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Image *In a national bestseller, an outspoken leader of the Catholic Church tackles some of the tough moral issues that divide America, defending the right of religious people to express their beliefs, and arguing that a dual commitment to faith and democracy holds the key to revitalizing America. Reprint.*

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Image *“People who take God seriously will not remain silent about their faith. They will often disagree about doctrine or policy, but they won’t be quiet. They can’t be. They’ll act on what they believe, sometimes at the cost of their reputations and careers. Obviously the common good demands a respect for other people with different beliefs and a willingness to compromise whenever possible. But for Catholics, the common good can never mean muting themselves in public debate on foundational issues of human dignity. Christian faith is always personal but never private. This is why any notion of tolerance that tries to reduce faith to private idiosyncrasy, or a set of opinions that we can indulge at home but need to be quiet about in public, will always fail.” —From the Introduction Few topics in recent years have ignited as much public debate as the balance between religion and politics. Does religious thought have any place in political discourse? Do religious believers have the right to turn their values into political action? What does it truly mean to have a separation of church and state? The very heart of these important questions is here addressed by one of the leading voices on the topic, Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver. While American society has ample room for believers and nonbelievers alike, Chaput argues, our public life must be considered within the context of its Christian roots. American democracy does not ask its citizens to put aside their deeply held moral and religious beliefs for the sake of public policy. In fact, it requires exactly the opposite. As the nation’s founders knew very well, people are fallible. The majority of voters, as history has shown again and again, can be uninformed, misinformed, biased, or simply wrong. Thus, to survive, American democracy depends on an engaged citizenry —people of character, including religious believers, fighting for their beliefs in the public square—respectfully but vigorously, and without apology. Anything less is bad citizenship and a form of theft from the nation’s health. Or as the author suggests: Good manners are not an excuse for political cowardice. American Catholics and other persons of goodwill are part of a struggle for our nation’s future, says Charles J. Chaput. Our choices, including our political choices, matter. Catholics need to take an active, vocal, and morally consistent role in public debate. We can’t claim to personally believe in the sanctity of the human person, and then act in our public policies as if we don’t. We can’t separate our private convictions from our public actions without diminishing both. In the words of the author, “How we act works backward on our convictions, making them stronger or smothering them under a snowfall of alibis.” Vivid, provocative, clear, and compelling, Render unto Caesar is a call to American Catholics to serve the highest ideals of their nation by first living their Catholic faith deeply, authentically.*

Political Augustinianism

Modern Interpretations of Augustine's Political Thought

Augsburg Fortress Publishers *The thought of Saint Augustine stands as one of the central fountainheads of not only theology but Western social and political theory. Political Augustinianism examines modern political readings of Augustine, providing an extensive account of the pivotal French, British, and American strands of interpretation. Bruno guides readers through these modern strands of interpretation, examines their historical, theological, and socio-political context, and discusses the hermeneutical underpinnings of the modern discussion of Augustine's social and political thought.*

A Council That Will Never End

Lumen Gentium and the Church Today

Liturgical Press *Lumen Gentium, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, changed how the church thinks about the laity, holiness, baptism, and even the nature and purpose of the church itself. In A Council That Will Never End, the highly regarded ecclesialist Paul Lakeland marks the fiftieth anniversary of this document's promulgation by taking up three major themes of the constitution, analyzing the text, and identifying some of the questions with which it leaves us. These themes are the role of the bishop in the church and the ways Lumen Gentium's teaching relates to various tensions in today's church the laity and in particular the mixed blessing of describing them in the category of "secularity" and the relationships between the church and the people of God and what they tell us about the ways in which all people are offered salvation. Lakeland is convinced that Lumen Gentium leaves much unfinished business (as any historical document must), that attending to it will take us beyond much of the now sterile ecclesial divisions, and that the ecclesiology of humility it implies marks the way that theology must guide the church in the years ahead.*

Women, Wisdom, and Witness

Engaging Contexts in Conversation

Liturgical Press *The New Voices Seminar is a lively, intergenerational, and diverse group of women scholars who take an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Christianity. Under the leadership of Kathleen Dolphin, the seminar gathers annually at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, for collegial and collaborative conversation about women in the church and in the world. With Women, Wisdom, and Witness, readers are invited to join their conversation. This collection of essays by seminar members addresses significant contexts of contemporary women's experience: suffering and resistance, education, and the crossroads of religion and public life. Theology is brought to bear on some pressing issues in our time: poverty, sexual norms, trauma and slavery, health care, immigration, and the roles of women in academia and in the church. Readers will discover the rich socio-political, interdisciplinary, and dialogical implications of Catholic women's intellectual and social praxis in contemporary theology and ethics.*

A Heart on Fire

Catholic Witness and the Next America

Image *"A genuinely Catholic life should feed the soul as well as the mind; should offer a vision of men and women made whole by the love of God, the knowledge of creation, and the reality of things unseen; should enable us to see the beauty of the world in the light of eternity; and should help us recapture the nobility of the human story and the dignity of the human person. This is the kind of witness that sets fire to the human heart." —Archbishop Charles J. Chaput In this eBook original, Charles J. Chaput, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, offers a powerful manifesto on the need for Americans to protect religious freedom. As he notes, principles that Americans find self-evident—the dignity of the human person, the sanctity of conscience, the separation of political and sacred authority, the distinction*

between secular and religious law, the idea of a civil society pre-existing and distinct from the state—are not widely shared elsewhere in the world, and in recent years seem to be in jeopardy on our own shores. Archbishop Chaput offers a call to action for leadership both here and abroad to challenge this damaging trend. By thoughtfully interpreting and applying Catholic values to this confusing moment in history, he provides hope for an American audience hungry for courage and counsel.

Just Immigration

American Policy in Christian Perspective

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Few issues are as complex and controversial as immigration in the United States. The only thing anyone seems to agree on is that the system is broken. Mark Amstutz offers a succinct overview and assessment of current immigration policy and argues for an approach to the complex immigration debate that is solidly grounded in Christian political thought. After analyzing key laws and institutions in the US immigration system, Amstutz examines how Catholics, evangelicals, and main-line Protestants have used Scripture to address social and political issues, including immigration. He critiques the ways in which many Christians have approached immigration reform and offers concrete suggestions on how Christian groups can offer a more credible political engagement with this urgent policy issue.

Our Bishops, Heroes for the New Evangelization

Faithful Shepherds and the Promotion of Lay Doctrinal Literacy

Wipf and Stock Publishers These are challenging times when it comes to the need for lay Catholics to understand the Church's position on any number of doctrinal issues. Likewise, we need bishops who will lead warmly and amicably, yet likewise accurately and as dutiful spiritual fathers. The goal of this book is to invite the Catholic laity (along with anyone of good will) to become steadily familiar with the teachings of the Church as transmitted by the writings of modern Catholic bishops. There is a particular focus on the bishops of the English-speaking world, as well as on the writings of the bishops over the course of the last two centuries. If you would like to grow in your Catholic faith, this book explains how the bishops have patiently and pastorally led the faithful to walk ever closer to the ultimate Good Shepherd: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy

Supplement

Scarecrow Press This third, supplemental volume continues the approach of the original two volumes of the Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy that were published in 2007. First, the volume includes entries that explore Catholic social thought at its broadest, most theoretical level. Second, the volume includes entries that discuss recent social science research that bears on issues important to Catholic social thought. Third, the volume includes entries discussing specific issues of social policy that have become increasingly important in recent years.

Living the Catholic Faith

Rediscovering the Basics

Franciscan Media Addressing the question of what it means to be a Christian in the new millennium, Chaput presents a sound, contemporary vision for knowing the teachings of the Church and living them out in a spirit of love and obedience. He explores ten crucial areas in which followers of Christ must be growing if they are to experience a fresh, vital relationship with God.

The Task of Theology

Leading Theologians on the Most Compelling Questions for Today

Orbis Books

Living the Truth in Love

Pastoral Approaches to Same-Sex Attraction

Ignatius Press *Living the Truth in Love* grew out of the desire to provide answers to the questions posed in the Lineamenta for the Synod on Marriage of 2015 in Rome: “How can the Christian community give pastoral attention to families with persons with homosexual tendencies? What are the responses that, in light of cultural sensitivities, are considered to be most appropriate? While avoiding any unjust discrimination, how can such persons receive pastoral care in these situations in light of the Gospel? How can God’s will be proposed to them in their situation?” (40) People who want to be instruments of Christ’s love to those who experience same sex attraction—among them our children, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, parents, friends, and coworkers—seek guidance on how best to do so. We need to listen to the stories of those who experience SSA and the stories of those who have accompanied them on their journeys. We also need to ground our responses in a genuine Christian understanding of the human person and of human sexuality. More and more of those who have left the gay life style are telling their stories, stories that disclose that engaging in homosexual sexual acts has not delivered the happiness sought. Fortunately, for many there is a second chapter to the story, a beautiful story of falling in love with Jesus and his Church, of finding an ennobling understanding of the truth of the human person. Their journeys and transformations have often been facilitated by family members and friends, counselors and spiritual directors, who have been affirming and accepting of those who experience same-sex attraction without approving all their choices. Those who courageously face the realities of their lives and resolutely make the changes necessary—a process generally involving a significant amount of suffering, prayer, commitment to the sacraments, and a refashioning of relationships— eventually find peace, not misery, in accepting the Church’s teaching on sexuality. In their willingness to undergo conversions of many kinds and in their desire to seek holiness and live lives of complete self-giving, they become witnesses of the saving power of Jesus’ love and the graces he bestows on those who love him. This volume includes essays that lay out the Christian view of the human person and of human sexuality, essays that challenge the bifurcation of sexualities into “heterosexual” and “homosexual.” Topics include an explanation of the meaning of the word “disorder”, a discussion of the therapeutic power of friendship, and an application of St. Pope John Paul II’s personalism to the question of same-sex attraction. Psychologists and counselors explain various ways of affirming those who experience SSA and of leading them to experience the power of Christ’s healing love. Several of those who experience SSA tell their touching and inspiring stories.

Render Unto Caesar

Macmillan *The heir to a noble Greek society, Hermogenes finds himself having to reclaim debts owed to his family after his father's tragic death at sea, a situation that places him in a difficult position with a prejudiced Roman consul and a beautiful woman gladiator. Reprint.*

Good Intentions

A History of Catholic Voters’ Road from Roe to Trump

Liturgical Press *The 2016 presidential election was unlike any other in American history. Polls tell us that millions of American Catholics who care about moral issues and who descended from immigrants supported Donald Trump. Why didn’t Trump’s rhetoric on immigration and his promises to close the borders trouble more American Catholics? Despite his own vulgar behavior, his unconcealed selfishness, or his still-recent support for abortion rights, why were some serious Catholics drawn to Trump? In Good Intentions Steven P. Millies uncovers the history of how American Catholics came to this. More than*

that, *Good Intentions* offers an explanation for why Catholics behaved the way they did in 2016 with some practical reflections about how to put Catholic faith to better use in American politics.

Renewal

How a New Generation of Faithful Priests and Bishops Is Revitalizing the Catholic Church

Encounter Books *In the wake of the clergy abuse scandal of the last decade, many media commentators predicted the “end” of the Catholic priesthood. Demands for an end to celibacy, coupled with calls for women’s ordination, dominated discussions on the effectiveness of the Catholic Church in America. Renewal argues that rather than a decline of the priesthood and a diminishing influence of the Catholic Church, we are living in a time of transformation and revitalization. The aging generation of progressives that continues to lobby Church leaders to change Catholic teachings on reproductive rights, same-sex marriage and women’s ordination is being replaced by younger men and women who are attracted to the Church because of the very timelessness of its teachings.*

Things Worth Dying For

Thoughts on a Life Worth Living

Henry Holt and Company *With a balance of wisdom, candor, and scholarly rigor the beloved archbishop emeritus of Philadelphia takes on life’s central questions: why are we here, and how can we live and die meaningfully? In *Things Worth Dying For*, Chaput delves richly into our yearning for God, love, honor, beauty, truth, and immortality. He reflects on our modern appetite for consumption and individualism and offers a penetrating analysis of how we got here, and how we can look to our roots and our faith to find purpose each day amid the noise of competing desires. Chaput examines the chronic questions of the human heart; the idols and false flags we create; and the nature of a life of authentic faith. He points to our longing to live and die with meaning as the key to our search for God, our loyalty to nation and kin, our conduct in war, and our service to others. Ultimately, with compelling grace, he shows us that the things worth dying for reveal most powerfully the things worth living for.*

Non-Negotiable

Essential Principles of a Just Society and Humane Culture

Ignatius Press

What gave Abraham Lincoln the authority to declare the freedom and choice to own slaves as immoral? After all, the law of the land allowed it. What gave Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King the authority to lead a whole movement calling civil laws immoral and demanding new civil rights laws that recognized the equal dignity and worth of "all God's children" without exception? After all, segregation was legal. What gave the United Nations the moral authority to claim and designate absolute human rights in an international declaration, though some member nations were already violating them?

Principles. First principles. In their founding documents, the United States and the United Nations recognized the principles that all men have inherent dignity and that they deserve equal rights. They both have declared those principles the conditions fundamental to freedom, justice, and peace. Yet both the United States and the United Nations have within them powerful political forces passing laws or resolutions that violate first principles and put at risk the most vulnerable populations.

This book goes beyond the politics of pragmatism and cultural relativism to reacquaint the reader with first principles. It demonstrates what the Church has to say about the most important issues of our time and why. It anticipates the questions readers will ask and provides the answers they will need in the struggle to restore respect for human dignity.

Radical Conversion

Theorizing Catholic Citizenship in the American Liberal Tradition

Wipf and Stock Publishers *Radical Conversion* utilizes both analytic and normative philosophic/theoretical frameworks to study the relationship between Christian-Catholic conceptualizations of politics, citizenship, faith, and religion as viewed through a quasi-theological lens. The work is situated in the context of the American liberal tradition and in conversation and debate with the public philosophy that attempts to sustain it and provide a rationale for its perpetuation. In a single sentence, the book's thesis is that for America to fully realize its authentic and unique moral and political mission and secure it into the future, it will need to become both more Catholic and more catholic. Concordantly, that mission, properly understood, is nothing less than the recognition and protection of the idea of the sacredness of every individual human person and their right to flourish and realize the fullness of their particular vocation as a child of God.

Christian Ethics

An Introduction to Biblical Moral Reasoning

Crossway *What does the Bible teach about how to live in today's world?* Best-selling author and professor Wayne Grudem distills over forty years of teaching experience into a single volume aimed at helping readers apply a biblical worldview to difficult ethical issues, including wealth and poverty, marriage and divorce, birth control, abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, business practices, environmental stewardship, telling the truth, knowing God's will, understanding Old Testament laws, and more.

We Are at War

Book One: Origin and Progress of Our War

Author House VITALIS CHIDOMERE NWANERI, brings to these five Books, his experience in Religion, Economics, Politics, Science, Philosophy and exposure in various advanced and developing countries across the globe. He acquired his experience from the Graduate School of The London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London (1962-1968). He joined the United Kingdom Government after his graduation and quickly rose to the position of an Economic Adviser. He left the Government in 1971 to join the World Bank in Washington D.C. U.S.A. He worked there till 1980 and rose to the position of a Senior Economist (1980). At the World Bank, he traveled extensively across the globe and gained exposure and firsthand experience on some of the major Political, Economic and Social Development problems across the globe. In some of his economic and political analyses in the World Bank, he confronted some of these Economic, Political, Religious and Philosophical issues in some countries in Asia, Middle East, Africa including such countries as Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Iran, Tunisia and Libya where he worked. Therefore he was not surprised with the on-going crises and wars in these countries because of his concerns over their lack of Christian pillars of modern civilization, democracy, and governance. His experience and exposure had inspired his analyses in these four books. Back in Nigeria in 1980, he became one of the country's pioneers in Indigenous Banking and the Establishment of the First African Commodity Exchange. During his twenty years in Nigeria (1980-2000), he embarked on the audacious mission of bringing his global exposure and experience to contribute to the development of Nigerias Finance and Private sectors to lead its National Development. His Book on MISSION 2000 highlights his audacious dream for Nigerias Private sector to lead the Country's emergence in the global world of the new century. The Book also reflected the views he promoted while working as a Consultant for the Nigeria Government, The World Bank, African Development Bank and The U.S.A.I.D. His pioneering projects in Nigerias Banking and Trade sectors exposed him to the weakness of Nigerias Politics and Governance. So he decided to take a shot at Nigerian Politics.

John Paul II to Aristotle and Back Again

A Christian Philosophy of Life

Wipf and Stock Publishers Have you ever struggled to explain the basics of a Christian worldview, particularly as it concerns God's existence and his relation to the natural order, the basics of morality, even sexual ethics? Utilizing the thought of the late Pope John Paul II and the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, Dr. Andrew Swafford has done just this. This book explains the philosophical underpinnings of a Christian worldview--in a way that is accessible to the general reader--discussing God's existence, faith and reason, a tour through a virtue-ethics which leads to authentic happiness (and discussing the seven deadly sins along the way), as well as John Paul II's teaching on the "language" of the body and the meaning of the human vocation to make a gift of one's self. The reader will come away with a deep understanding of the philosophical foundations for the Christian life.

Do God's Will

eBookIt.com *Do God's Will* explains the basics of Catholic teaching for the laity to understand. It delves into why the Church does what it does, where its practices come from and the rationale behind them. Then it presents the elements of living a spiritual life, which culminates with an in-depth understanding of the Crucifixion as the greatest act of love ever done. This book is useful for parents and teachers who wish to give children a solid foundation for a Christian life, as well as for teens and young adults to help them to understand why we do what we do. In addition, it is useful for anyone who is considering becoming a Catholic, or others who want a basic understanding of what the Church is and why it teaches what it does.

Strangers in a Strange Land

Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World

Henry Holt and Company A vivid critique of American life today and a guide to how Christians—and particularly Catholics--can live their faith vigorously, and even with hope, in a post-Christian public square. From Charles J. Chaput, author of *Living the Catholic Faith* and *Render unto Caesar* comes *Strangers in a Strange Land*, a fresh, urgent, and ultimately hopeful treatise on the state of Catholicism and Christianity in the United States. America today is different in kind, not just in degree, from the past. And this new reality is unlikely to be reversed. The reasons include, but aren't limited to, economic changes that widen the gulf between rich and poor; problems in the content and execution of the education system; the decline of traditional religious belief among young people; the shift from organized religion among adults to unbelief or individualized spiritualities; changes in legal theory and erosion in respect for civil and natural law; significant demographic shifts; profound new patterns in sexual behavior and identity; the growth of federal power and its disregard for religious rights; the growing isolation and elitism of the leadership classes; and the decline of a sustaining sense of family and community.

Spiritual Transformation in America

What it means to all of us

Author House *Spiritual Transformation in America—what it means to all of us* The United States is reported to be the most religious nation in the Western world. Nevertheless, major shifts are taking place in affiliation, observance, and practices. Exposure to different cultures, religions and spiritual practices is influencing what we think and what we believe. Tough questions are asked; contradictions are explored; conventional wisdom is challenged. Read and understand what is behind the dramatic spiritual and religious changes taking place in America. Most religions have lost ground. Americans have become “freelancers“. They are exploring new faiths and new dimensions in spirituality. 41 percent of Americans no longer follow the religion they were brought up in. Fewer belong to congregations. The “Bible Belt“ is less Baptist. The “Rust Belt“ is less Catholic. Religions are using technology to reinvent services. There is more, much more to this story. Learn which church is losing membership at the

highest rate. Discover which religions are gaining members and what is influencing their growth. Understand the generational gap in religious belief and practice, and what it means politically. The author asks the question that is often avoided: "Just what do we believe when we say we believe in God?" * * * "Carol Green has written a remarkable book covering every aspect of religion—from sex to astrology. Green challenges conventional wisdom and unveils contradictions. Her book raises critical questions about the role of religion and spirituality in our own lives. It also provides a comprehensive backdrop describing religion in America, where it is and where it is going. A must read for any educated citizen." Dr. Nancy K. Schlossberg, Professor Emerita, University of Maryland. Author: *Revitalizing Retirement: Reshaping Your Identity, Relationships and Purpose*

The Disappearing God Gap?

Religion in the 2008 Presidential Election

Oxford University Press After the reelection of George W. Bush in 2004, the "God Gap" became a hotly debated political issue. Religious voters were seen as the key to Bush's victory, and Democrats began scrambling to reach out to them. Four years later, however, with the economy in a tailspin on election day, religion barely seemed to register on people's radar screens. In this book, a team of well-regarded scholars digs deeper to examine the role religion played in the 2008 campaign. They take a long view, placing the election in historical context and looking at the campaign as a whole, from the primaries through all the way through election day. At the heart of their analysis is data gleaned from a national survey conducted by the authors, in which voters were interviewed in the spring of 2008 and then re-interviewed after the election.

Courageous Generosity

A Bible Study for Women on Heroic Sacrifice

Emmaus Road Publishing *Courageous Generosity* is the newest volume in the best-selling *Courageous Bible* study series for women from Emmaus Road Publishing. The focus of this newest volume is the call to exercise heroic generosity in imitation of our Savior. Designed for group study, *Courageous Generosity* can also be used for individual learning. Stacy Mitch uses many proven catechetical tools. Students are sent both to the Scriptures and the Catechism of the Catholic Church in search of answers. Most questions are objective, leading the student to know and appreciate the teaching of the Catholic Church. Mitch also includes subjective matter that will encourage the reader to a healthy examination of conscience and to real-life applications. Various Church documents and writings of the saints add depth of understanding to each lesson. The author also continues a practice that has made her previous volumes endearing to so many women. Her stories and anecdotes give a personal touch to each lesson, enabling other women to identify with the author in their own struggles and hopes. *Courageous Generosity* is destined to follow the success of the prior volumes, teaching, encouraging, enlightening, and bringing many women to better know, love, and serve the Lord in the heart of the Church.

Was Frankenstein Really Uncle Sam? Vol Xi

Notes on the Bearing of the Declaration of Independence

Xlibris Corporation Each of the first four volumes of this series contain 365 essays. Each subsequent volume contains about 36 essays. Volumes grow bigger as later essays grow longer. Rolwing examines nearly all the major writers on our Basic Charter, most of whom repudiate it. He focuses on their manifold criticisms and rejections, reveals their multiple distortions and misunderstandings, rebukes their self-contradictions and inconsistencies, and pities their general theo-phobia. He argues that while America was Founded almost completely by Protestant Christians (the only two deists were not even deists), what was Founded was formally only a philosophical product, not a faith based or Christian one, although the philosophy had been more Catholic than Protestant. Rolwing makes a great deal of American history, law, ethics, politics, philosophy, and theology easily accessible to the average reader. Each 5 minute essay can give you a high for the whole day.

Dust Bound for Heaven

Explorations in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas

Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing *In Dust Bound for Heaven Reinhard Hütter shows how Thomas Aquinas's view of the human being as dust bound for heaven weaves together elements of two questions without fusion or reduction. Does humanity still have an insatiable thirst for God that sends each person on an irrepressible religious quest that only the vision of God can quench? Or must the human being, living after the fall, become a "new creation" in order to be readied for heaven? Htter also applies Thomas's anthropology to a host of pressing contemporary concerns, including the modern crisis of faith and reason, political theology, the relationship between divine grace and human freedom, and many more. The concluding chapter explores the Christological center of Thomas's theology.*

The Neo-Catholics

Implementing Christian Nationalism in America

SCB Distributors *Volumes have been written about the role the Religious Right played in achieving its ultimate goal - the presidency of George W. Bush. But few know the primary and essential role played by Catholics in instituting and directing the Religious Right as the means for the neoconservative takeover of the U.S. government, a group the author calls neo-Catholics. The first neoconservatives - Irving Kristol, Allan Bloom, and Francis Fukuyama - were proponents of the philosopher Leo Strauss who considered the ideal state as one ruled by an intellectual elite with religion used to mollify and intimidate the masses into obedience. Not only did Catholic leaders have a millennium of experience in propping up monarchs and dictators, but also Catholics were the largest denomination in the U. S. Neoconservative Catholics were ready, willing and able to implement the American brand of church/state unification: Christian Nationalism. This book examines how hawks and neo-conservatives in the Republican Party forged a nexus with powerful right wing Catholics that would change the face of American Catholicism, the structuring of social policy in the United States, and the American agenda in the world. At the start of the 1980s, the Church's social justice agenda had been committed to alleviating poverty, to demilitarization, to affirmative action, and to ending capital punishment-an agenda antipathetic to the Republican platform. By the end of the nineties, its justice agenda was marginalized, and political action was mobilized around concern for the dying and the unborn. Clermont's rigorous and extensively documented research examines how it was done.*

The Extraordinary Book of Native American Lists

Scarecrow Press *This is an extensively researched reference book on Native American accomplishments. Topics covered include Native American contributions to the performing arts, literature, art, history, sports, politics, education, military service, environmental issues, and many other areas. This book also features lists of Native languages, stereotypes, and myths. In addition, the authors provide a range of resources, links, and websites for readers to learn even more about each topic.*

The Modern Papacy

Bloomsbury Publishing USA *Since the dawn of the Enlightenment, modernity and the Papacy have experienced a difficult though never severed relationship. The Modern Papacy goes beyond the caricatures to demonstrate how the popes - specifically John Paul II and Benedict XVI - have articulated a sophisticated critique of the post-Enlightenment world, one that acknowledges the real progress made in modernity while simultaneously highlighting its political and philosophical shortcomings. Far from falling on deaf ears, the nature of their engagement with the modern world has sparked criticism and praise from Catholics and non-Catholics alike - sometimes in surprising ways. Whether the subject is faith and reason, religion and the modern sciences, the roots and future of Europe, or the origin and ends of human freedom, John Paul II and Benedict XVI pose questions that simply cannot be ignored, regardless of whether one likes their answers.*

Jeshua, Son of Mary

Reflections on the Gospel Ascribed to Mark

Wipf and Stock Publishers *The Gospel of Mark is an invitation to anyone open to the stories told by believers about Jeshua, the son of Mary, about his life and especially his compassion for those excluded from society and struggling on the margins. Although Mark's Gospel was considered inferior to the other three common to Christians, most scholars today have come to recognize it as the first attempt to give an overall view of the life and death of Jeshua, making it the pioneer of a new literary genre.*

Our Dear-Bought Liberty

Catholics and Religious Toleration in Early America

Harvard University Press *How early American Catholics justified secularism and overcame suspicions of disloyalty, transforming ideas of religious liberty in the process. In colonial America, Catholics were presumed dangerous until proven loyal. Yet Catholics went on to sign the Declaration of Independence and helped to finalize the First Amendment to the Constitution. What explains this remarkable transformation? Michael Breidenbach shows how Catholic leaders emphasized their church's own traditions—rather than Enlightenment liberalism—to secure the religious liberty that enabled their incorporation in American life. Catholics responded to charges of disloyalty by denying papal infallibility and the pope's authority to intervene in civil affairs. Rome staunchly rejected such dissent, but reform-minded Catholics justified their stance by looking to conciliarism, an intellectual tradition rooted in medieval Catholic thought yet compatible with a republican view of temporal independence and church-state separation. Drawing on new archival material, Breidenbach finds that early American Catholic leaders, including Maryland founder Cecil Calvert and members of the prominent Carroll family, relied on the conciliarist tradition to help institute religious toleration, including the Maryland Toleration Act of 1649. The critical role of Catholics in establishing American church-state separation enjoins us to revise not only our sense of who the American founders were, but also our understanding of the sources of secularism. Church-state separation in America, generally understood as the product of a Protestant-driven Enlightenment, was in key respects derived from Catholic thinking. Our Dear-Bought Liberty therefore offers a dramatic departure from received wisdom, suggesting that religious liberty in America was not bestowed by liberal consensus but partly defined through the ingenuity of a persecuted minority.*

The Catholic Church

What Everyone Needs to Know

Oxford University Press *Roman Catholicism stands at a crossroads, a classic "best of time, worst of times" moment. On the one hand, the Catholic Church remains by far the largest branch of the worldwide Christian family, and is growing at a remarkable clip. Yet the Church has also been rocked by a series of scandals related to the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, and, even more devastating, the cover-up by the Church hierarchy. The Church has enormous residual strength and exciting future prospects, but it also faces steep internal and external challenges. The author offers an authoritative and accessible guide to the past, present, and future of the Church.*

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Oxford University Press Roman Catholicism stands at a crossroads, a classic "best of times, worst of times" moment. On the one hand, the Catholic Church remains by far the largest branch of the worldwide Christian family, and is growing at a remarkable clip. Yet the Church has also been rocked by a series of scandals related to the sexual abuse of minors by clergy, and, even more devastating, the cover-up by the Church hierarchy. The decade-long crisis has taken a massive financial toll, but the blow to both the internal morale and the external moral standing of the Church has been even steeper. Today, the Church has enormous residual strength and exciting future prospects, but also faces steep internal and external challenges. The question of "whither Catholicism" is of vital public relevance, for believers and non-believers alike. In *The Catholic Church: What Everyone Needs to Know®*, John L. Allen, Jr., one of the world's leading authorities on the Vatican, offers an authoritative and accessible guide to the past, present, and future of the Church. *What Everyone Needs to Know®* is a registered trademark of Oxford University Press.

Nigerian Politics and Corruption

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