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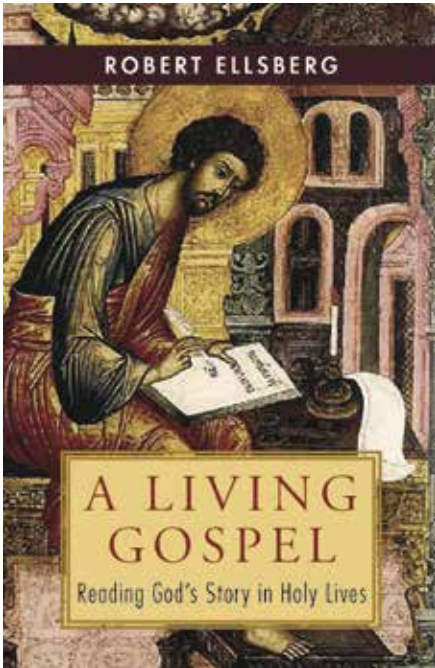
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“The Holy Spirit writes no more Gospels except in our hearts.... We, if we are holy, are the paper; our sufferings and our actions are the ink. The workings of the Holy Spirit are his pen, and with it he writes a living gospel.”

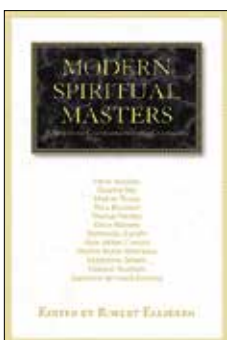
—Jean Pierre de Caussade, SJ, 18th century

In a number of award-winning books, Robert Ellsberg has reflected on the lives of saints, prophets, and spiritual masters, drawing particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. The message of such figures, as he shows in this new book, is found not only in their writings but in the “text” they wrote with their lives.

Among the figures he examines are Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, and Flannery O'Connor. In particular, he offers examples of holy women who charted their own path, and who exemplify a “holiness of the everyday.” In learning how to read the “living gospel” in their stories, he shows how we may learn to read our own lives in the same light.

Robert Ellsberg, publisher of Orbis Books, is the author of many award-winning books, including *All Saints*, *The Saints' Guide to Happiness*, and *Blessed Among Us* (based on his daily reflections for "Give Us This Day"). He has edited the diaries and letters of Dorothy Day, as well as anthologies by Flannery O'Connor, Gandhi, and Pope Francis.

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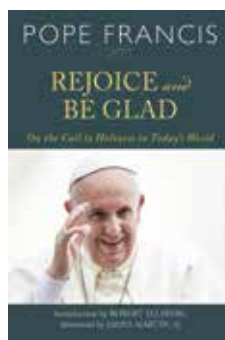
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Dear Friends,

It is the rare work of theology that remains challenging and relevant fifty years after its first publication. James Cone's *Black Theology & Black Power*, first published in 1969, is one of those books. Cone envisioned this 50th anniversary edition with an introduction by Cornel West, but sadly did not live to see it in print—nor the 25th anniversary edition of *The Black Christ* by his student, Kelly Brown Douglas, who now carries on his prophetic mission.

Other notable titles this spring include a Vatican journalist's inside look at *The Election of Pope Francis*, a paperback edition of Elizabeth Johnson's bestselling *Creation and the Cross*, and a new anthology of writings by Ruth Burrows, a Carmelite mystic and one of the great spiritual teachers of our time. Kathleen Duffy takes a fresh look at the role of struggle in the life and work of Teilhard de Chardin, and Leonardo Boff offers a new twist on a spiritual classic with *The Following of Jesus*.

I call special attention to *Love Prevails*, a heartrending account of the Rwandan genocide, which occurred 25 years ago. While recounting the experience of a couple who survived in the "Hotel Rwanda," it addresses deeper questions about how to keep faith, hope, and love alive when your whole world is destroyed. It finds a counterpart in *The Way of Forgiveness*, the latest in our popular series.

Least among these important titles, I must acknowledge my own contribution: *A Living Gospel*, an extension of my previous books on saints for our time. In reflections on Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, and Flannery O'Connor, I consider how to read "God's story" as written in holy lives.



Peace and Blessings,
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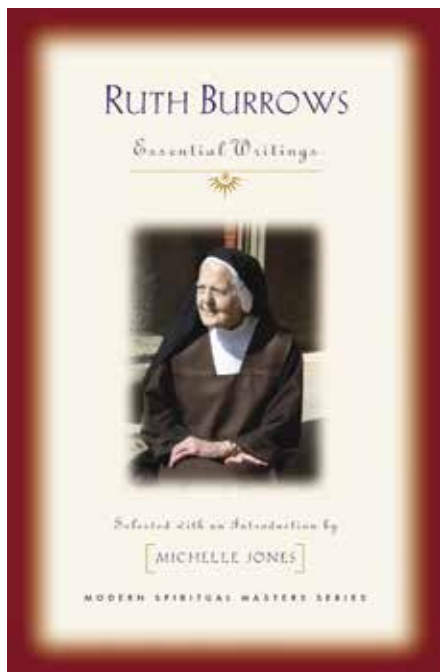
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Michelle Jones is a lecturer in theology at the Australian Institute of Theological Education. She is the author of *The Gospel Mysticism of Ruth Burrows: Going to God with Empty Hands* (ICS Publications).

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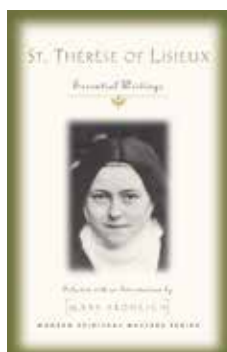
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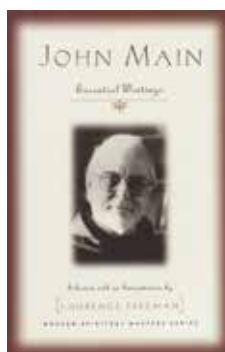
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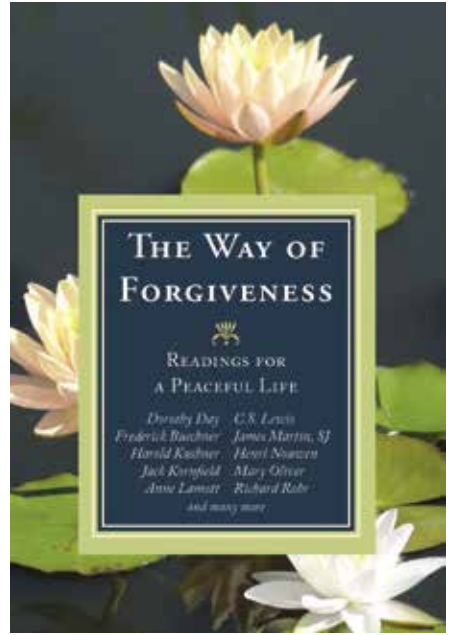
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Michael Leach is Publisher Emeritus of Orbis Books and the author and editor of many books, including *Soul Seeing*. **James T. Keane** is Senior Editor at *America* magazine. **Doris Goodnough** is permissions coordinator for Orbis Books. Together they have edited several books, including *The Way of Kindness* and *The Way of Gratitude*.



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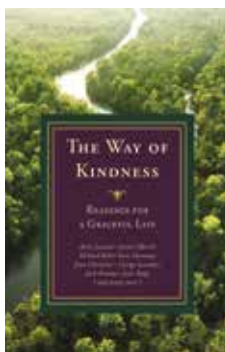
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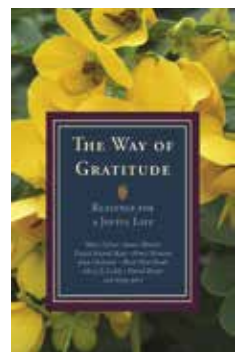


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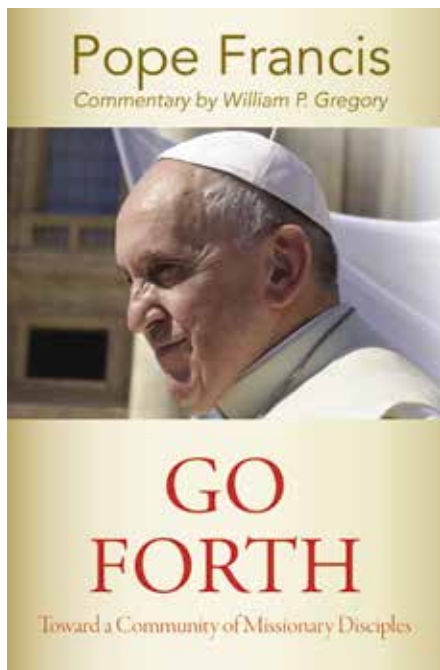
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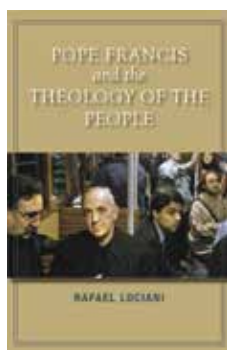
“I dream of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” —Pope Francis

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Drawn from Francis’s speeches, homilies, and other writings, *Go Forth* makes it clear that the missionary reform of the church is the integrating theme of his papacy. Simply put, Pope Francis is a missionary pope who is calling the church to follow its true missionary calling.

William P. Gregory is an associate professor of religious studies at Clarke University, Dubuque, IA. A past president of the Association of Professors of Mission (APM), he serves on the board of *Missiology*.

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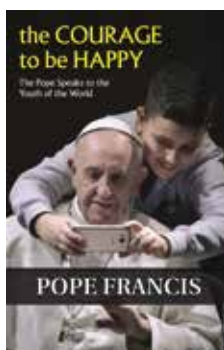


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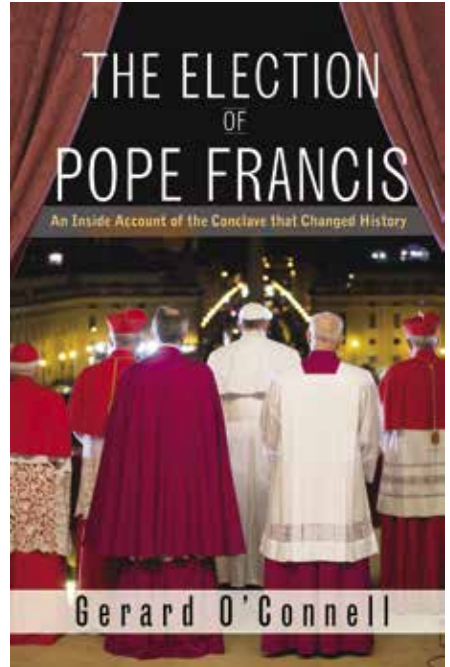
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The selection of Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires in the papal election of 2013 made history in several ways: he was the first Latin American pope, the first Jesuit pope, and the first pope to choose the name Francis. But these "firsts" were only the beginning of a consequential papacy of historic proportions. Entering the conclave of 2013, Cardinal Bergoglio appeared on few lists of likely candidates. How then did his election come about?

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Gerard O'Connell, an associate editor and Vatican correspondent for *America* magazine, has covered the Vatican since 1985, reporting for a number of English-speaking news outlets. He is the author of *Do Not Stifle the Spirit: Conversations with Jacques Dupuis* (Orbis 2017).



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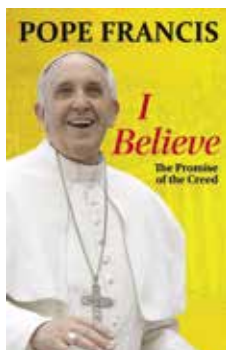
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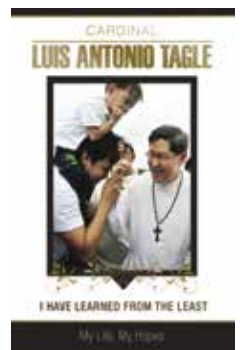
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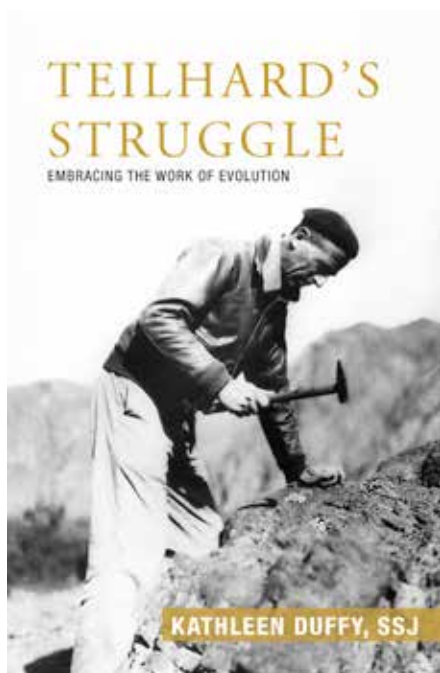
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—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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Kathleen Duffy, a Sister of St. Joseph, is professor of physics at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA and author of *Rediscovering Teilhard's Fire* (St. Joseph's University Press) and *Teilhard's Mysticism* (Orbis 2014).

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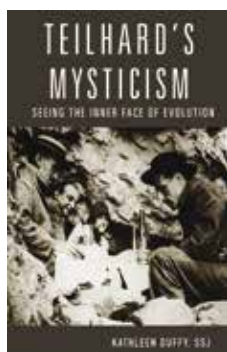
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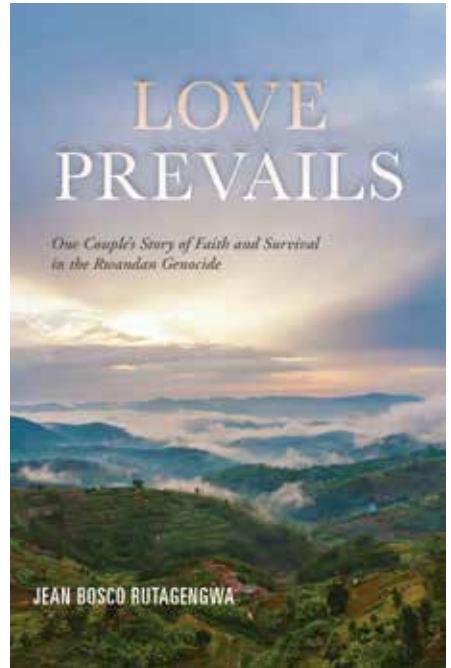
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"I could sense fear in my fiancée's voice. Fear as I had never felt it before. 'They are here; they are surrounding the house,' she was whispering, her voice trembling. I knew who 'they' were: The killers.... I was about to say something when I heard a shot, followed by a scream; then the phone went dead. I screamed with rage, not knowing what to do. Slowly, I got down on my knees and began to pray."

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Jean Bosco Rutagengwa, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, played a critical role in establishing organizations to assist other survivors, to remember the dead, and to rebuild Rwandan society. In 2000 he immigrated with his family to the United States and settled in New Hampshire, where they live today.



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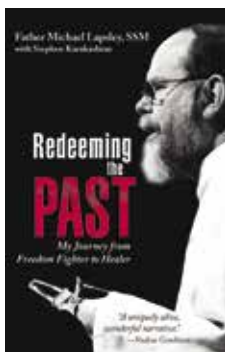
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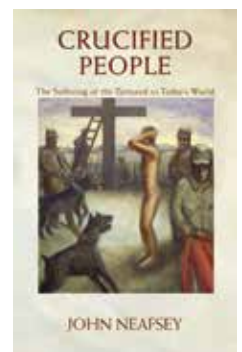
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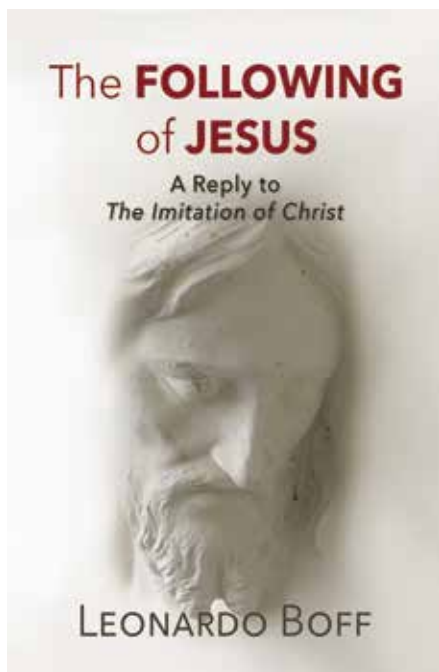
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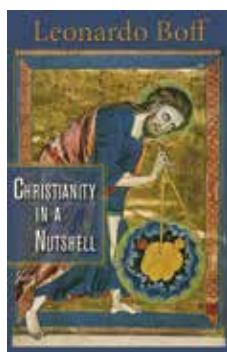
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The *Imitation of Christ*, Thomas à Kempis’s devotional classic of the 15th century, is one of the most popular spiritual manuals of all time, second only to the Bible. While removing Christ entirely from his historical context, it defined the path of Christian discipleship in terms of “imitating” the spiritual attitudes of Christ.

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Leonardo Boff, a Brazilian theologian, is the author of over sixty books, including *Francis of Rome & Francis of Assisi*; *Christianity in a Nutshell*; *Jesus Christ Liberator*; *Come, Holy Spirit*; and *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor* (all Orbis). In 2001 he received the prestigious Right Livelihood Award.

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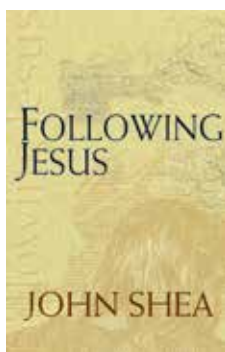


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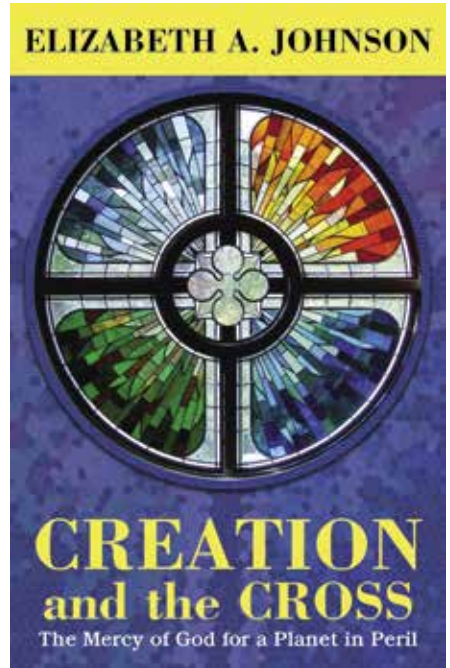
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Elizabeth A. Johnson, a member of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, is Distinguished Professor of Theology Emeritus at Fordham University. A former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, she is the author of many books, including *She Who Is* (winner of the Grawemeyer Award in Religion) and *Abounding in Kindness: Writings for the People of God* (Orbis 2015).



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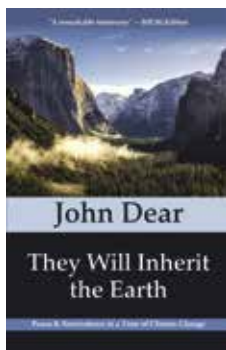
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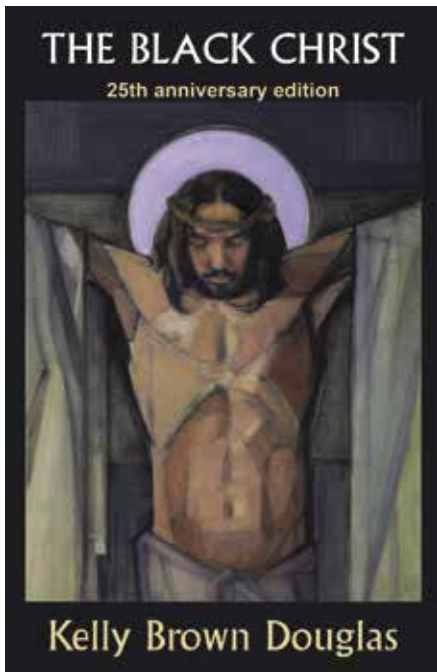
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Kelly Brown Douglas is the Dean of Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, and Canon Theologian of the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Her many books include *Sexuality and the Black Church*, *What’s Faith Got to Do with It?*, and *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* (all Orbis).

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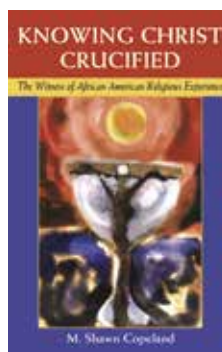
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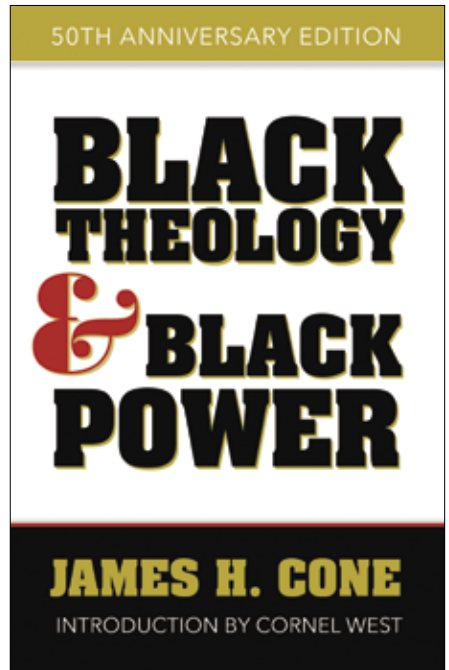
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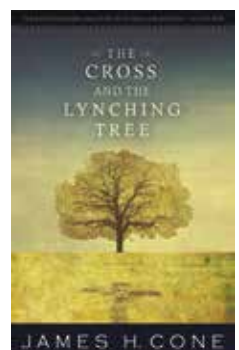
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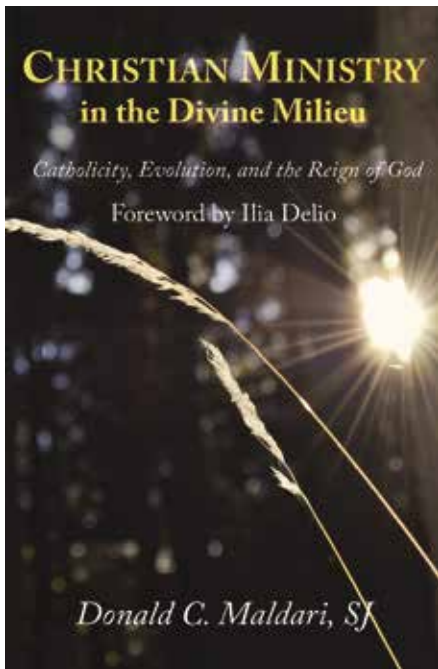
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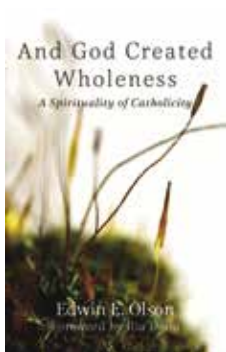
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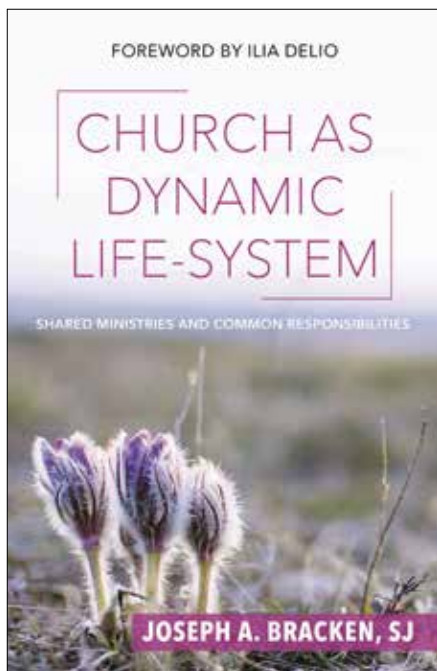
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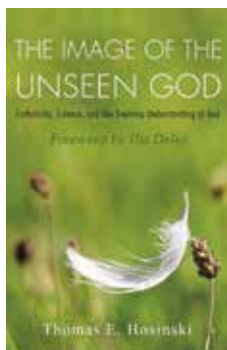
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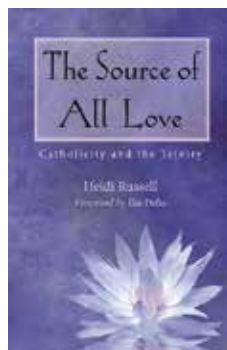
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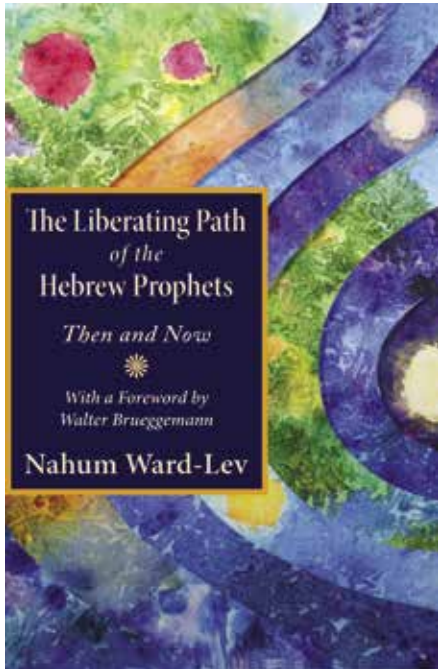


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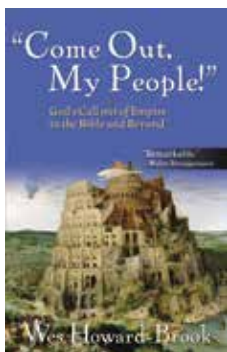
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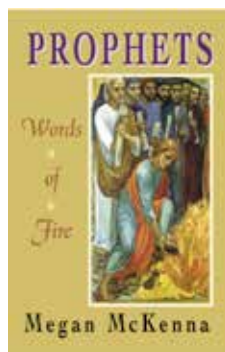
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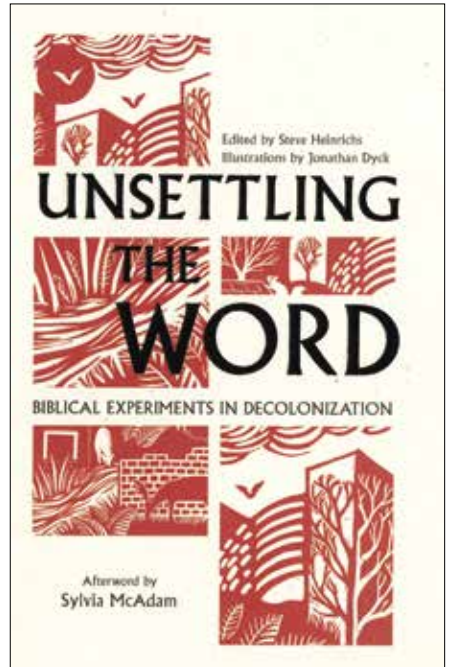
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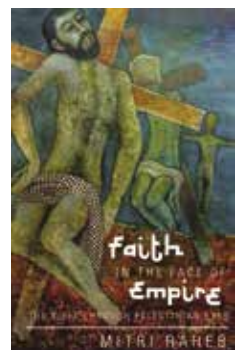
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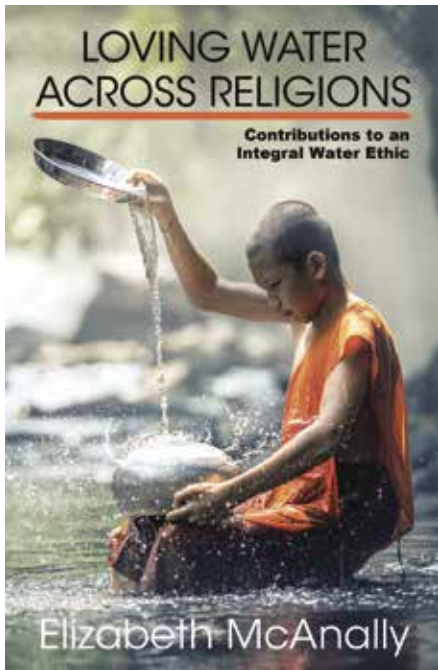


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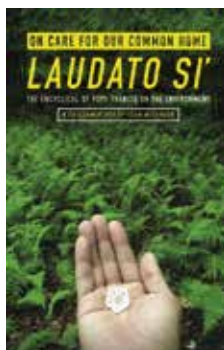
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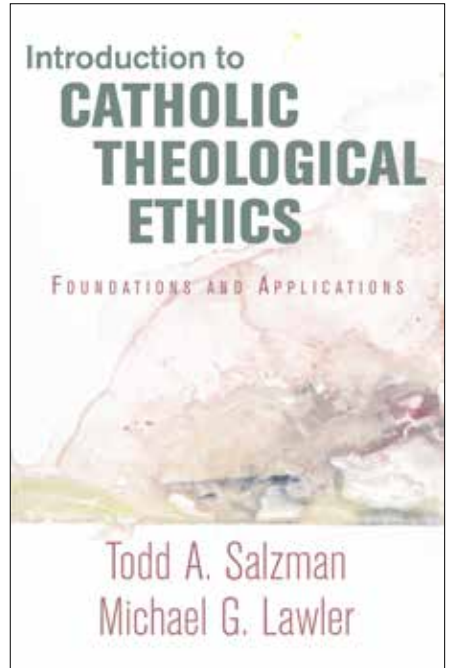
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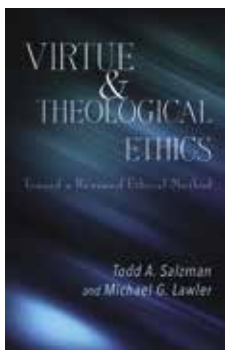
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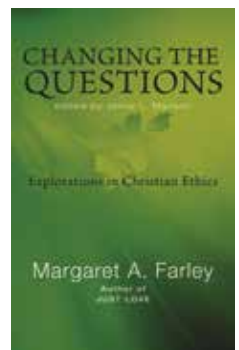
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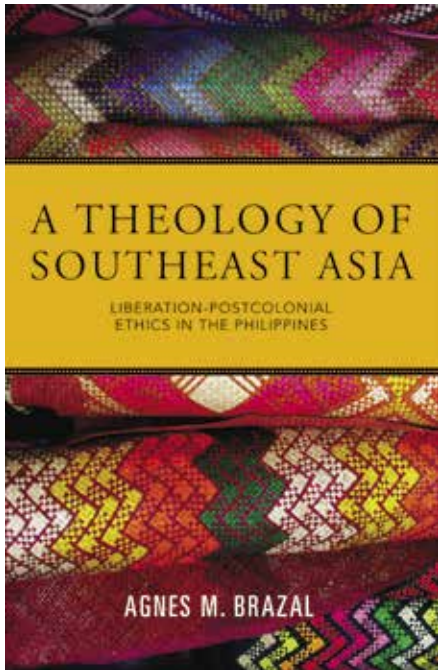


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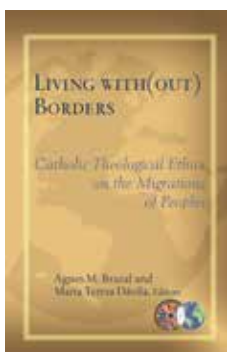
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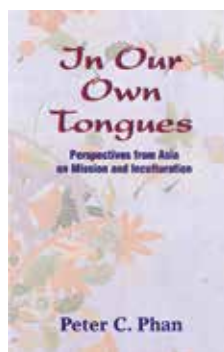
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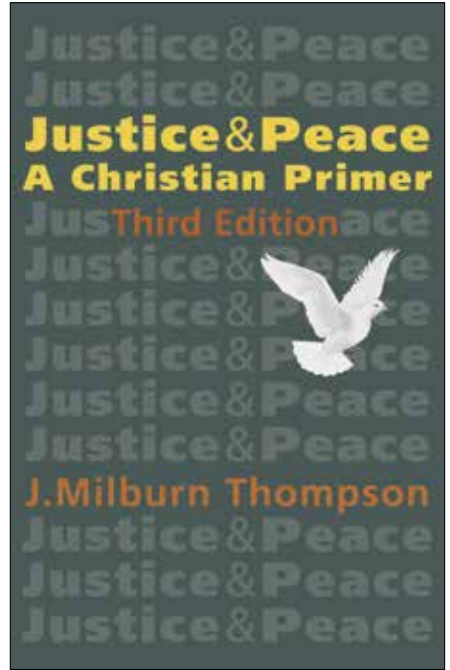
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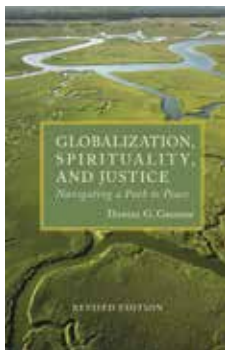
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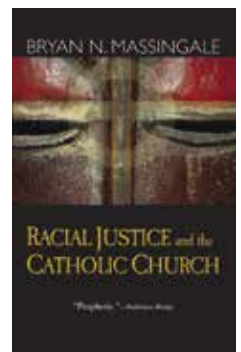


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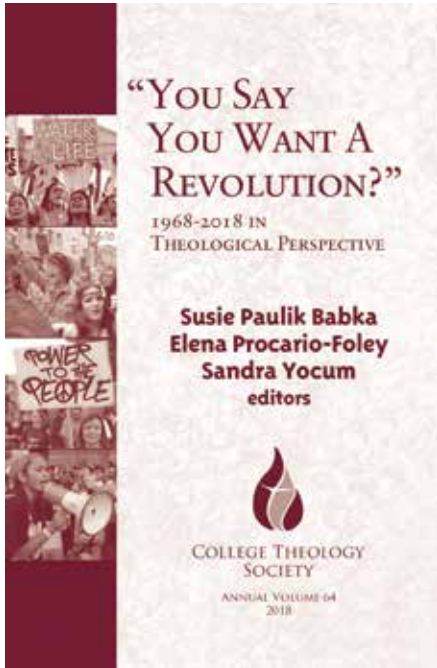


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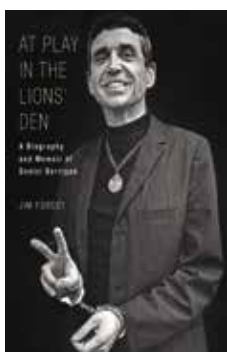
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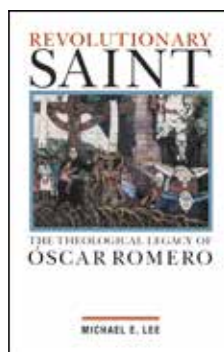
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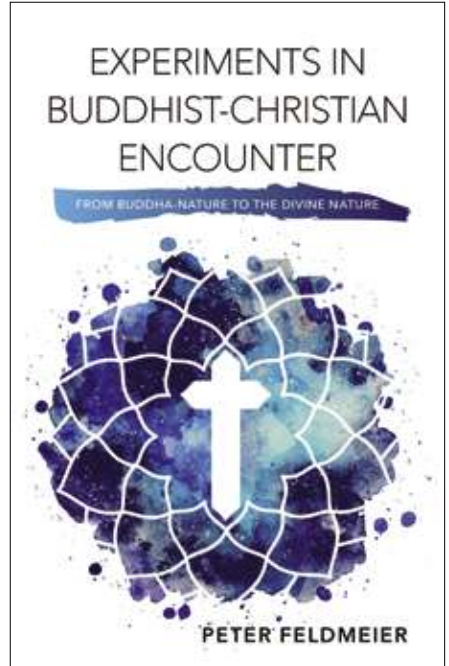
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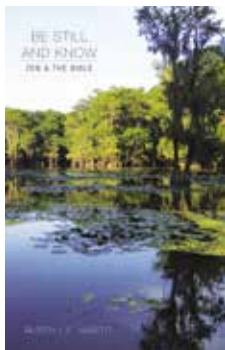
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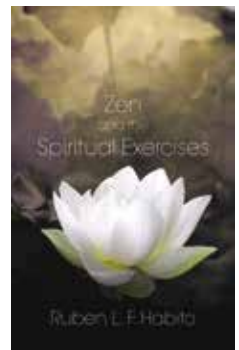


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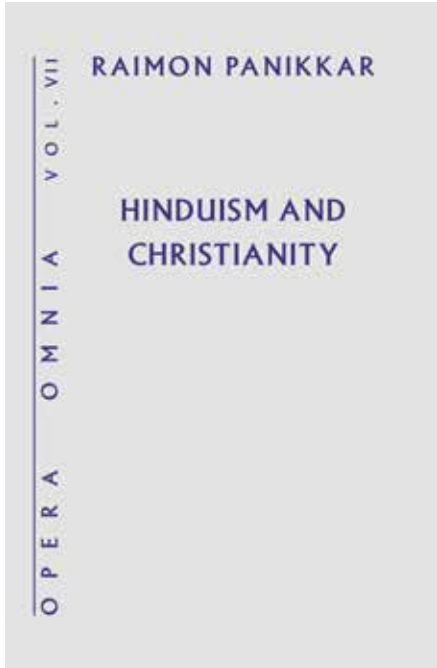


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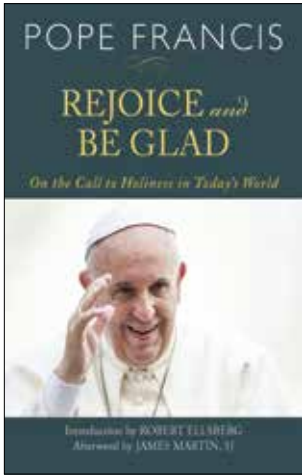
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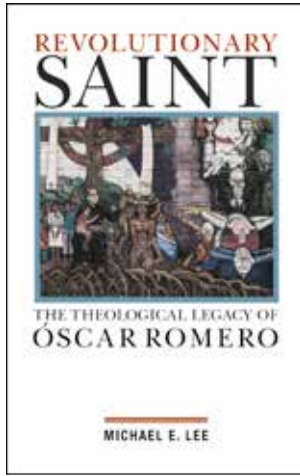
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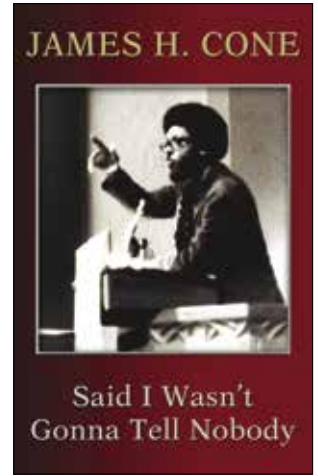
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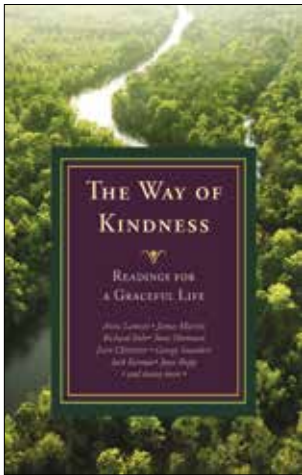
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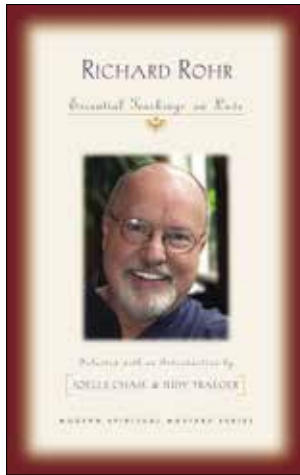
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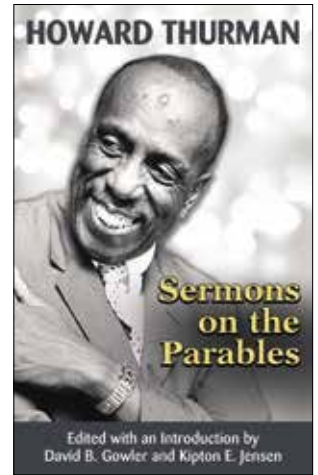
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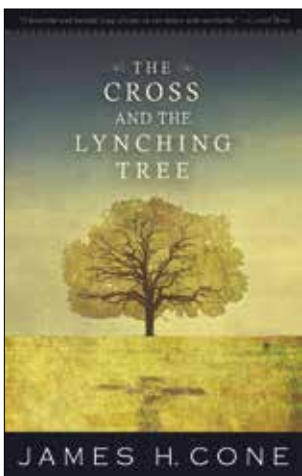
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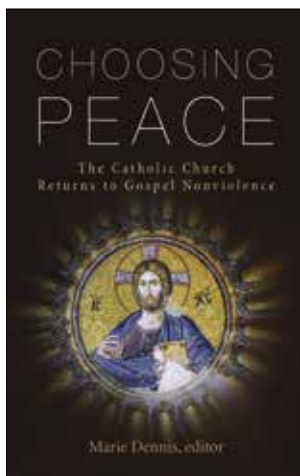
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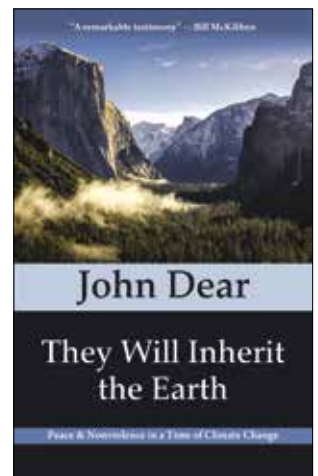
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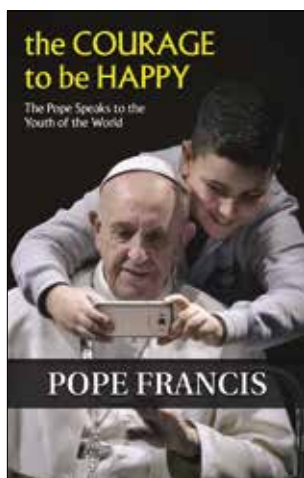
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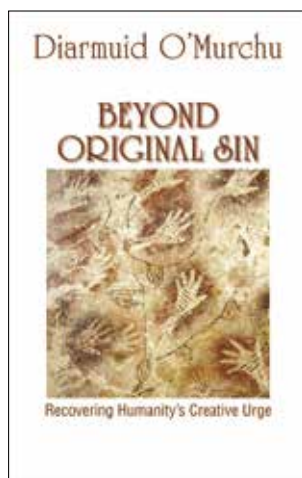
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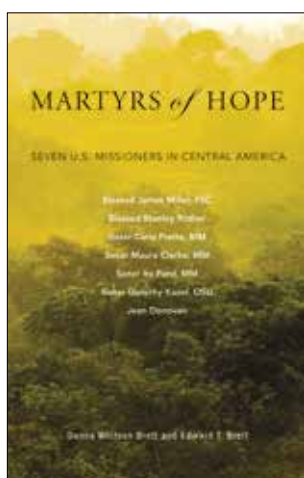
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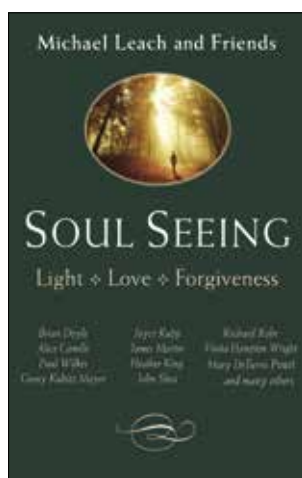
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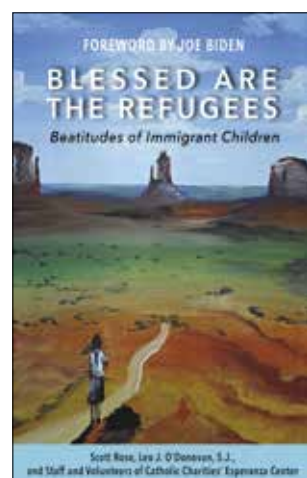
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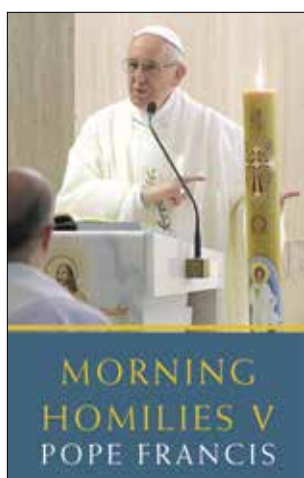
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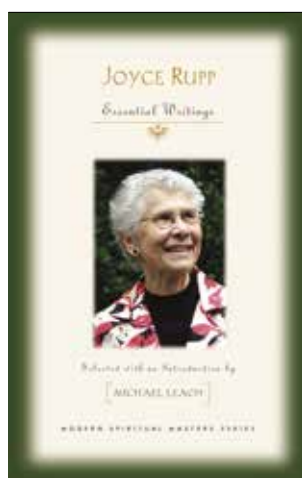
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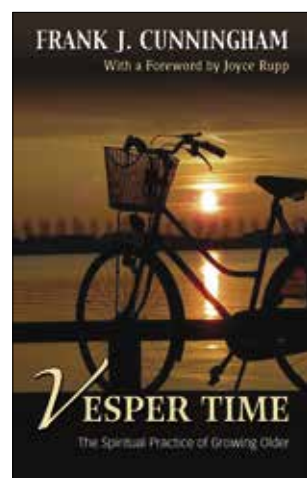
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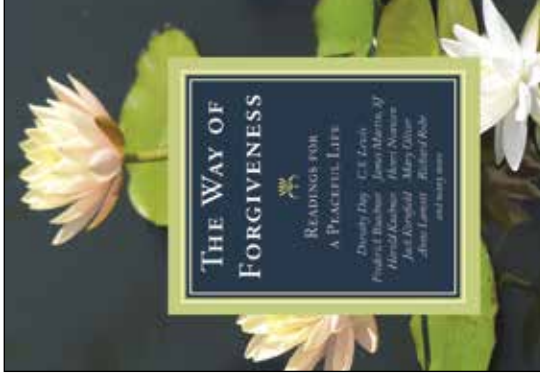
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