

Catholic Priesthood Formation And Human Development

Can the phenomena of the human mind be separated from the practices of spiritual formation? Research into the nature of moral and spiritual change has revived in recent years in both the worlds of psychology and theology. Rooted in a year-long discussion held by Biola University's Center for Christian Thought (CCT), this volume bridges the gaps caused by professional specialization among psychology, theology, and philosophy.

The past thirty years have witnessed tremendous societal and ecclesial changes that continue to inform ministry education in the 21st century. In *Seminary Formation*, Katarina Schuth, OSF, examines the many aspects of theologate-level schools including their structures and missions, organization and leadership, student enrollment, backgrounds of both seminarians and lay students, and the evolution and development of degree programs, including human and spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation. *Seminary Formation* also helpfully includes substantial commentaries on Schuth's research by Ronald Rolheiser, Thomas Walters, Leon M. Hutton, Barbara Reid, and Peter Vaccari. An exploration of the changes in seminaries and schools of theology, with statistical analysis, from 1985 to the present, *Seminary Formation* anticipates the challenges ahead and considers new directions for the future.

A comprehensive guide to understanding the historic development and the challenges of the formation of priests in the Catholic Church.

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The best clerical formation today prepares men to be divinely loved in their humanity. In *Configured to Christ: On Spiritual Direction and Clergy Formation*, Deacon James Keating shares what makes a priest or deacon peaceful, personally happy, and—to the extent he keeps receiving the love of God in prayer as a man of interiority and sacrament—a minister of God's love to his people.

This is a timely book on the contemporary African priesthood. Just as in other parts of the globe, the African priesthood currently faces a serious crisis of identity. The unfolding crisis puts stress on the clerics and augments the tension with lay people. The model of the Church-as-Family of God opted for by the Church in Africa is a new milestone that puts pressure on Catholic priests to define their role in the new context. The identity and image of priests need to be specified as lay ministries render the Church active from the grassroots. Reflection about the ministry of the clergy in Africa is urgent, and indeed it is an important aspect of enculturation. Nyenyembe demonstrates an admirable capacity to situate his rich theological reflections in an African context.

Historical Dictionary of Catholicism, Third Edition contains a chronology, an introduction, a bibliography, the dictionary has more than 500 cross-referenced entries on themes such as baptism, contraception, labor, church architecture, the sexual abuse crisis, doctrine and theology, spirituality and worship, and church structure.

Volume I contains the new edition of the *Ratio Fundamentalis Institutionis Sacerdotalis*. Included in Volume II are companion publications to the Program of Priestly Formation. Academic Paper from the year 2020 in the subject Theology - Practical Theology,

grade: 1.0, Kwame Nkrumah University, language: English, abstract: This article is about formation as an art and not a science. It is about accompaniment and discernment towards evangelical empowerment driven by the Nazareth Manifesto by mature mentors who are human-spiritual whisperers of their charges. I was beginning to get paranoid at the number of times the word “rotten” or “broken” pops into my head in reference to the priestly formation system until my friend Elizabeth Mphande told me in an email, “It’s really sad and pathetic. It’s like the whole system is rotten and some guys are just out there to do a job to get easy money from parishioners. Taking its point of departure from Pope Francis’ concern about initial formation for the priesthood, I suggest that in the light of the Ratio Fundamentalis, formation must operate on the principle of “small is beautiful” by avoiding mass manufacture of priests. The focus of such formation needs to be accompaniment and discernment. Failure to do this, we risk in the words of Pope Francis, churning out little monsters in circumstances that are akin to policing rather transformative formation. Pope Francis never defined what he meant by “little monsters” but I opine that it has to do with the style of leadership. Little or big monsters would be the equivalent of an ecclesiastical Donald Trump. These monsters eventually grow into big monsters as bishops, archbishops and cardinals with a heart of stone instead of a heart of flesh whose default exercise of authority is hard power rather than soft power. As the Pope says, formation and we might add episcopal oversight “is a work of art, not policing” [è un’opera artigianale, non poliziesca].

The Church is not a business, but it does have a stewardship responsibility to ensure that all of its resources are used as effectively as possible to carry out God's work on earth. In the case of human resource assets, good stewardship involves assisting those engaged in ministry (whether clerical or lay) to achieve their greatest potential through the various components of performance management, including performance assessment. This unique collection brings together both scholars and practitioners who tackle the tricky questions related to the performance management of lay Church workers and clergy (priests and deacons). Performance management is multi-faceted, ranging from issues about hiring, job descriptions, performance criteria, performance appraisal, formation, and firing procedures. As a charitable organization, the Church is subject to the same civil law employment regulations as companies in the private sector. Contributors demonstrate that Canon Law and Church tradition supports the performance management of Church ministers (including clergy). This is a valuable resource for programs in church ministry, pastoral administration, and in the emerging field of church management.

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Living Celibacy presents five pathways toward promoting the psychosexual health of Catholic priests: (1) Live close to God and one's deepest desires; (2) Develop broad and deep interpersonal relationships and communities of support; (3) Ask for love, nurture others, and negotiate separation; (4) Cope with stress and recognize destructive patterns of behavior; (5) Celebrate the holy. The pathways are not a theology of celibacy, nor do they explain why one chooses a celibate lifestyle. Rather they describe how chastity is experienced and enacted, what some of the opportunities and struggles might be, and how the experience of celibacy can enrich priestly life and ministry. Sensible, thoughtful, sane, informed by real-life examples, and well-grounded

in both Catholic spirituality and contemporary psychology, *Living Celibacy* will prove a valuable resource to all priests who seek to be loving, celibate men. Too often books on this important aspect of priestly life neglect the psychological dimensions of the celibacy, view it only from a "sacrificial" point of view, or rely on an overly abstract theology. But as a longtime priest and professional psychologist, Sonny Manuel brings a perspective on the celibate life that offers insights both spiritual and practical. This is an ideal book for anyone from a first-year seminarian to an experienced priest. Book jacket.

You'll hear it in news coverage of the Church scandals - "Clerical Culture" - but what does it mean? In *Clerical Culture: Contradiction and Transformation* Michael L. Papesh provides an understanding for today's clerical system and present circumstances. Papesh describes the origin and contemporary formation of the clerical culture as well as eleven major contradictions in which today's clerical culture is trapped. To transcend these crises, Papesh calls for a spiritual approach to cultural transformation (both clerical and popular) through leadership: in holiness, in love, and in justice. Written in an engaging style and complete with raw data and appendices, *Clerical Culture* provides the knowledge needed to understand today's Church crisis. Chapters in Part One, Focusing the Issues are: *A Personal Story, - *The Problem, - *How the Clerical Culture Came to Be, - *The Clerical Culture: Set for the Ages, - and *Theological Underpinnings. - Chapters in Part Two, The Contradictions are: *Priestly Formation, - *Priest Accountability, - *A Priest's Personal Support System, - and *Living a Contradictory Life. - Chapters in Part Three, Considerations Toward Transformation are: *Cultural Transformation, - *Being Leaders in Holiness, - *Being Leaders in Love, - *Being Leaders in Justice, - and *The Spirit and the Bride Say 'Come'. - Also includes *Appendix 1: Cleveland Priests' Hopes and Concerns Based on Three Areas of Challenge, - *Appendix 2: Cleveland Priests' Large-Group Discussion Task Force Charges, - *Appendix 3: Summary: The Basic Plan for Ongoing Formation of Priests, - *Appendix 4: The Organizational Life Cycle: Change Grid, - and a Bibliography. Michael L. Papesh is Pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in St. Paul, Minnesota. "

Each year since 1888, young Catholic men, selected by their Bishops or religious superiors, have entered the Pontifical College Josephinum, the only such seminary under the aegis of the Vatican in North America. The Josephinum was first established by Father John Joseph Jessing to train priests to serve German-speaking immigrants to the United States. Over time, this unique seminary has evolved into an institution which is both Missionary and National, as well as Pontifical. It has educated seminarians from countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America while always remaining faithful to the Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. Seminarians experience life in community; sharing meals, liturgy, pastoral assignment and recreational opportunities with over 200 others with the same vision and aspirations. Committed to faithful observance of the Program For Priestly Formation of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Josephinum seminarians grow in the four dimensions of priestly formation: Human, Intellectual, Spiritual And Pastoral. Through apostolic works in the parishes and diocesan outreach programs of Columbus, Ohio, they prepare for active priesthood in their home dioceses or religious communities. In 2013 and 2014 author J. F. (Jack) Leahy interviewed dozens of current seminarians and recorded their reflections, hopes, aspirations and even their concerns

and criticisms about this "House That Joseph Built." We applaud their candor and great good humor as they share their personal journeys.

Fr. Eusèbe M. Ménard, O.F.M., was gifted with a visionary perspective regarding God's call to adults for ministry in the Catholic Church, specifically, priestly vocations. In the mid-1940s, Ménard proposed an innovative idea for training men called to serve God through the priesthood: college seminaries for "belated vocations." As he defined it, a man with a belated vocation had not heard God's call in his early years or, having heard it, did not or could not act upon it at that time. The events leading to the formation and development of Holy Apostles College & Seminary proved challenging and, at times, painful for those people who joined Ménard in this enterprise. Still, it appeared from the start that the "Hand of God" was truly at work in the concept, acquisition, and development of Holy Apostles. This study documents the founding and initial development of Holy Apostles and highlights several significant events from the first forty years of its service to the Catholic Church.

Love stories are always captivating. And when it is the love story of a catholic priest, it is intriguing. This book is about the love story of two priests. "Both stories reveal their pain and struggles to decide against a law imbedded for centuries in the solid structure of an institution and in the cultural psyche of both laity and clergy. In the end, love and grace triumph" (From a peer review). A highlight of this book is my reformist concern related to clerical behavior. And I speak from my experience and expertise of forty years in the ministry. Ecclesiastics should know that when I left the service of the altar, I bore no bitterness or regret. I am, therefore, their best ally to tell them the truth in love. An added weight for my credibility is because my observations are based mostly on the pronouncements of Pope Francis. The book will make some clerics uncomfortable. Many will find it comforting and uplifting. All will find it a good resource for reflection and a compelling guide for examination of conscience to hopefully bring about the clergy reform in attitude and lifestyle. I have a chapter on celibacy. Some will ask, what more is there to talk about this topic. And I say, because I present celibacy with a focus on chastity. Celibacy without chastity is a farce. Perhaps someday the church will change its law on celibacy, definitely not in my lifetime. But it will. This book will tell you why. This book can be used as a primer in the seminary formation program. As Cardinal Robert Sarah has warned, "The Christian priesthood is going through a major crisis," and at the root of this quagmire "is a deep flaw in their formation." The laity will benefit from this book, especially among the churchgoing, those engaged in religious formation, those in search of their faith's relevance or simply the spiritually hungry and the families and friends of priests all over the world. The book strongly emphasizes the equality in dignity of all Christian faithful (clergy and lay) based on the grace of baptism. This will help the laity value and uphold their proper role, viz. that together they build up the Church of Jesus Christ.

The goal of this book is to uncover the meaning of "human formation and development" as it appears in the new fifth edition of the "Program of Priestly Formation" and "The Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests." This book is unique in its careful analysis of the depths of human formation for seminarians and priests. Most books written since the awareness of the sexual-abuse crisis in the Church have generally addressed the causes of and remedies for the crisis. But few books outline the overall view of priestly formation. The inspiration for "Catholic Priesthood" came from numerous reporters and investigators who contacted the author with questions about priestly formation in the wake of the crisis. "Paperback"

This is a ground-breaking study into a crucial area of theological education. It traces the origin and evolution of the formation model of training and identifies what difference this paradigm makes to present practice. It uncovers significant and surprising functions of prayer in the formational and learning process as discovered in empirical research (informed by theological

and psychological perspectives on prayer) among a sample of newly ordained clergy and tutors. The practical implications of the research are identified, offering creative ideas for a renewed understanding and praxis of the role of prayer in learning. This is essential reading for theological students and teachers alike, and calls for a clearer articulation of a spirituality of education as needed by our present culture and context.

Is celibacy an exclusive practice of the Latin Church? Why has priestly celibacy in the Catholic Church always been singled out for attacks? Is the requirement of celibacy harmful to man's psycho-sexual equilibrium and to the normal development of human personality? Is celibacy a greater burden to priests from non-Western cultures like Igbo-Nigerian culture? Is priestly celibacy still relevant in today's society? If priestly celibacy is a charism, how can it be imposed by law? These crucial questions about priestly celibacy find their answers in this work. There has been a debate concerning the primary source of the obligation of priestly celibacy. This work clarifies that since priestly celibacy is a charism of the Holy Spirit, the primary source of obligation does not rise from the law but from the charism itself (gift) and from the free response which the person gives in love to this charism (commitment). The work traced the magisterium of the Church on priestly celibacy from 1917 code to the pontificate of Benedict XVI and came to the conclusion that the crisis associated with celibacy is not solved by abrogating the law but through an integrated celibate formation of seminarians. The work therefore developed an «integrated celibate formation model for Igbo-Nigerian seminarians», a model which is adaptable to the formation of seminarians in any socio-cultural and ecclesial situation.

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Many Christians struggle to balance the religious and secular elements of Christmas, but the history of the feast shows that this is nothing new. The religious Christmas has changed over the centuries and, contrary to many critics, is thriving today. This brief, accessible account will explain that: The first Christians did not celebrate Christmas at all. The earliest mention of the feast occurs in the fourth century. In the Middle Ages Christmas moved into northern Europe where it became a major winter festival, competing with the pagan Yule. During the sixteenth century some Christians objected to Christmas because they claimed it had no biblical foundation. In England and New England the Puritans made it a crime to celebrate it! The modern secular Christmas arose in the nineteenth century, but the religious Christmas continued to grow in popularity and meshed well with the developing emphasis on Christmas as a day for family and friends. In today's world rampant consumerism threatens the religious Christmas, but it continues not only to survive but to flourish, taking on new life and new forms. By tracing these and other aspects of the religious celebration of Christmas through the centuries, Joseph F. Kelly does much more than provide us with interesting facts. He reassures us that though the religious Christmas may not be in its traditional form, it is indeed alive and well and has a bright and promising future. Joseph F. Kelly, PhD, is professor of religious studies at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is author of *The Origins of Christmas, An Introduction to the New Testament for Catholics, The Collegeville Church History Timeline, The Birth of Jesus According to the Gospels, and The Ecumenical Councils of the Catholic Church*, all published by Liturgical Press.

The formation of priests means following a singular 'journey of discipleship', which begins at Baptism, is perfected through the other sacraments of Christian Initiation, comes to be appreciated as the centre of one's life at the beginning of seminary formation, and continues through the whole of life. This *Ratio Fundamentalis* emphasises that formation - both initial and ongoing - must be seen through a unifying lens, which takes account of the four dimensions of formation proposed by *Pastores Dabo Vobis*. Together, these dimensions give shape and structure to the identity of the seminarian and the priest, and make him capable of that 'gift of self to the Church', which is the essence of pastoral charity.

This book was written by Fr. Maciel for his participation in the Synod of Bishops on the Priesthood. It is an insightful look at priestly formation for the clergy of today and tomorrow.

Rooted in the documents of Vatican II, the Program for Priestly Formation offers the normative direction for all seminaries in the United States to meet the challenge of priestly formation in the third millennium.

Do you have what it takes to become a next-level Catholic hipster? Building on the overwhelming popularity of *The Catholic Hipster Handbook*, Tommy Tighe is back with a new cast of fellow hipsters—including Haley Stewart, Samantha Povlock, Matthew Sewell, Fr. Damian Ferrence, and Patrick Neve—to share overlooked saints, forgotten prayers, and profound practices that define the countercultural Catholic lifestyle, inspiring you to live your faith in radical ways. *The Catholic Hipster Handbook* successfully defined Catholic cool. In *Catholic Hipster: The Next Level*, editor Tommy Tighe and his squad of hipsters delve even deeper into the Church's countercultural 2,000-year history and kick it up a notch by helping you answer the call to act on your beliefs. The book is divided into three parts that challenge you to live the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. Each contributor introduces a forgotten saint and prayer and provides a suggestion for living the beautiful quirkiness of the Catholic faith. Topics include: bringing Catholic Twitter into the real world understanding Catholic feminism exploring third orders as extreme hipster Catholicism making a Flannery O'Connor pilgrimage looking at J. R. R. Tolkien as an early Catholic hipster debating praise and worship music versus traditional organ music Covering the intellectual, practical, and intrinsically hipster, *Catholic Hipster: The Next Level* has something for everyone. Whether you want to be challenged, called to serve, or shown something new about your faith, you'll end up embracing all that's cool about Catholicism and having a more personal relationship with Christ and his Church.

This book is on the spirituality of life crisis and formation. When this spirituality is denied or neglected, life is in crisis. The Church with its priesthood is losing its face and meaning in today's world due to the evading crisis. How to define and contain this crisis in today's world and cultures is what this book is all about. Without a well-grounded spirituality of formation, life is a bundle of crisis with a limited vision, meaning and purpose. This book is a must-read for everyone, especially school teachers, college professors, seminary formators, bishops, priests, religious men and women, students/seminarians, and aspirants to

religious life.

Taking on a still-controversial topic, a diverse group of experts, including victims and clergy, offers reflections on the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, examining what the church has done—and what it still needs to do—to protect children. • Contributions from 20 leading experts on sexual abuse of children by Catholic clergy, including a federal judge; a social worker; a priest; a bishop; prominent psychologists; and professors of law, crime, and sociology

The Inner Life of Priests is a landmark exploration of how the categories and practices of psychology are contributing to a new health and vitality in the priesthood. Authors McGlone and Sperry (both nationally-recognized experts on the integration of psychology and spirituality in priestly life), investigate issues and answer questions that concern those invested in the healthy ministry of priests everyone from the people in the pews to those in Church leadership. They include: How has psychology helped us understand both mental and spiritual health of those applying to Catholic seminaries and then serving in priestly ministry? How has it shaped understanding of key issues like affective maturity, cultural competency and even the discipline of celibacy? How has it helped Church leaders better understanding and positively influence clerical culture in seminaries, dioceses, and religious orders? Catholic laity, priests, seminarians, vocation directors, those considering religious and priestly vocations everyone interested in how men serving in this critical ministerial role are identified, formed and supported will welcome this authoritative and positive book.

Far-reaching changes continue to take place in the American priesthood. Building on insights gained from four previous surveys, *Same Call, Different Men* uses fresh data from a 2009 survey-jointly implemented by the National Federation of Priest's Councils and the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate-in which 900 priests shared attitudes and stories about their lives and ministry. Among topics covered are the challenges of ministry with fewer ordinations and larger parishes, ministering to an increasingly multicultural laity, collaboration with lay leaders, and personal reflections on the sexual abuse issue. It also relates the many satisfactions of being a priest, one who brings Christ to others and who is invited into many profound moments of individual lives.

The Priest as a Man of Temperance is the second volume in this essential series for all seminarians and priests, focusing on how they can detach their hearts from concupiscence, grow in the Spirit, and keep themselves entire and incorrupt for God. Based on the rich teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, this book translates complex Thomistic concepts into a form that is both accessible and practical in the context of pastoral ministry.

The preparation of new priests for ministry currently faces closer scrutiny than at any time since the Reformation, and the importance of effective priestly formation has perhaps never been clearer in the entire history of the Church. In *Models of Priestly Formation*, some of the world's leading experts on the topic consider priestly formation since Vatican II, explore current best practices internationally, and imagine what the future of such formation might look like. The book promises to become an essential reference for every person involved in priestly

formation and for anyone interested in understanding better how it is carried out and how those who do it think about their task. The eBook edition includes four additional essays.

Thoughtfully examines the Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse Scandal and its impacts using the paradigm of a "wicked problem," in order to truthfully demonstrate its complexities and causal factors. Only by understanding the phenomenon accurately can Catholics and Church leaders understand reform as both interior conversion and needed and concrete change.

The recent Year for Priests focused considerable attention on the priesthood, resulting in many books, articles, retreats, conferences, and symposia. In *Gold Tested in Fire*, Ronald D. Witherup, SS, makes an important new contribution. Intersecting scriptural and theological context with lived pastoral insight, Witherup explores both classic and contemporary understandings of the priesthood, offers insights into the four pillars suggested for priestly formation, and looks at the charism of priests, and the need for ongoing formation across a life-span. Having engaged in priestly formation in seminaries for a number of years, Witherup moves beyond overly idealized or pietistic approaches to the presbyteral life to offer key insights on the challenges and rewards inherent in contemporary priestly ministry. Underlying his approach is the firm conviction that the present testing in the priesthood is a profound summons to a new Pentecost, inopportunity for the priesthood to be cleansed and remade, and ultimately stronger.

In *Catholic Teaching on Homosexuality: New Paths to Understanding*, Rev. Louis Cameli, nationally renowned pastoral leader and priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, presents the Catholic Church's teaching on homosexuality with insight, new possibilities for spiritual care, and a vision for greater hospitality within the Church. Is the sexuality of homosexually inclined persons a blessing or a curse? Does it lead a person to God or away from God? Can a homosexual person be a good Catholic? With humility and pastoral sensitivity, Cameli offers hope to the many who feel alienated from the Church because of these questions. Taking his cue from Pope Benedict's call to "express the teaching pastorally, theologically, and intellectually in the context of today's studies of sexuality and anthropology," he provides a deeper understanding of the Church's theological language and stresses that while the Church is a teacher, it must also be a learner.

Pius XI explained that "all Christian virtues should flourish in the soul of the priest." But how are these virtues translated into concrete practice? Father Angel Pérez-López definitively answers this question with *The Priest as a Man of Fortitude*--the third book in his indispensable series on Priestly Formation in the Human Virtues. Based heavily on the definitions and rich teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas, Father recasts complex Thomistic concepts into an understandable and useful way to help priests understand and practice fortitude in their ministry. No mere dry theological handbook, this is a spiritual aid to put that theology into action by forming one's character, offering spiritual exercises and meditations for helping clergymen identify and develop virtues, recognize and counteract contrary vices, and grow in personal holiness. With extensive quotations from the Scriptures all the way up to St. John Paul II and the modern Popes, Fr. Pérez-López makes full use of the Church's tradition while relating it to the modern world. *The Priest as a Man of Fortitude* is not only a perfect manual for seminarians but also a go-to spiritual manual for all priests to combat moral weakness and emulate Christ as the teacher and exemplar of priestly fortitude.

"Religious Life and Priesthood reclaims the vision of Vatican II for contemporary priests, religious, and ecclesial ministers." "The book examines the historical context, the key players, and the implementation of Vatican II documents on the priesthood, the training of priests, and the religious life."--BOOK JACKET.

The sixteenth-century Council of Trent mandated a new training approach for the Catholic priesthood, beginning not before the age of twelve, and in a new type of institution: the "seminary." The ideal that subsequently developed assumed six years of training in a "minor

seminary," corresponding to the four high school years and two years of undergraduate liberal arts studies, plus six years of studies at a "major seminary." By the 1950s, U.S. seminarians preparing for the priesthood were plentiful, motivating a construction boom in seminaries. Yet by the 1980s, minor seminary enrollments had declined over eighty percent, and most minor seminaries had either closed or become residence halls affiliated with another Catholic educational institution. This dissertation analyzes the religious values of Catholic parents and their male progeny, the demographic climate which influenced youthful candidates to pursue a vocation as a Catholic priest, and the pedagogical methods used in minor seminaries to train those candidates. It examines five seminaries that closed and three seminaries that survived. Based on that information, it postulates causes for the near-total downfall of the minor seminary from its former prominence as an integral component of Catholic priestly formation.

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