

## **B01**

### **Popular Presentation of the Catholic Faith**

#### **First Place**

*Saved by Beauty*, by Brother Michael O'Neill McGrath, OSFS; Forward by Robert Ellsberg; Edited by Christine Krzystofczyk, World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL

This is a charming, colorful tribute to our soon-to-be Saint Dorothy. The author-painter's artwork and revealing text tell the engrossing story of lady Day's full, exciting life — especially her holiness and saintly service to the People of God.

#### **Second Place**

*Journey to the Heart*, by Kim Nataraja, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Through this historical survey of the meditative, from Paul to Merton, readers are encouraged through thirty superlative chapters to see their journey as a "spiritual journey of discovery... a process of growth by being exposed to the whole rich stream of Christian spiritual tradition." Journey to the Heart is an intellectual and spiritual delight.

#### **Third Place**

*The Chapels of Notre Dame*, by Lawrence Cunningham, Photography: Matt Cashore, University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN

An astonishingly handsome book with sparkling focus: the Catholic faith as celebrated every day in our preeminent Catholic University — in 61 different chapels on Notre Dame's campus. It's a creative book idea done beautifully with great photos and text.

## **B02a**

### **Spirituality - softcover**

#### **First Place**

*Eternal Consciousness*, by John S. Dunne, University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN

John Dunne focuses on the quest to explore eternal consciousness and its meaning in relation to the fulfillment of one's self. He shares his insight that eternal life is the deeper life of relatedness to others, to God, and to self. This well-written book, enhanced by the inclusion of his original songs, provides the incentive for readers to continue the personal search.

#### **Second Place**

*Genius Born of Anguish: The Life and Legacy of Henri Nouwen*, by Michael W. Higgins & Kevin Burns, Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ

A very readable book that provides valuable insight into the life of Henri Nouwen and helps us understand his fragility, which is important to better appreciate the spiritual quest that he so graciously shared with each of us.

#### **Third Place**

*Saints As They Really Are: Voices of Holiness in Our Time*, by Michael Plekon, University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN

Plekon wants to see what holiness looks like in contemporary lives. He then proceeds to trace the lives of those seeking to live a life of holiness in our own time. This hard to put down book appeals to an ecumenical audience and offers reassurance to the modern person that their lives are in reality the stuff of sainthood.

## **B02b**

### **Spirituality - hardcover**

#### **First Place**

*Messages of Glory: The Narrative Art of Roman Catholicism*, by Robert A. Flischel, Joe Simon, Jay Yocis, Anne Husted Burleigh, Rev. Christopher Armstrong, Monsignor William Cleves and Margo Warminski, David-Flischel Enterprises, Cincinnati, OH

This beautifully produced book presents a rich pilgrimage of visual images in glass, paint, mosaic and stone with accompanying commentary, prayers and scripture passages. It is an amazing collection thoughtfully grouped in 10 sections representing the richness of Catholic tradition and culture.

#### **Second Place**

*A World of Prayer*, by Rosalind Bradley, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Bradley presents favorite prayers and personal contemplations from a hundred spiritual leaders, activists and humanitarians representing every religious tradition and region of the world. This unique collection reveals our diversity of spiritual practices as well as our common values for compassion, gratitude and forgiveness.

#### **Third Place**

*A Rhythm of Life: The Monastic Way*, by Brother Victor-Antoine D'Avila-Latourrette, Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO

Brother Victor-Antoine D'Avila-Latourrette does a wonderful job of serving as a spiritual guide to the monastic life. Part I of the book focuses on the sources and origins of monastic tradition, Part II guides us through the seasonal rhythms of monastic life symbols, feast days and celebrations and special saints. Inspiring!

## **B03**

### **Theology**

#### **First Place**

*If These Walls Could Talk*, by Maureen H. O'Connell, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

At the cutting edge of theology and theological publication, this book explores themes of justice, beauty, and peace in public art. With a distinctive voice, the author skillfully weaves broad theological learning with unforgettable images and voices of community muralism.

#### **Second Place**

*Balthasar: A (Very) Critical Introduction*, by Karen Kilby, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

As Balthasar's stature continues to grow in Catholic theology, the need for rigorous engagement grows with it. This readable volume provides an incisive and timely interpretation of the Swiss theologian's work in a way that balances appreciation with strong criticism.

#### **Third Place**

*Dust Bound for Heaven: Explorations in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas*, by Reinhard Hutter, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

These essays display a rich, adventurous, and integrated theological vision rooted in the work of Thomas Aquinas. Ranging from questions of the university to human emotions, from politics to contemplation, this volume delivers on the promise of ressourcement in theology.

## **B04**

### **Scripture**

#### **First Place**

*First Corinthians*, by Pheme Perkins, Baker Academic, Ada, MI

This commentary joins Perkins' other excellent books and commentaries on the New Testament. It is clear, concise and filled with brief but pertinent, well-placed and insightful side-bars of information that contextualize Paul's words with his world. It can be used profitably by college and university teachers, as well as by pastors in parish bible classes.

#### **Second Place**

*God's Saving Grace: A Pauline Theology*, by Frank J. Matera, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

Although, writes Matera, specialization has its benefits, theologians no longer feel competent to do exegesis, and exegetes no longer view themselves as theologians (p.xiii). This brief and informative introduction to Paul's theology provides students, pastors and theologians with solid scholarship and pastoral sensitivity that attempts to bridge the impasse between Pauline exegesis and theology.

#### **Third Place**

*Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was*, by Gerhard Lohfink, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

This is not just another Jesus book looking for the facts of the historical Jesus, but an intriguing, engaging investigation of the right interpretation of the facts. Scholars and lay people alike will find illumination and encouragement from this convincing portrait of Jesus.

## **B05**

### **Liturgy**

#### **First Place**

*Liturgy: The Illustrated History*, by Keith F. Pecklers, Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ

This is an excellent work by author and liturgical scholar Keith Pecklers S.J. The scope of the work is very impressive and the inclusion of numerous color plates and notations makes this publication a must have for anyone who is serious about the history of liturgy.

#### **Second Place**

*Baptismal Imagery in Early Christianity: Ritual, Visual, and Theological Dimensions*, by Robin M. Jensen, Baker Academic, Ada, MI

Despite the narrow focus of this work, its theological treatment of the sacrament of baptism rooted in the early Christian tradition, provides an excellent resource for understanding baptism in its historical development. The inclusion of numerous visual images add to the thorough treatment of the subject matter.

### **Third Place**

*Hunger and You Fed me, Homilies and Reflections for Cycle C*, by Deacon Jim Knipper, Editor featuring James Martin, S.J. and Richard Rohr, OFM, Clear Vision Publishing, Manalpan, NJ

Good publications for preachers are hard to come by, but this work is a wonderful exception. The homilies are from a number of authors and their reflections are both inspiring and applicable to the contemporary congregation.

### **B06**

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

##### **First Place**

*Embracing the End of Life: Help for Those Who Accompany the Dying*, by Michelle O'Rourke and Eugene Dufour, Novalis, Toronto, ON

With over 50 years combined experience of pastoral care, lay ministry, nursing, hospice care and counseling between them, O'Rourke and Dufour have written an exceptional guide to understanding; addresses the questions that surround end-of-life illnesses, aging, dying well with dignity at the end of life, and how best to approach the contexts where the personal skills are blessings to the dying, their families, and the pastoral minister.

##### **Second Place**

*Nourishing the Spirit*, by James D. Whitehead, Evelyn Eaton Whitehead, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Here is another wonderful new book from the Whiteheads. They continue to help us to understand and nurture the spiritual ideas that lead to feelings of well-being and lives of wholeness as they guide us to the positive emotions that nurture mind, body, and spirit.

##### **Third Place**

*My Neighbor's Faith*, by Jennifer How Peace, Or N. Rose, Gregory Mobley, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY  
Read and be blessed by this "must read" collection of inspiring and penetrating stories about interreligious encounters.

### **B07**

#### **Professional**

##### **First Place**

*God's Mission and PostModern Culture*, by John C. Sivalon, MM, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

God calls each of us to "Mission". This book expertly examines mission in the context of postmodern culture, modern physics, post Vatican II thought, and process theology. The book is informative, challenging, and prayerful!

##### **Second Place**

*The Inner Life of Priests*, by Gerard J. McGlone, SJ and Len Sperry, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

This book certainly provides an indepth look at the priest from inner psychological development and unfolding to outside cultural challenges. An exceptional book for anyone in vocation work, seminary training, or priestly evaluation.

##### **Third Place**

*Same Call, Different Men*, by Mary L. Gautier, Paul M. Peri, Rev. Stephen J. Fichter, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

This study combines the personal stories of priests with research and statistics covering priestly life and ministry. There is also an extended section dealing with the sexual abuse crisis and its effects. If you want to know the priest of today, this book offers a very realistic view backed by facts and numbers.

## **B08**

### **Design and Production**

#### **First Place**

*Notre Dame's Happy Returns*, by Brian O'Conchubhair, Susan Mullen Guibert, Photography: Matt Cashore, University of Notre Dame Press, Notre Dame, IN

The dust jacket of this book features elements that certainly capture the attention of anyone with Irish blood in his/her veins. Houses along the banks of the River Liffey, a football, some of Dublin's famous doors and a typical Irish cottage. In almost 200 full color photographs the taste and feel of Ireland is brought to the reader.

#### **Second Place**

*A Call to Vision: A Jesuits Perspective on the World*, by Don Doll, S.J., Magis Productions, Creighton University Press, Omaha, NE

Father Doll, S.J. is a world renowned photojournalist and this handsome book gives us a sample of his unique insight into the human condition. It contains dozens of his pictures in both black and white, and full-color. The book is printed on chrome coated stock providing the pictures with the clarity and sharpness that they deserve. The type selection is excellent as are all the page designs.

#### **Third Place**

*Journey to the Heart*, by Kim Nataraja, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

This overview and an analysis of Christian contemplatives from Jesus Christ to John Main is an artfully designed 426-page paperback. The photography, painting and woodcuts are reproduced beautifully.

## **B09**

### **Children's Books/Teens**

#### **First Place**

*Mary's Song*, by Lee Bennett Hopkins, Author; Stephen Alcorn, Illustrator, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

An exquisite rendering of the age-old story of the birth of Jesus. The illustrations are truly captivating while the text summons silence at the wonder of nature itself. The story, when read aloud to children will be awe-inspiring and the illustrations will leave traces on a child's heart.

#### **Second Place**

*I Wasn't Dead When I Wrote This*, by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart, Loyola Press, Chicago, IL

This book is an all around winner for the life of a christian teen. The voice in which it is written, the issues raised, and the penetration of the inner life of a teen, possess startling accuracy. While it is written by an adult, the urgency of having the courage to be your authentic self is the paramount issue for teens.

### **Third Place**

*Forever You - A Book About Your Soul and Body*, by Nicolle Lataiff; Illustrated by Mary Rojas, Pauline Books & Media, Boston, MA

This lively colorful multi-racial book cover and story about the soul in relation to the body broaches an abstract idea with profound simplicity. It will open a child's heart and awareness to the invisible spirit which infuses life at so many times and in so many places.

### **B10**

#### **First Time Author**

#### **First Place**

*The Infertility Companion for Catholics*, by Angelique Ruhi-Lopez and Carmen Santamaria, Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN

A sympathetic treatment of what can be a heartbreaking situation for couples who want children, this book includes clear, accessible explanations of Church teaching on various methods of dealing with infertility, including those that are and are not considered moral by the magisterium, as well as helps for coping with the emotions connected with infertility.

#### **Second Place**

*Living Celibacy: Healthy Pathways for Priests*, by Gerdnio Sonny Manuel, SJ, Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ

Thoughtful yet practical approach to the celibate life. Though aimed specifically at priests this handbook could also be useful for those in the single, divorced or widowed states, who are trying to live chastely celibate lives.

#### **Third Place**

*What's so Funny About Faith*, by Jake Martin, S.J., Loyola Press, Chicago, IL

Jake Martin, S.J. shares light-hearted stories and anecdotal humor that strengthen one's understanding and acceptance of faith and the importance of God in our lives. Add this book to an adult faith formation class for a fresh source of insight and conversation.

### **B11**

#### **Family Life**

#### **First Place**

*Getting the Marriage Conversation Right*, by William B. May, Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville, OH

William B. May gets into the heart of perhaps the single biggest issue today that will affect the lives of every family in America. He reminds us that children are being left out of the debate. Here is a practical guide for those seeking answers about changing the definition of marriage.

#### **Second Place**

*Catholic and Newly Married*, by Kathy and Steve Beirne, ACTA Publications, Chicago, IL

The Beirnes have created a small pocket sized guide to the basic challenges faced by newly married couples in today's world. Based on their own life experiences they show us to use these challenges as opportunities for growth.

#### **Third Place**

*Build Your House Upon Rock: A Bible Study for Catholics Preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage*, by Nancy Humes, Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville, OH

Nancy Humes has put together a wonderful biblical study guide that would be a welcome addition to a marriage preparation program. In fact this is a great enrichment tool for any married couple looking to learn what God has to say about marriage.

## **B12**

### **History**

#### **First Place**

*Latin Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church*, by Timothy Matovina, Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ

A towering and timely overview of the Latino Catholic experience in America from the sixteenth century to the present, with particular focus on the important ways the U.S. Catholic Church, its evolving Latino majority and American culture are mutually transforming one another.

#### **Second Place**

*History of the World Christian Movement, Volume II Modern Christianity from 1545-1800*, by Dale T. Irvin, Scott W. Sundquist, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

This work eschews the myopic Eurocentric view of history choosing instead a broad global perspective that gives a rightful place to the peoples of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Near East in telling the complete story of the growth of Christianity and its relationship to culture and the era of colonialism, nationalism and the corresponding missionary efforts.

#### **Third Place**

*Were the Popes Against the Jews? Tracking the Myths, Confronting the Ideologies*, by Justus George Lawler, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

An appealing and apologetic work by a meticulous scholar and editor, rebutting the many fallacious anti-Semitic accusations against the popes over the centuries. It comes as a timely counter to David I. Kertzer's *The Popes Against the Jews* (2001).

## **B13**

### **Biography**

#### **First Place**

*Redeeming the Past*, by Father Michael Lapsley with Stephen Karakashian, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Here is the gripping, inspirational story of a courageous Anglican priest from New Zealand who lost both hands and one eye to a letter bomb sent to him as a result of his activism in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and how he used his misfortune to bring healing to victims of violence, terrorism, racism and genocide there and throughout the world.

#### **Second Place**

*Leonardo and The Last Supper*, by Ross King, Walker Books, New York, NY

King tells the tale of the creation of one of the world's greatest masterpieces of religious art in compelling fashion. The historical context is fascinating in itself, as is the planning process, and we are well aware of the power and majesty of the result. This book deserves wide readership.

#### **Third Place**

*The Pope and I*, by Jerzy Kluger, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

This book provides a fascinating account of the lifelong friendship between Pope John Paul II and his Jewish schoolmate from Krakow. It tells both the charming tale of friendship and mutual respect, and how a unique and personal confluence of history, politics and religion impacted and advanced Jewish-Christian relations.

## **B14**

### **Gender Issues**

#### **First Place**

*She Who Imagines*, by Laurie Cassidy and Maureen H. O'Connell, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

The theology of aesthetics takes many steps forward through this expansive work to open the reader's mind, break down barriers, and forge new avenues for women in the Church and in the world. The beauty of this volume lies in the wisdom of its women authors who together provide a life-affirming book that raises the standard of justice and dignity for all people.

#### **Second Place**

*Woman-Killing in Juarez*, by Rafael Luevano, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

This book goes way beyond the telling of atrocious,violent abuse and murder of women in Ciudad Juarez. The author draws theological insights into the reality of evil and suffering which challenge the reader to demand of themselves a response to God's grace that will effect constructive change. Required reading for all high school and college students and an excellent group study for parishes.

#### **Third Place**

*The Catholic Girl's Survival Guide for the Single Years: The Nuts and Bolts of Staying Sane and Happy While Waiting for Mr. Right*, by Emily Stimpston, Emmaus Road Publishing, Steubenville, OH

A very upbeat and humorous attempt to help women traverse the single years intact in their self respect and morals. The author provides practical advice on finances, compromise, independence, and maintaining relationships with family, girl friends and other couples while juggling the demands of finding the right guy.

## **B15**

### **Reference Books**

*Not Enough Entries to be Judged*

## **B16**

### **Diocesan Directory**

#### **First Place**

*Catholic Diocese of Rockford 2012-2013 Directory*, by Gwen LaShock, Catholic Diocese of Rockford, Rockford, IL

This is a larger format directory opening with a 4-page color gallery of pictures of the installation of the Most Reverend David John Malloy as the new Bishop of Rockford. The cover features a beautiful picture showing Jesus crowning the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven. The paper stock is excellent and thumb indexing allows rapid access to its sections. The contents are well organized and the ring binding allows the directory to lie flat at any page.

## **Second Place**

*2012-2014 Official Directory of the Catholic Diocese of Beaumont*, by Staff, Catholic Diocese of Beaumont, Beaumont, TX

This smaller format, ring bound directory is a fine example of good design and manufacturing. The directory is thumb indexed and is printed on quality paper stock. The typography is excellent and each parish within the directory is pictured along with a map indicating its location.

## **Third Place**

*Catholic Directory, Diocese of Buffalo 2012*, by Gregg Prince, Kevin Keenan, Patrick J. Buechi, Kristina Connell, Diana Damstetter, Carolyn Luick, Kathy Luppi, Patrick McPartland, Sr. M. Loriette Tokasz, CSSF, Office of Communications, Diocese of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

This directory features a beautiful cover designed by Carolyn Luick which sets the tone for this useful book. The directory is ring bound and thumb indexed for rapid access. The paper stock is good and the typography is excellent. Color photography is presented on chrome coated stock which gives brilliance to the subject.

## **B17**

### **Seasonal Catalog**

#### **First Place**

*Fall Catalog*, by Copy and Layout by Gina Buckley; Design by Chris Broquet, World Library Publications, Franklin Park, IL

The boldness and "new" theme of the cover entices the buyer. The catalog with its strong colors, readable type and highlighting features exhibits the basic tools for a buyer's catalog that makes it a real winner.

#### **Second Place**

*Fall Catalog*, by Amanda Modelski - Marketing, Patricia Lynch - Designer, ACTA Publications, Chicago, IL

Once into the catalog, the buyer is immediately introduced to the titles new for that season. A subtle use of background color accentuates the boldness of the title covers and gently moves the user on through the catalog.

#### **Third Place**

*Summer Catalog*, by OCP Marketing Staff, Oregon Catholic Press, Portland, OR

Good presentation of a new season of titles as well as backlist using the traditional techniques of catalogs with engaging design.

## **B18**

### **Best Book by Small Publisher**

#### **First Place**

*Eli's Reach: On the Value of Human Life and the Power of Prayer*, by Chad Judice, Acadian House Publishing, Lafayette, LA

Reach is an inherent element of faith which stems from the innermost recesses of the human spirit. The story of Eli, his parents and the ultimate unfolding of faith in the midst of harrowing challenges is exemplary for all who yearn to reach. It is beautifully rendered in word and image.

## **Second Place**

*Hunger, And You Fed Me: Homilies and Reflections for Cycle C*, by Deacon Jim Knipper, Editor featuring James Martin, S.J. and Richard Rohr, OFM, Clear Vision Publishing, Manalpan, NJ

A fine compilation and true collaboration on the part of some exceptional homilists. Driven by the issue and awareness of homelessness, it is a remarkable array of moving homilies which touch any member of the christian community.

## **Third Place**

*Reading God's Handwriting: Poems*, by Philip C. Kolin, Kaufmann Publishing, St. Simons Island, GA

Poetry is potent and highly underrated as a medium of the faith based message. It's capacity to open the heart, mind, and spirit through a more unorthodox vehicle is known through experience and time alone. This small collection beckons the reader with faith to its pages with an eye catching title, cover image, and portability.

## **B19**

### **Catholic Social Teaching**

#### **First Place**

*Option for the Poor and for the Earth*, by Donal Dorr, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Dorr's analysis gets inside the documents of Catholic Social Teaching revealing an ever-evolving tradition that is both a graced and flawed source of insight and moral guidance. This text is a precious gift to student and scholar alike.

#### **First Place**

*Gandhi and the Unspeakable*, by James W. Douglass, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

James W. Douglass brings us face to face with the forces that brought about Gandhi's death and that the forces are still at work today, and we need to face the choice between non-violence and non-existence.

#### **Third Place**

*Kinship Across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration*, by Kristin E. Heyer, Georgetown University Press, Washington, DC

Heyer tackles a complex social issue with confidence and wisdom—bringing the voices and experience of immigrants, especially women, into the conversation. This work challenges our current policy debate, our spirituality, and our static moral theology and social ethics to be more inclusive and faithful to God's vision of kinship.

## **B20**

### **Faith and Science**

#### **First Place**

*In the Beginning was the Spirit*, by Diarmuid O' Murchu, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

This bold undertaking is a prophetic theological reflection on the power and presence of Spirit—ever ancient, yet ever new—from our human origins, among a vast array of indigenous peoples, and even poured out in the New Pentecost in recent generations. It is a most compelling and creative invitation to see Spirit everywhere present, gifting us with new life and divine energy.

## **Second Place**

*Vast Universe*, by Thomas F. O'Mera, OP, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

A mind expanding work by a brilliant theologian explores the question of the enormity of the cosmos, extraterrestrial life, and its impact on our understandings of incarnation, grace, and community in a way that is sensitive to science. The perspectives of past thinkers help the reader imagine the incredible possibilities, while encountering the depth and breadth of the love of the Creator in a new way.

## **Third Place**

*God and Evolution? Science Meets Faith*, by Dr. Gerard M. Verschuuren, Pauline Books and Media, Boston, MA

A clear and comprehensive exploration of the question of human origins, at once solidly Catholic and scientifically sound. It educates and equips the reader to engage the evolutionary debate in a thoughtful and well-reasoned manner. His chapter on worldviews was particularly helpful.

## **B21**

### **50th Anniversary of Vatican II**

#### **First Place**

*My Journal of the Council*, by Yves Congar, OP, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN

This is the daily diary of Yves Congar, O.P. during the period of the Second Vatican Council. Not only does it provide insight into the council it provides a delightful insight into the everyday life of a working theologian. I could not put it down which is a compliment for a book of 979 pages.

#### **Second Place**

*Vatican II: 50 Personal Stories*, by William Madges & Michael J. Daley, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

What an interesting and absorbing book! It tells the story of Vatican II through the revelatory experiences and personal assessment of distinguished Catholic and non-Catholic authors. Covering a wide scope of topics, this book is a treasure trove of valuable insights.

#### **Third Place**

*After Vatican II: Trajectories and Hermeneutics*, by James L. Heft, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI

A valuable contribution to the ongoing analysis of the conciliar documents of Vatican II. The inclusion of the insights of noted theologians guarantees that a broad scope of interpretations is presented. The authors help the reader to understand that the Council was an event that is still being determined as it is lived out in the lives of all of us.

## **B22**

### **The Year of Faith**

#### **First Place**

*Christian Spirituality for Seekers*, by Roger Haight, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

Written with non-Christians in mind, this book makes the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius accessible to those who are seeking the deeper meaning of their lives. Without excluding the Christian seeker, Haight presents the story of Jesus in a way that welcomes those who are

approaching Jesus for the first time. A monumental contribution to the Year of Faith evangelizing efforts!

### **Second Place**

*Friends in Christ*, by Brother John of Taizé, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

A very strong personal witness to a new "model" for Church in the modern world in this year of faith. How about using friendship and relationship as the essential starting point instead of ritual, dogma and doctrine? As friends we share the life of God with each other and then trust the working of the Spirit.

### **Third Place**

*Along the Way Lessons for an Authentic Journey of Faith*, by Randy Hain, Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO

The convincing nature of this book lies in the sincerity of the author who shares his own journey of faith. By bringing the reader into the inner drama of his spiritual pilgrimage, Hain makes his recommendations for fostering the spiritual life credible and worthy of emulation.

## **B23**

### **Faithful Citizenship**

#### **First Place**

*Law's Virtues: Fostering Autonomy and Solidarity in American Society*, by Cathleen Kaveny, Georgetown University Press, Washington, DC

Law's Virtues is a lucid, timely analysis of the role of law in a complex, multi-dimensional democratic society, and law's potential for being a "teacher of virtue." Thoroughly researched and compellingly argued, this volume is expansive, timely, and readable. The author addresses many fraught political/moral issues and is replete with illuminating distinctions and practical wisdom.

#### **Second Place**

*Seek First the Kingdom*, by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN

Cardinal Donald Wuerl examines God's care for the world, as understood in Catholic thought and tradition. In particular, he examines Jesus' teaching about "the Kingdom," and applies these insights to the current American scene. Wuerl clearly and succinctly recapitulates magisterial teaching on a number of critical issues, and does so in an appealing and welcoming manner.

#### **Third Place**

*The Gospel of Rutba*, by Greg Barrett, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY

A reporter's vivid account of the March 2003 Iraqi deportation of a small band of American Christian peacemakers as U.S. bombs began to fall on Iraq, and of the visitors' return there in 2010. This is a modern parable of foreigners being welcomed by their country's adversaries, and a grim commentary on the larger war.