



The Font

Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke

Jan/Feb 2014

Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the year 2014. We've never been here before. So, enter with courage. Perhaps the metaphor for daring to enter is a white cane. While we cannot see what is ahead we trust that the way forward will become known to us as we attend to what is immediately in front of us. Why the image of the white cane?



I just met Justen. He is a thirty-something visually impaired man who has started attending worship at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. Last Sunday, with invitation, he navigated the 14 pews, three steps up, and then another to reach the chancel rail to extend his free hand to receive the life gift of Christ Jesus and then caned his way back to his seat by the third pillar on the left. Justen is my current image of faith in action.

Walking beside him up to the chancel, I was amazed at how he discerned his distance from the person in front of him by ever so gently touching the shoe heel. I doubt the man inhabiting those shoes even knew he had been tapped. I'd like to think that each of us, inhabited by the Holy Spirit, could live with such faith and discernment in this new year.

What are the central issues of your life as you enter 2014? What requires courage, discipline and white-cane spirituality? Health issues, aging, concern for children or parents, professional challenges, or growth in love?

As Lukans one thing is for sure: our Rule of Life and Service calls us to step into the day to day with some land marks in place (pillars, pews, steps and shoes!): the apostolic hope, the sacraments and the sacramental life, the call to service, and the corporate life and worship of the church.

Go in faith and be of good courage, brothers and sisters. Inability to see all that is before us invites our trust in God and in a moment-by-moment approach to life. We sense our way forward attentive to every nuance of the landscape. If we bump into something or someone, it is part of the process of learning and living. Grace will abound.

Let us pray for and accompany one another, especially one or two others in the Order whom you know and stay in touch with on a regular basis. I am convinced the ordered life is a communal life. We are guides and companions to each other.

Peace and joy in 2014,

Br. Abbot Daniel

From Br. Roger Baker

Greetings sisters and brothers! Our Abbot has asked me to briefly share my story.

I've been a member of OSL for almost 13 years. I became our webmaster briefly when my skill set was needed some four years ago. Then in 2012 came brain cancer, an addition to the multiple sclerosis that had already taken me out of the pulpit. In the last two years, brain cancer and the ensuing three surgeries have changed my life. My surgeon predicted a twelve to eighteen month survival. Another specialist predicted as much as two years. The start of my good news? I will celebrate crossing both finish lines this March 16th. By God's grace, *I have survived*.



Br. Rog and his new red van with lift and power chair.

But this is not just a tale of survival. What I first envisioned as possible has been turned into a flood of blessings from friends, family, and from Christ. I have begun to understand the necessity of a degree of suffering for most of us to be able to understand the many gifts of our Savior. In the midst of what I formerly viewed as suffering, I have found happiness, joy, and revelation. True, my speech is often slow and limited, sufficiently that I rarely use the telephone. But when I do speak, I can always give thanks and celebrate, sometimes with stuttering, sometimes without. My hearing finds many odd tones and unexpected silences, but my listening has become far gentler and much deeper, creating understanding in my heart. My sight is poor at night and often unable to read fine print, but my eyes see the Lord's creative love everywhere. I feel pain and fatigue, yet my heart feels a love springing into actions I couldn't even imagine before. I taste everything with new insight, new familiarity, and deeper forgiveness. God has countered illness with insight. I cannot imagine being held as "disabled" when my heart feels love in so many new ways.

I am missing a portion of brain that once controlled things important to me in my past: any memory of names, the ability to walk distances or even run, and the memories of academic degrees and job experiences. I might sorrow over my losses, but I have gained so much more. I pray far more deeply, and so far almost constantly, in everything I say and do. I find myself deeply loving those for whom I felt no affection before, except through an understanding of a duty to love everyone. I finally understand the great simplicity of "love thy neighbor." By the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, I can love all, and now I simply do! For me, this is miraculous.

My miracles continued. As I prepared for more chemotherapy and treatment, my doctors gave me the news that my chemotherapy had achieved a rarity for "terminal" brain cancer: it has stopped. There is no more brain cancer. The disease predicted to progressively terminate my life has simply vanished. My chemotherapy has stopped for the last few months with no new symptoms. No new cancer.

I still have the results of brain surgery, including scars and memory loss. I still have to use crutches associated with multiple sclerosis. I still take a rather large selection of pharmaceuticals associated with both illnesses. This is care for the physical. In my spiritual journey, I have grown and found new depths of understanding and love. In the midst of a health meltdown, I have received blessings and insight I couldn't have imagined otherwise. While I have lost abilities for simple understandings such as names, quotations, and verse, and lost the ability to wander physically, or to labor, or to preach, I am still my master's servant being taught with Divine love, and gifted with new understandings. My pain and disability have transformed into a new perspective, a happy revelation, and a full set of unimaginable blessings. I have been deeply blessed.

If you've prayed for me, please know that your prayers have been answered. And I, your brother in Christ Jesus, am praying for you, too.

Br. Roger ØRogö

OSL Calendar



May 2014 Council Meeting

The May 2014 Council Meeting of the Order of Saint Luke will be held in Pittsburgh PA at the Retreat House of Saint Paul of the Cross. The Daily Office Revision Team will meet on Tuesday, May 13. The Council will meet May 14-16.

October 2014 Retreat

The October 2014 Retreat of the Order of Saint Luke will be held in Pittsburgh PA at the Retreat House of Saint Paul of the Cross on Oct. 22-24.. The theme will be "Heaven and Earth Are Full of Your Glory: Embodying God's Grace for All Creation."

News from OSL Publications

A complete listing of books now available from OSL Publications is included at the end of this edition of the Font. Books can be ordered by sending an email to Br. Dean Emerson at oslpublishings@gmail.com or from Amazon.com.

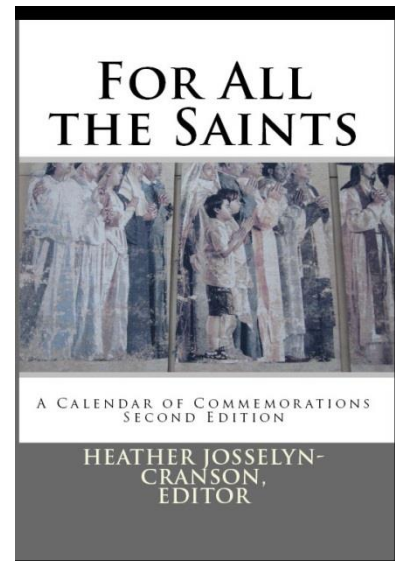
Note the increasing numbers of our books that can be purchased on the kindle by going to Amazon.com.

Of special note: The long-awaited new edition of the old ðred bookö that was part of the Daily Office series. Updated by our own Sr. Heather Josselyn Cranson, and available in hard copy and on the Kindle.

For All the Saints Soft Cover \$19.95 Kindle version \$9.95

As our lives in contemporary North America become ever more complex and confusing, we are intrigued by lives which are lived with unusual purpose and clarity, utterly transparent to a reality beyond themselves. Saints intrigue us religiously because so rarely anymore do we find people of such conviction that what they believe about God shapes their entire existence. They intrigue us morally because while we seem to be running out of answers for how to heal the deep rifts that exist between us over wealth, power, and gender, saints somehow pick a way through the rifts and build bridges over which others can travel

Saints' lives can have a curious effect on us. The more we believe ourselves surrounded by their witness (Hebrews 12:1), the more we find ourselves unwittingly attracted to the idea of following their path.

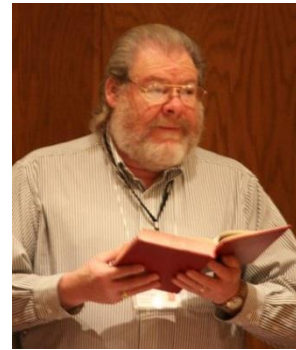


Edited by Sr. Heather Josselyn Cranson.

Provincial General's Article – January / February 2014

Br. George R. Crisp, Provincial General

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For several years I have been reporting the news of each chapter or association with the Order. Periodically I adjust the list to reflect the current status of our chartered groups and a new reporting pattern emerges as it does with this issue of The Font. Each of these reports is derived from reports prepared for either the General Chapter meeting (in October) or the Council meeting (held in May). The primary purpose of sharing this information is so that all OSL brothers and sisters can be inspired by or learn from what other groups are doing.

Some chapters have changed their status this past year. We have two groups who have changed their from being a chapter to become an association. The New York Conference Chapter is now the New York Conference Association; the Northern Illinois Chapter is now the Northern Illinois Association. If there is future growth in these groups they may request another change of status. One group, the Southwest Iowa Association, was discontinued at their request in May 2013. Two chapters were suspended in October 2013 – the Oklahoma Chapter and the St. Stephen Chapter. After being suspended for two years, and with no report of activity since June 2010, the Puerto Rico Chapter was discontinued.

Now, here is the news from the local chapters and associations:

The Albemarle Association meets biweekly for Morning Prayer followed by a pastors' Lectionary Bible Study and occasional book study. Those who are able go to lunch afterwards. We have two members and three guests (on average). The prior is Br. Kevin Taylor; the chaplain is Rev. Jim Bernacki.

Br. Rich Zimmerman, Chancellor of the Holy Cross Chapter, reported on May 13, 2013: Prior Kenton Van contacted several members of the chapter, prior to the clergy gathering for the Great Plains Episcopal area in January, to arrange some time together as siblings of the Order. Three existing conferences in the Great Plains area will hold their final annual conferences in a few weeks. Then in August, most of the delegation from the three existing conferences will gather in Salina, Kansas for a uniting conference which will take the name of the area and become effective January 1, 2014.

In April 2013, Br. Irving Cotto reported for the New Jersey-Pennsylvania Latino Chapter: We are regrouping our chapter on May 13 at Wesley UMC in Trenton, NJ after many months without meeting and not know with certainty what would be the future of the chapter. However, there is enough interest and commitment to continue this chapter. Although the chapter is not exclusive of any person its primer focus has been to reach out to the Latino individuals interested in the Sacramental Life. The content of our meetings have revolved around discussions pertaining to the practice of Sacraments according to UM documents and sharing of each member's liturgical production. The officers are: Prior: Br. Irving Cotto, Chancellor: Br. Manuel Sardiñas, Chaplain: Br. Joel A. Fernandez.

The latest news from St. Francis Chapter in the West Ohio Annual Conference was in May 2013, at which time Sr. Barbara Lee reported: The chapter is still active with 15 members scattered all over the conference. Some are more active than others. We have the potential for six new members in various stages of interest. Some of us meet regularly by phone and with Br. Tom Beverage for Morning Prayer on Thursdays. Our Prior is Br. G. Alan Brown and our Chancellor is Sr. Barb Lee.

The West Virginia Chapter meets at least three times a year but our activity level has been low. At last count I believe we have nine active and 5-10 inactive members. Our officers are: Br. Jeffrey Kanode, Prior; Br. Tim Bleigh, Sub-Prior; Br. Jim Reed, Chancellor.

Perpetual Reminder . . . Please notify the Provincial General: (1) if the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, (2) if you are the contact person and you if you have updated contact information, (4) if you have additional news to share about your chapter or association, and (4) if you change your e-mail address.

In the Communion of Saints

Sr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, hjosselyn@hotmail.com



Traditionally, Christian religious communities have kept necrologies of their members in order to remember each brother or sister on the date of his or her death. Such a commemoration displays the community's belief that Christ is victorious over death.

Brothers to remember in January and February:

January 2 Br. John R. Miller (2010) West Virginia

January 29 Br. Don Brown (2013) New Jersey

February 13 Br. Robert N. Terry (2012) New York

February 27 Br. Forest Shue (2007) New Jersey

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send me information (hjosselyn@hotmail.com) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

Report of the Pastoral Care Officer

Br. David A. Eichelberger OSL

Happy New Year to all my Brothers and Sisters. I was blessed to be able to attend the OSL retreat in California this fall. It was so good to see those who have not been able to come east for recent retreats. I look forward to next October when I will be able to be with some who were not able to go west last October. Where ever we go and whether we get to attend a national retreat or



even a chapter event, it is such a blessing to know that we are all lifted in each others' prayers each day. I pray that God will bless us with the fullest measure of peace and grace to continue our lives and ministries in this new year.

Please be in prayer for these joys and concerns:

Br. Adam Lassen rejoices that he has been accepted for membership in the local UCC association in Nebraska where he is serving at St. Luke's UCC and the Grueti Parish.

Sr. Jeanette Marie Block is recovering at home following her recent surgery. Br. J. Howard Cherry and Br. David Davies were also recently in for hospital care and are glad to be home once more.

Sr. Candace Hallet and husband recently moved to Hawaii from Massachusetts. We pray that they can adapt well to their new location.

Br. Taylor Burton Edwards continues to give tremendous support to the Order and to the United Methodist Church in his work for the General Board of Discipleship. Please keep him in your prayers as the Board undergoes transitioning to better serve the needs of the church.

Br. Gary Brewton was recently ordained a priest in the Orthodox Catholic Church in Houston, TX. Bering UMC hosted this special service. Congratulations, Br. Gary!

Sr. Elizabeth Curtiss shared the news of the death of her family's dog-Diamond and asked for prayers as they grieve her passing. She also has asked for prayers on behalf of Mary Ann Nevis who has been diagnosed with advanced esophageal cancer.

Br. Tom Beveridge asks for our continuing prayers as he deals with his chronic health issue which kept him home in October. He also lifted several prayer concerns on behalf of the nation of the Philippines due to the catastrophic devastation of the recent typhoon. He especially asked for prayers for the family of the family of Richard Pulgar family who has died from injuries sustained during the typhoon. Br. Tom also shared a deep personal concern regarding a long time friend, Jim who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Jim and Arlene have been friends of Tom and Sr. Amy since seminary days.

Br. Frank Coats has asked for prayers for his granddaughter Zadi Cosser who is only 7 months old and has been diagnosed with a hole in her heart which will need surgery to repair once her current lung congestion has been addressed. Zadi's parents are Michael and Elizabeth.

Sr. Cindy Loomis-Torvi asked for prayers for her husband and herself as they face new health challenges. She also requested prayers on behalf of a friend, Mike who at 47 was recently diagnosed with a very rare and serious form of cancer. Prayers are asked for his wife Cynthia and the couple's two young sons.

Sr. Cynthia Astle has asked for prayers for her family for health and employment related concerns. She would also like to see better weather in Denver so that she and her dog can enjoy their "walkies".

Sr. Dianne Covault asked for prayers for her family on the death of her Uncle Glenn, who was her father's only remaining sibling. She also has been the victim of apparent identity theft. Please keep her and her family in your prayers while they sort out that major difficulty.

Br. Joe Phillips rejoiced that a great deal of construction was accomplished on his cabin at the camp ground. He also rejoiced that a Sunday Bible study group has begun on the site as well. He asked for prayers for his wife's friend, Julie who is battling brain cancer. Julie is the mother of two young children.

Br. Kenton Van asked for prayers for his family on the death of his wife's step-father, Joel Fisher.

Br. Edwin Pun asked for prayers for Rev. Howard who had undergone surgery to remove cancer from his tongue. Br. Edwin continues to ask for our prayers for his family to be blessed with financial security.

Br. Ronald Helaire asked for prayers for his friend Marjorie who was in critical condition in the hospital in Dallas.

As we begin this new year, we remember those who are also battling chronic and acute challenges to health, whether they are known to us by name or not. We remember those who are losing their unemployment payments and are anxious to provide for their families. We remember all those who are being affected by the extremes of weather we see around the planet from the arctic cold, extreme heat, floods, droughts, forest fires, and earthquakes.

God of all the years that have passed and that are still to come, we look to you at the start of this new year. We pray that your Holy Spirit will move afresh in our hearts that we will be quick to look to you for guidance and strength. We lift these prayers to you with confidence, knowing that you sent Jesus to demonstrate your compassion for our human condition. We have greeted Emmanuel this Christmas and rejoiced at the good news of your messengers the angel choir. Watch over our Order in this new year and stir up in us an eagerness to be heralds of the Way. May we be a blessing in all the places where you have put us so that the grace of our Lord may be made manifest through us. All this we pray in the name of our Savior, Amen.

Br. David A. Eichelberger OSB
Pastoral Care Officer

Report of the Companion for Inquirers and New Members to the General Chapter of the Order of Saint Luke

Br. Matthias Tanner



Chesed and Shalom from StLukesintheWood

Brothers and Sisters:

It's Monday morning here, and that usually means winding our four old clocks and resetting the time they show. I also spent some time updating the wall calendar with the routine events coming up and the other items we've scheduled. It's nearly the end of the month and end of the calendar year, too. So I suppose it is a natural prompting to think about time.

GOD gives us time. That's a statement of fact. We do have time, even if the ways in which we measure it are somewhat arbitrary. Who decided that a day should have twenty-four hours anyway, with each hour containing sixty minutes, and so on? The divisions of the year into weeks and months has been changeable, thanks to the egos of Roman emperors. So the idea of a new year is a bit silly, even as we recognize the cycle of the seasons, and how most everything changes as the cycles come along.

GOD gives us time. That's a wonderful reassurance. We'd like to have the opportunity to select some changes that we'd like to see happen, and GOD gives us time in which to do it. We probably want to change some of the events of our past, want to do different things in the time to come, want some things to continue and grow stronger. This longing may be daydreaming, or it may have a desperate urgency for us, but GOD gives us time. Thanks be to GOD for the time and freedom and ability to change our actions and attitudes so that we may conform more closely to the model GOD has set for us in Jesus of Nazareth.

We know that re-shaping, re-directing our lives will take time. Humans require a lot of time and a lot of repetitions to become adept at playing a musical instrument, for example, or for prayer to become an integral part of our life. GOD's gift of time permits us to do the work so that we may be the people GOD intends us to be. Our mutual commitment to the Daily Office is one way by which we do this work. As we change our calendars to a year with a different number, may our use of the time GOD gives us be our gift of gratitude.

I would be happy to discuss this further with you if you would like.

Br. Matthias

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Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

JANUARY

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| W | 1 | The Holy Name W |
| T | 2 | W |
| F | 3 | Gilbert Haven W |
| S | 4 | John Seybert W Eve of Epiphany (optional) W |
| S | 5 | 2nd Sunday after Christmas W The Epiphany (optional) W Eve of Epiphany (traditional) W |
| M | 6 | The Epiphany (traditional) W or G |
| T | 7 | G/W* |
| W | 8 | Richard Watson G/W* |
| T | 9 | G/W* |
| F | 10 | G/W* |
| S | 11 | G/W* Eve of Baptism of the Lord W |
| S | 12 | Baptism of the Lord W |
| M | 13 | George Fox G |
| T | 14 | G |
| W | 15 | Martin Luther King G |
| T | 16 | Hiram Rhoades Revels G |
| F | 17 | Antony of Egypt G |
| S | 18 | The Confession of Peter W, G-PM |
| S | 19 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 20 | G |
| T | 21 | Agnes of Rome G |
| W | 22 | G |
| T | 23 | Sarah Ann Dickey G |
| F | 24 | Eli Stanley Jones G |
| S | 25 | The Conversion of Paul W, G-PM |
| S | 26 | 3rd Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 27 | John Chrysostom G |
| T | 28 | Thomas Aquinas G |
| W | 29 | G |
| T | 30 | G |
| F | 31 | John Raleigh Mott |

* Some traditions continue to use white until The Baptism of The Lord

Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

FEBRUARY

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| S | 1 | Brigid of Kildare G |
| S | 2 | 4th Sunday after Epiphany |
| M | 3 | The Presentation W (trans) com. of Ansgar |
| T | 4 | Cornelius the Centurion G |
| W | 5 | Philipp Jakob Spenner G |
| T | 6 | G |
| F | 7 | G |
| S | 8 | G |
| S | 9 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 10 | G |
| T | 11 | Fanny Jane Crosby G |
| W | 12 | G |
| T | 13 | Absalom Jones G |
| F | 14 | Cyril and Methodius G |
| S | 15 | G |
| S | 16 | 6th Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 17 | Frances Elizabeth Caroline Willard G |
| T | 18 | Martin Luther G |
| W | 19 | G |
| T | 20 | Frederick Douglass G |
| F | 21 | Ezekiel Cooper G |
| S | 22 | Kanichi Miyama G |
| S | 23 | 7th Sunday after Epiphany G |
| M | 24 | Matthias R |
| T | 25 | Amanda Berry Smith G |
| W | 26 | G |
| T | 27 | George Herbert G |
| F | 28 | Romey Pitt Marshall G |

- The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

ORDO prepared by Br. John P. Fahey,

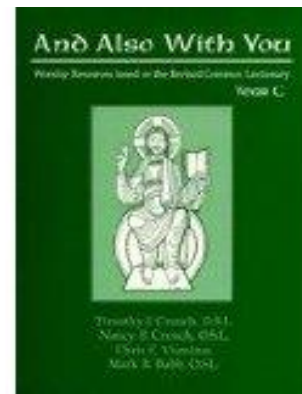
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And Also With You, Years A (print) and C (digital) \$24.95

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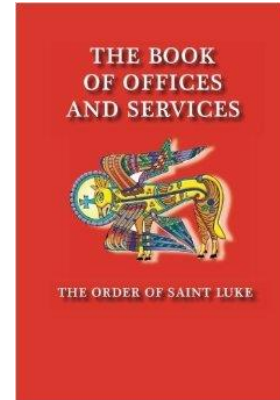
Banquet's Wisdom, The 19.95 978-1-878009-50-0 Gary Macy

In the Introduction, Macy points to the past and asks some very pertinent questions:
For over fifteen hundred years, Christians were, for the most part, "in communion". ... The Christian people, as a whole, have a much longer history of unity than of disunity. This simple historical observation raises some interesting questions. How did we as a community get from there to here? How did the earlier centuries manage to maintain the communion which seems so to elude us? ... Perhaps in rediscovering our former union, we Christians may find the grounds for overcoming our present disunion.



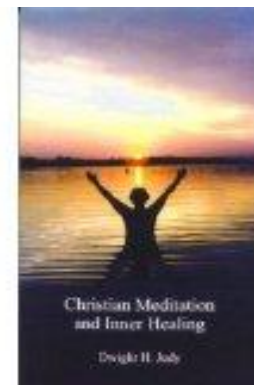
Book of Offices and Services \$22.00
Available on Kindle \$18.54
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Dwight Vogel, editor

This fourth edition of *The Book of Offices and Services* of The Order of Saint Luke skillfully blends ancient practices with contemporary language and liturgical excellence. Highlights include four settings for Holy Communion (Eucharist); the Daily Office "prayers of the hours" (Morning, Mid-Morning, Noon, Mid-Afternoon, Evening, Compline and Vigil); pastoral services for healing, reconciliation and passage through death into eternal life. An extensive Worship Resources section features hymns, prayers, canticles and 20 of the most popular Psalms..



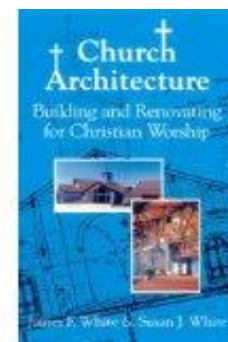
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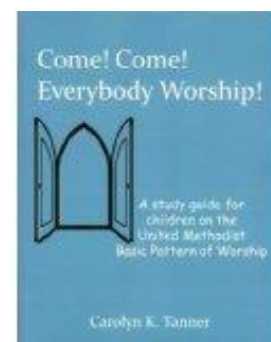
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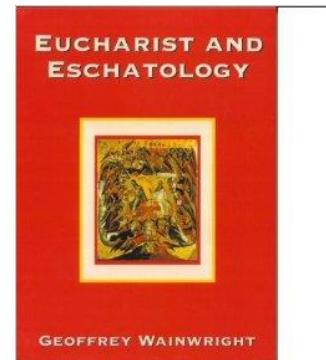
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Volume 2: Lent and the Triduum
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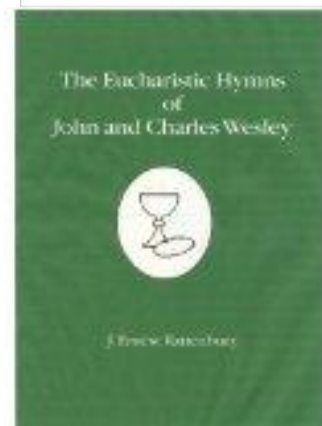
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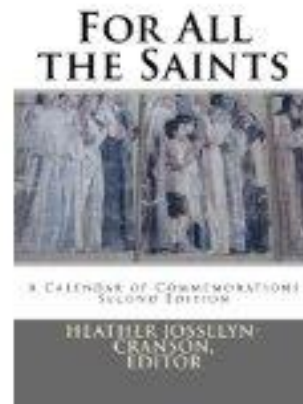
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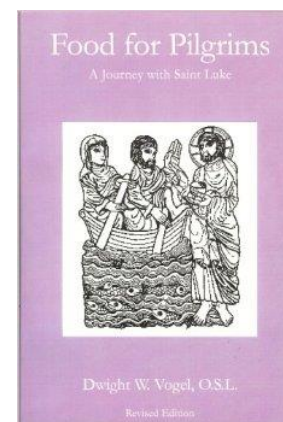
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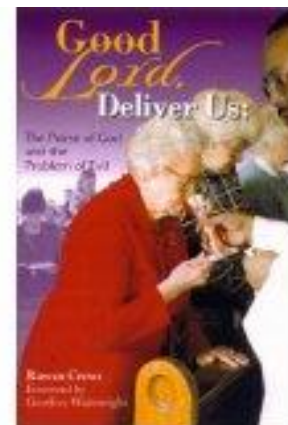


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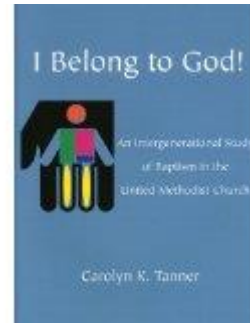
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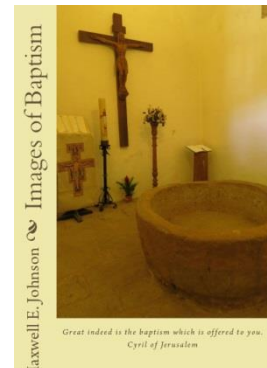
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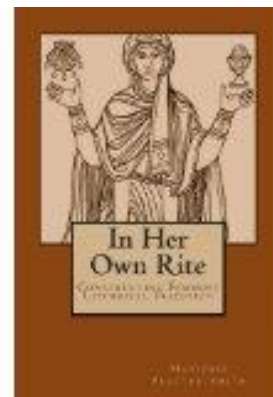
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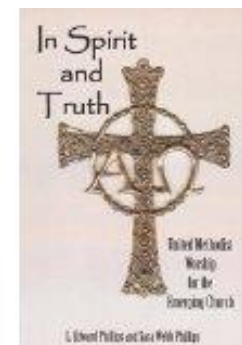
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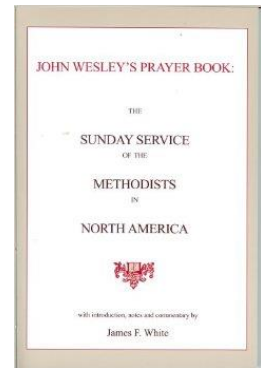
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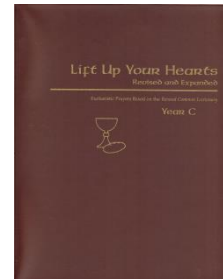
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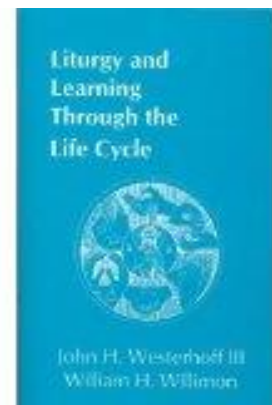


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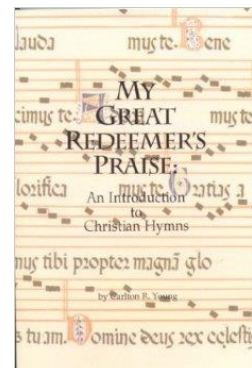
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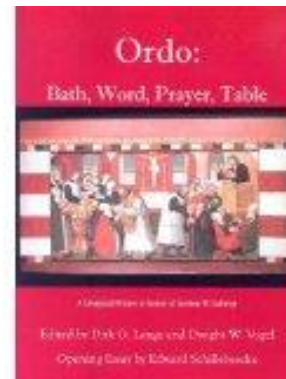


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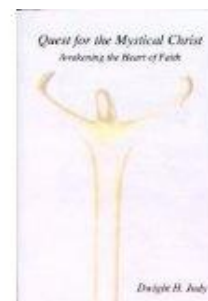


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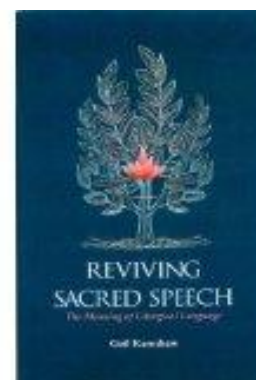


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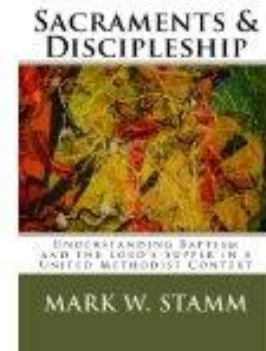
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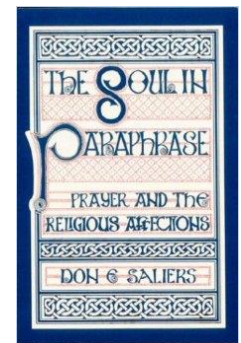
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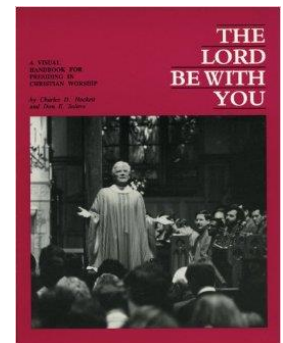
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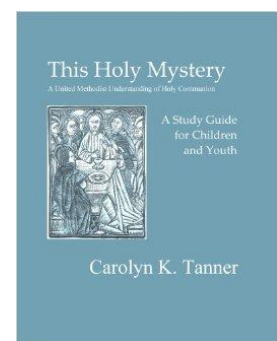
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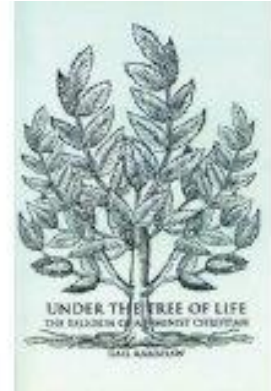
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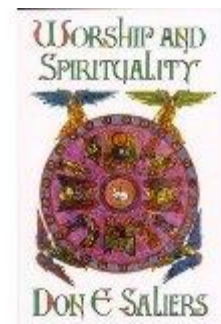
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