encourages us to become the kind of person whose very life is in tune with the heart of Christ. Fr. Fagin covers 15 virtues throughout the book, including gratitude, reverence, and forgiveness. Each is explained within the context of the Spiritual Exercises and the life of St. Ignatius, as well as within the context of Scripture. Ultimately, Fr. Fagin uses virtue ethics along with the Spiritual Exercises to help us think beyond. What has God called me and to think quite specifically in terms of Who has God called me to be.

Prophetic Obedience - Hinze, Bradford E. 2016-03-08

Living Against the Grain - Tim Muldoon 2017-04-01

2019 Best Book Awards, Finalist: Religion: Christianity 2018 Catholic Press Association Book Awards,

Second Place: Children's Books and Books for Teens By discerning our deepest desires, we discover our truest selves. Today's popular culture thrives on telling us what we should do and who we should be. We need to have the prestigious job, the perfect relationship, the jam-packed social life, and we need to show it all off on social media. But can achieving those things provide the fulfillment that we all long for? Is there something bigger and better out there waiting for us? Tim Muldoon has counseled countless young adults on this very issue. In *Living Against the Grain*, Muldoon offers a field-tested strategy for those facing a time of transition to help them discern their deepest desires and discover their true purpose in and for this world. Each chapter focuses on a crucial aspect of decision making, such as traveling the unpaved road, discovering your calling, finding inner freedom, and loving authentically. Throughout the chapters, Muldoon poses reflective questions that make the material both personal and practical. By engaging in the unique discernment process found in this book, you'll be wholly equipped to find the path you were meant to follow and become the person you were created to be.

Journeying with Joseph - Mary Cresp 2021-07-15

The Church in the Modern World - Michael G. Lawler 2014-09-25

Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, marked fundamental shifts in ethical methodology, in how we do ethics in the Catholic tradition, and in how we think about ethical and ecclesial issues in the Catholic Church in the modern world. On the document's fiftieth anniversary, this book explores the historical origins of *Gaudium et Spes*, its impact on the Church's ecclesial self-understanding, and its implications for doing Catholic theological ethics for the specific ethical issues of marriage, social justice, politics, and peacebuilding. The book engages in the ongoing communal discernment of the aggiornamento sought by the council's convener, Pope John XXIII, seeking to bring the Church up to date in the twenty-first century.

Belovedness - James Franklin 2020-06-17

This thought-provoking book for college students and those who minister with them deals with issues of faith, identity, sex, success, failure, and more, through the concept of belovedness. Every college student's story is different, but they all have the same questions in common. Who am I? How do I make good choices? What does it mean to be successful? How do I navigate changing relationships with my family, my peers, my significant other? And how do I do all of this faithfully? This book approaches these topics through a fundamental inquiry: "What if I really, truly believed that I was beloved beyond all measure, and how would that influence what I do?" Along with the editors, eight campus ministers from across several denominations contributed to this volume to help students navigate questions of life and faith in the world of high-pressure college campuses. Telling it like it is with wit and wisdom drawn from scripture, tradition, and life experience, this book offers profound and practical reminders of what it is to be beloved.

Doing Sensory Ethnography - Sarah Pink 2009-07-23

Doing Sensory Ethnography responds to a recent explosion of interest in the senses across the social sciences. Sarah Pink suggests re-thinking the ethnographic process through reflexive attention to what she terms the 'sensoriality' of the experience, practice and knowledge of both researchers and those who participate in their research. The book provides an accessible discussion and analysis of the theoretical, methodological and practical aspects of doing sensory ethnography, drawing on examples and case studies from the growing literature on sensory ethnographic studies, and from the author's own work. *Doing Sensory Ethnography* is the first book to concentrate on outlining a sensory ethnographic methodology. It will be of great interest to researchers and students from all disciplines interested in enriching their ethnographic work through a focus on the senses.

Adult Faith - Diarmuid O'Murchu 2010

This relatively new culture of the adult faith-seeker originated in the closing decades of the twentieth century as developmental psychology highlighted the changing nature of growth and maturity at different life-stages. Accompanied by the information explosion, adult people particularly began to ask questions for which they sought adult answers. The co-dependency of earlier times, expecting adults to simply accept what religious authorities taught, is alien to adult religious maturity. Adult faith has arrived at a new threshold, requiring novel approaches and strategies in the religious development of adult people.

Diarmuid O'Murchu charts this evolutionary development, highlighting dimensions of conventional religion which no longer inspire or offer hope, along with those that nurture and mature, and sheds new light on the spiritual horizons which contemporary adults seek to embrace. The result is a path-breaking book that empowers adult faith-seekers to confidently grow in wisdom and in grace, and that enables the church to use its resources to strengthen the faith of its people at a time of great change in how people think about religion.

unKingdom, Second Edition - Mark Van Steenwyk 2020-02-21

In *unKingdom*, Mark Van Steenwyk takes a hard look at the ways Christianity has become complicit in imperialism and genocide, particularly in North America. With a blend of humility, wit, and sharp critique, he proposes a prophetic way forward through practices of revolutionary repentance.

Awakening Vocation - Edward P. Hahnenberg 2010-07-01

Does God have a specific plan for each of us, or is it more like general guidelines for all of us? How do my gifts and abilities, my personality and particular circumstances, impact my vocation? What is the role of the church in this process? What are the needs of the world that call us to respond? *Awakening Vocation* explores these questions and breathes new life into an ancient idea - rousing vocation from a centuries-long slumber. Inspired by the broad and inclusive Vision of the Second Vatican Council, the book traces the history of Catholic reflection on vocation and offers a constructive proposal for the present. In plain language, Edward Hahnenberg argues that Catholic thinking on vocation has been frustrated by a deficient theology of grace and that the key to reclaiming the notion of God's call today lies in a Vision of God's self-gift reaching across all of human history and into every human heart. Rethinking vocation in light of a revitalized theology of grace helps move beyond earlier dead ends, opening up new ways of imagining discipleship and discernment within our wonderfully diverse and yet deeply divided world.

The Soul of Discernment - Elizabeth Liebert 2015-08-24

The Soul of Discernment provides concrete steps for groups of people who work together and need to make important decisions: church sessions, nonprofit hiring committees, etc. Liebert calls this process the Social Discernment Cycle, a process for seeking God's call in a particular situation. "It is called 'social' because it deals primarily with human communities in their social-structural, rather than interpersonal aspects," Liebert explains. "It is a cycle because one completed round of discernment prepares for the next. The Social Discernment Cycle is particularly apt for any discernment that involves a structure, system, or institution." This book helps groups work through this cycle to answer the question, "How is God leading us, individually or together, to act in this particular moment in our organization?"

Where Two or Three are Gathered - Jane E. Regan

Examines how the experience of taking part in the work of the parish by collaborating on various committee and advisory boards or in ministry programs, both within and outside its boundaries, can be a context through which people's faith is enhanced and strengthened.

Primary Source Readings in World Religions - Jeffrey Brodd 2009

Primary Source Readings in World Religions provides your students with the opportunity to read foundational texts from the major world religions. Through understanding other religions we can create an atmosphere of genuine respect and honest discussion. In doing this we can respond to the invitation Pope Benedict XVI extended to all of us when he said, "I encourage all religious groups in America to persevere in their collaboration and thus enrich public life with the spiritual values that motivate your action in the world" (from Benedict XVI; Meeting with Representatives of Other Religions.) In *Primary Source Readings in World Religions* you will find portions of the foundational texts and teachings of a wide variety of world religions, including Islam, Shinto, Confucianism, Sikhism, Judaism, Hinduism, Taoism, Christianity, and Buddhism.>

Faith Styles - John R. Mabry 2006-10-01

A noted spiritual director suggests new ways of looking at how different people understand and relate to the divine. Explores the many styles of faith that characterize believers in all religions, examines the various modes of believing, and offers ways for spiritual directors to use this knowledge as they work with their clients. Includes illustrative case studies and practical suggestions for offering spiritual direction.

Catholic Social Teaching - O'Neill, SJ, William 2021-04-21

