

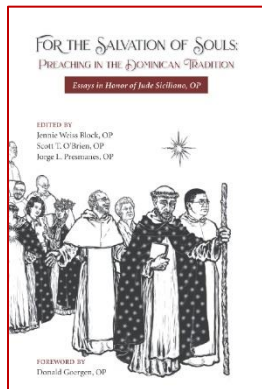
BOOKS ON (CATHOLIC) PREACHING

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For the Salvation of Souls: Preaching in the Dominican Tradition

New Priory Press, October 2021

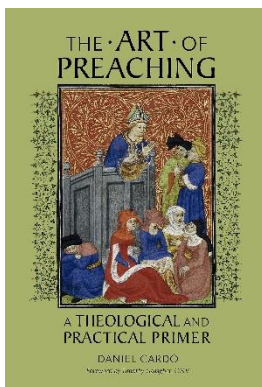


This beautifully written collection of essays, accompanied by reflections for preaching by Father Jude Siciliano, OP, is an incredible tribute to Father Jude, a remarkable preaching friar. All the essays are grounded in experience—the authors' own experiences of preaching and teaching. Each essay has its own lens through which one views not only preaching but the challenging life of a preacher...this book is intended to be a tribute not only to the life of a particular preaching friar, but also to the vocation of a preacher and the ministry of preaching.

DANIEL CARDO

The Art of Preaching: A Theological and Practical Primer

The Catholic University of America Press, August 2021



The growing awareness of the importance of preaching is a sign of our times. In the past decades, conscious that a renewal of preaching is essential for a renewed evangelization, many seminaries have implemented homiletic courses. However, there is still a real limitation of good and systematic resources in order to learn the theological depth and practical elements of the art of preaching.

The Art of Preaching: A Theological and Practical Primer aims to fill that gap. It explores the theological understanding of the homily, lessons from classical and contemporary rhetoric, the relevance of preaching for the life of the Church, highlighting recent teachings of the Magisterium, and it presents the incarnation as the foundation for preaching, understood as an essential aspect of the priestly life and mission.

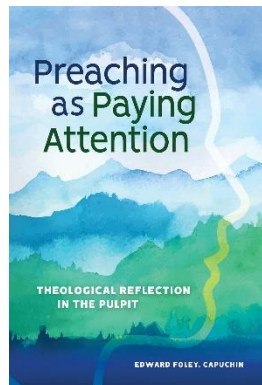
This primer also offers a simple and effective method for the preparation and delivery of homilies, illustrating this by the example of brilliant preachers and exploring the idea of preaching as locus theologicus, i.e., the privileged place for the exercise of theology today. It is in deepening in the value and importance of preaching that theology can be renewed as a living and essential part of the daily life of priests. Seeing the homily not as a burden but as an occasion to fulfill the priestly identity will offer the opportunity to embrace the preparation for preaching as a key for unity among the many tasks and demands of pastoral life. In the homily prayer, study, and work come together.

The Art of Preaching will also provide a selection of homilies from the great preachers of the Church, organized chronologically, with brief introductions and commentaries that highlight what those homilies teach us for our preaching today. Only learning from the best preachers can we hope to preach effectively in our times.

EDWARD FOLEY

Preaching as Paying Attention: Theological Reflection in the Pulpit

Liturgy Training Publications, July 2021

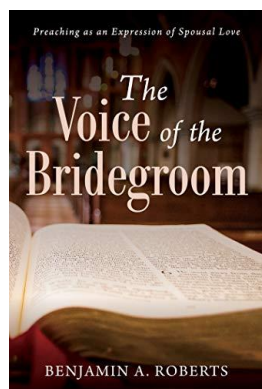


Author Ed Foley—priest, preacher, and teacher—invites preachers to an awareness of the world and the people around them as a lens for preaching God's Incarnate Word and inviting people into the Paschal Mystery. He maintains that paying attention is a key to theological reflection. When pondering a work of art or a catastrophe, the preacher asks, “Where is God in all of this?” and “How does my preaching invite people to respond to that presence?” Fr. Foley presents excerpts of his own homilies and references to poets, scientists, and other resources—some a bit surprising—as models and suggestions that might draw a preacher’s attention as a sign of God present and active in our midst. In short, this book offers a mindset, not a method, for preachers.

BENJAMIN A. ROBERTS

The Voice of the Bridegroom: Preaching as an Expression of Spousal Love

Wipf & Stock, 2021

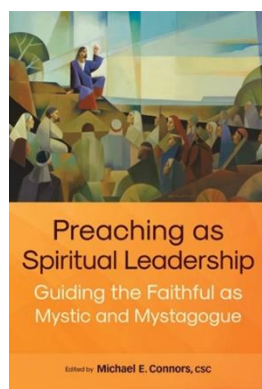


Preaching is a relational act. This book explores the relationship between the preacher and the assembly as a spousal relationship. Written by a parish pastor with a doctorate in preaching and rooted in the Roman Catholic notion of the priest as bridegroom of the church, this work examines characteristics of the spousal relationship between husband and wife and then provides an analysis of the ministerial priesthood through this nuptial lens. This nuptial reflection on the ministerial priesthood is then applied to preaching. This book presents a nuptial hermeneutic or vision for preaching and the implications of this vision for the assembly, the preacher, the homily, and the homiletical method. The appendices include a one-page strategy for preaching summarizing the homiletical method, a rubric for homily evaluation by members of the assembly, and two sample homilies.

MICHAEL CONNORS, C.S.C.

Preaching as Spiritual Leadership: Guiding the Faithful as Mystic and Mystagogue

Liturgical Training Publications, 2021



Fr. Michael E. Connors gathers and expertly guides the collective wisdom of experienced preachers and homilists to provide a unique resource that examines the preacher’s unique role as shepherd and a spiritual leader. The chapters will investigate these dual roles according to the roots of the Catholic spiritual tradition and provide practical advice for priests, deacons, seminarians in homiletics classes or preaching classes, retreat leaders, RCIA catechists—all who preach. *Preaching as Spiritual Leadership* provides solutions to the following questions:

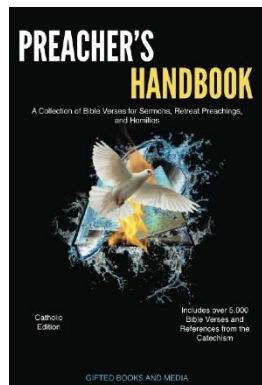
- How is preaching embedded in the Church’s pastoral mission?
- What does it mean to be a shepherd and spiritual leader for others?
- How can a preacher flourish in the role of spiritual leader?
- How can we lead others into committed discipleship through preaching?

To be a shepherd and spiritual leader, the preacher must be in some sense a mystic, who is filled with the Lord’s gracious presence, a presence to be shared with others. Homilists are a sacramental people, they must also be a mystagogues: ministers who can both lead the community’s ritual celebrations, and help the People of God to plunge into the liturgy with lively faith, to touch the holy realities behind them.

CHARLES MICHAEL

Preacher's Handbook: A Collection of Bible Verses for Sermons, Retreat Preachings, and Homilies (Catholic Edition)

Gifted Books and Media, 2020

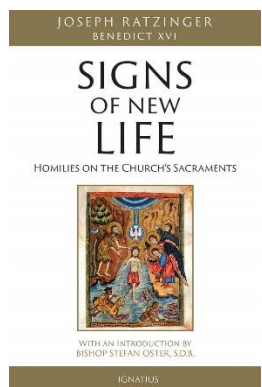


A Collection of Bible Verses for Sermons, Retreat Preachings, and Homilies. Includes over 5,000 Bible Verses and References from the Catechism. A must have reference guide for Priests, Lay preachers, Evangelists. Retreat preachers, Apologists.

JOSEPH RATZINGER

Signs of New Life: Homilies on the Church's Sacraments

Ave Maria Press, 2020



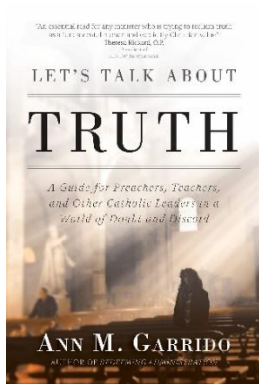
At life's many crossroads, the Sacraments of the Church continually bring people into contact with the saving work of God: Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick. The celebrations of the Church always offer an opportunity to announce the faith and deepen our understanding of it. Signs of New Life gathers a selection of fourteen homilies by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) on each of the Seven Sacraments, as well as an additional two texts on the theme of the Church more broadly. Ratzinger endeavored as a theologian to develop an understanding of the Sacraments in new ways and to make fruitful the participation of others in the celebration of them. Many of his homilies refer to individual Sacraments and connect them with a profound interpretation of Scripture and of the Christ event. The Scriptural passages interpreted in each homily are listed at the start, so that this volume can also be used for Scriptural meditation and spiritual reading. This book is intended to help us grasp more profoundly the essence of the Church and to aid us in celebrating and proclaiming the Sacraments as that which they truly are: signs of the new life in Christ.

ANN GARRIDO

Let's Talk about Truth:

A Guide for Parents, Teachers and Other Catholic Leaders in a World of Doubt and Discord

Ave Maria Press, 2020



The mere mention of “truth” will often start arguments, even among the best of friends and the closest of family members. To avoid conflict, Church leaders often side-step the topic altogether. In *Let’s Talk about Truth*, Ann M. Garrido shares practical ways that preachers and others charged with moral and spiritual leadership in the Church can stop backing away from the topic and instead help Catholics recover the practice of truth as a way of life.

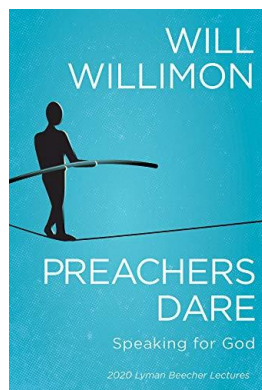
In *Let’s Talk about Truth*, award-winning author and associate professor of homiletics Ann M. Garrido shows Catholic preachers, teachers, and other leaders ways to approach the contentious topic of truth with confidence that the Church’s intellectual and pastoral traditions are squarely on their side. She explores truth as a multifaceted reality that serves four foundational roles in the Christian life. Truth: equips us to see the world as it actually is; informs our opinions and assists us with making judgments; shapes the way we communicate with each other; enables us to build long-lasting relationships with one another

Garrido’s clarity and conviction inspire confidence and the practical homiletic tools she offers are readily applicable to teaching and other forms of Church leadership. Sample preaching texts illustrate key points and show readers how to understand truth as a way of life that the Christian must pursue. Each chapter includes a summary of key insights, a list of practical takeaways, and probing questions for self-reflection or group dialogue. Garrido also provides a five-point assessment tool for preachers in a brief appendix to facilitate their willingness and growth toward better preaching about the practice of truth in the Christian life.

WILLIAM WILLIMON

Preachers Dare: Speaking for God

Abingdon, 2020

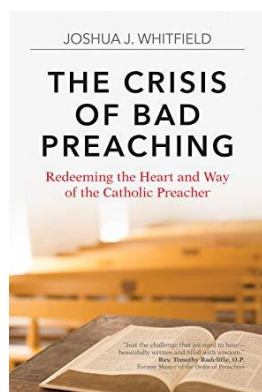


Preachers Dare is adapted from Will Willimon’s Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale and is inspired by a quote from the great theologian Karl Barth. In a world in which sermons too often become hackneyed conventional wisdom or tame common sense, preachers dare to speak about the God who speaks to us as Jesus Christ. Willimon draws upon his decades of preaching, as well as his many books on the practice of homiletics, to present a bold theology of preaching. This work emphasizes preaching as a distinctively theological endeavor that begins with and is enabled by God. God speaks, preachers dare to speak the speech of God, and the church dares to listen. By moving from the biblical text to the contemporary context, preachers dare to speak up for God so that God might speak today. With fresh biblical insights, creativity and pointed humor, Willimon gives today’s preachers and congregations encouragement to speak with the God who has so graciously and effusively spoken to us.

JOSHUA J. WHITFIELD

The Crisis of Bad Preaching: Reforming the Heart and Way of the Catholic Preacher

Ave Maria Press, 2019



The Crisis of Bad Preaching is an audacious response to a long-simmering pastoral crisis: poorly prepared, often stale, and largely irrelevant homilies that are fueling the mass exodus of people from the Church. Echoing Popes Benedict and Francis, Rev. Joshua Whitfield confronts what is perhaps the most common complaint of Catholics around the world: hollow, vacuous preaching. Whitfield encourages fellow preachers to profound renewal, reminding them that preaching is not just something they do, it is essential to who they are. Catholic preaching today often achieves the opposite of what it should, which is connecting the People of God with the Gospel of Christ in a compelling and motivating way. With an insider’s candor, biting honesty, and persuasive conviction, Whitfield stresses that preachers need to return to this ideal because the wellbeing of the Church depends on it. More than just another how-to book, *The Crisis of Bad Preaching* is at once deeply challenging and uplifting and full of practical advice for a reversal of the status quo.

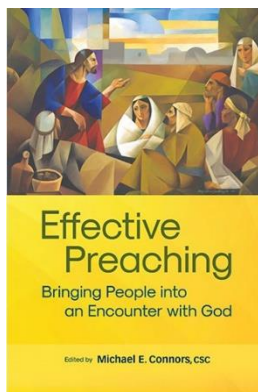
In Part I, Whitfield explores the essential role of the preacher as a public intellectual and member of the communion of preachers that spans the history of the Church. Whitfield offers advice about which great preachers—from Origen, Augustine, and Aquinas to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bishop Robert Barron—to study and what to learn from them. Whitfield also explains why preachers must submit in humility to the fullness of the Church—its teachings, authority, practices, and structures.

In Part II, Whitfield explores the important habits of prayer, preparation, cultivating rhetorical skill, and learning to take full advantage of both positive and negative criticism. He explains how the way of the preacher must be the way of the Holy Spirit and argues that without the preacher opening his heart to the fire of evangelical proclamation, he will lack the capacity to preach the transforming grace of the Gospel, his mandate. In a brief epilogue, Whitfield encourages ten habits for listening. Addressed to both laity and the ordained, he asserts that fixing preaching will take the concerted effort of all members of the Church.

MICHAEL CONNORS, C.S.C. (ed.)

Effective Preaching: Bringing People into an Encounter with God

Liturgy Training Publications, May 2019

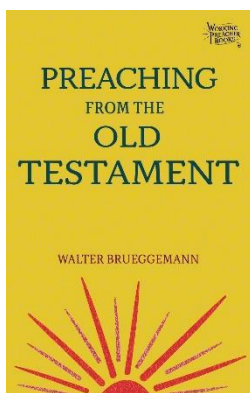


Effective Preaching: Bringing People into an Encounter with God is a practical collection of essays, featuring leading preachers, homilists and homily instructors. Compiled by Michael E. Connors, CSC, the Director of the John Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics at the University of Notre Dame, this imaginative book focuses entirely on the practical side of Catholic preaching. It will provide imaginative, hands-on, tested advice to help homilists develop preaching effectiveness, using techniques that will turn satisfactory preaching into exceptional preaching. This practical resource will be essential for priests, permanent deacons, seminarians in homiletics classes; retreat leaders, RCIA catechists; all who preach.

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

Preaching from the Old Testament

Fortress Press, May 2019

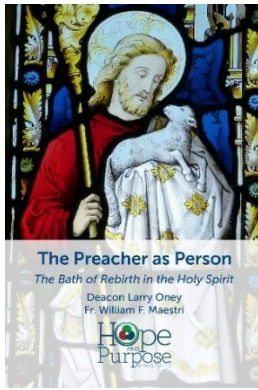


In this new volume, prolific scholar Walter Brueggemann seeks to show Christian preachers how to consider the faith witnessed in several Old Testament traditions and to help them discover rich and suggestive connections to our contemporary faith challenges. The author also assumes that a wholesale sustained engagement with the Old Testament is worth the effort for the preacher. He recognizes what he calls the "sorry state" of Old Testament texts in the Revised Common Lectionary, which he claims often constitute a major disservice for the church and its preachers. The lectionary gerrymanders the Old Testament to make it serve other claims, most of the time not allowing it to have its own evangelical say. Brueggemann hopes that his exposition in this volume will evoke and energize fresh homiletical attention to the Old Testament, precisely because he believes the urgent work of the gospel in our society requires attentive listening to these ancient voices of bold insistent faith.

DEACON LARRY ONEY & FR. WILLIAM F. MAESTRI

The Preacher as Person: The Bath of Rebirth in the Holy Spirit

Independently Published, 2019

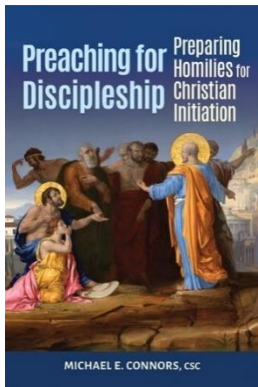


The preacher is, first and foremost, a person. Ordination does not cancel one's humanity. Ordination, as with any grace, does not cancel humanity but strengthens and perfects God's dream for our lives. Because the preacher is a person, within the mind and heart there grows weeds, thorns, and growth which can suffocate the most promising of gardens. The garden within the preacher (mind and heart) must be pruned. Pruned of what? It is easy to become lost in the tangled growth of everyday responsibilities, both within and outside the church. The demands of daily parish life can choke the need for prayer, reflection, contemplation, and being open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Rather than viewing parish ministry as either activism or contemplation (the Martha-Mary challenge), ministry in the Spirit is the integration of both the demands of the pastoral apostolate and the need to commune with the Father. Those whose vocation is one of ordained service—the diaconate—face a demanding set of challenges. The vast majority find themselves with an array of responsibilities in the world—work, marriage, children, and the obligations of overall family life. Many deacons serve in parishes through the celebration of various liturgical occasions (not the least of which is preaching). The ordained deacon is to be in the world but not of the world. This delicate balance calls for a life of prayer and a discerning spirit to the promptings of the indwelling Paraclete. The pruning with the preacher is not easy, and it is a life-long journey in the Holy Spirit. Pruning is the process of cutting and shearing that which hinders growth. To respond in faith to the Lord's call to follow Him in the ordained ministry is an invitation to be cleansed of all that hinders growth in responding to His Person. Such a willingness to be cleansed is the work of the Holy Spirit. *The Preacher as Person: The Bath of Rebirth in the Holy Spirit* by Fr. Maestri and Deacon Oney is a resource for preachers to consider their role as a person who preaches the Person of Jesus Christ and the Word of God in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Michael Connors, C.S.C.

Preaching for Discipleship: Preparing Homilies for Christian Initiation

Liturgy Training Publications, 2018



The homily is a primary way that pastors and deacons can communicate how the whole parish community forms the catechumens. Many parishioners are not aware of their role in the Christian initiation process. In *Preaching Discipleship: Preparing Homilies for Christian Initiation*, Michael E. Connors, CSC, provides homilists and catechists with the tools to evangelize not only the catechumens present, but also to capture the imagination of the parish community so that they too realize their own role in the Christian initiation process.

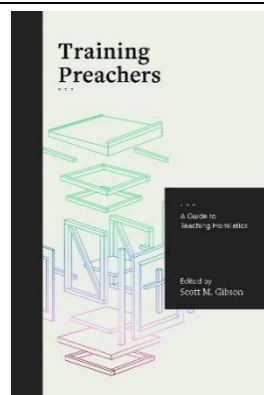
This resource will help the homilist:

- Build a homily
- Foster a deeper appreciation of the call to discipleship on the part of the assembly
- Instruct the assembly on their role in the Rite of Christian Initiation so that right from the outset the catechumens may feel that they belong to the people of God
- Bring the baptized and catechumens into a deeper personal relationship with the Lord
- Provide specific insights during the period of Mystagogy

SCOTT R. GIBSON (ed.)

Training Preachers: A Guide to Teaching Homiletics

Lexham Press, 2018



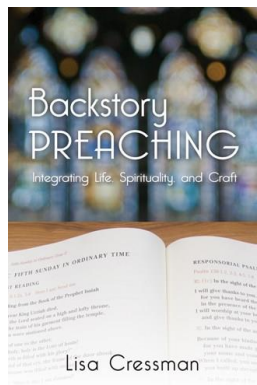
There is a difference between knowing how to preach and knowing how to communicate that knowledge to others. Drawing from the wells of pedagogy and theology, *Training Preachers* shows teachers of homiletics how to educate preachers to skillfully and effectively present God's word to their congregations.

Training Preachers presents the classroom-tested insights of several seasoned homiletics professors whose goal is to share their knowledge with preaching instructors ranging from novices to veterans. Expertly edited by Scott M. Gibson, this is a textbook on teaching preaching that is informed by Christian theology as well as cutting-edge pedagogical practices. The book enables those who teach preaching to holistically prepare to teach this subject to groups, conference gatherings, and classes in Bible colleges and seminaries.

LISA CRESSMAN

Backstory Preaching: Integrating Life, Spirituality, and Craft

Liturgical Press, 2018

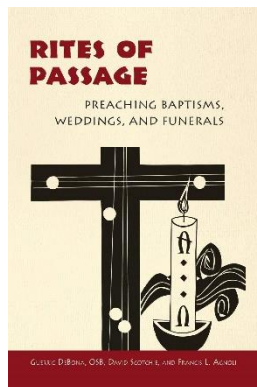


Instead of being a routine task on the checklist, what if sermon prep transformed you into the very word of God you preach? Instead of being a drain on you, what if the process itself renewed you? Instead of feeling insecure about your message, what if your skills made you confident to preach a consistently clear message of Good News, authentic to you, relevant to your listeners, holding their attention and inviting transformation? *Backstory Preaching: Integrating Life, Spirituality, and Craft* shows you how. By integrating your life and spirituality with the practical skills necessary for effective preaching, you can move beyond the boredom, stress, or insecurity of preaching so it is no longer you who preach but Christ who preaches in you. By connecting with God in the midst of your sermon prep, the Gospel will be spread deeper and further. God's joy—and yours—will be made complete.

GUERIC DEBONNA, FRANCIS AGNOLI & DAVID SCOTCHIE

Rites of Passage: Preaching Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals

Liturgical Press, 2018



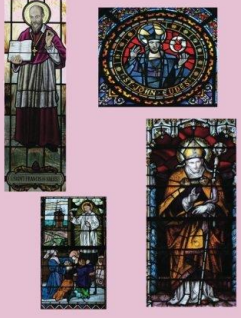
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BROTHER HERMENEGILD (ed.)

Instructions from the Saints on How to Preach

CreateSpace, 2017

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Four saints have given us sage advice on preaching. They all recommend a simple method that will bring about the conversion of sinners and strengthen the just in virtue. They advised shorter sermons that get to the point and teach virtue, than long drawn out sermons, which gain the applause of men, but do not touch the heart. **Saint Francis de Sales** revived preaching after the Protestant Revolt. In his letter to a fellow bishop, he outlines the basics on how to preach profitably. Saint Francis de Sales says: “As to preparation, I am in favor of making it in the evening, and in the morning of meditating within oneself on what one wishes to say to others.” **Saint Vincent de Paul** at the same time presented his Little Method, which is outlined below. He asked the question: “What would Jesus do?” long ago. He said: “Hold fast to the simplicity which you have found to be so successful in other missions. The spirit of the world, with which this district is saturated, can neither be fought not conquered save by the spirit of Jesus Christ.” He also said: “Mental prayer is the great book of the preacher.” **Saint John Eudes** also gives some sage advice on preaching in his work on the priesthood. He says: “The end and purpose of this heavenly office is to form Christ in the hearts of the faithful that He may reign there; to dispel the darkness of hell and illumine the light of heaven in men's souls; to destroy sin and open the floodgates of grace; to destroy the tyranny of Satan on earth and reestablish the Kingdom of God.” After the death of these three saints, God raised up **Saint Alphonsus**, whose advice caused some controversy, which he refuted. He followed Saints Francis de Sales and Vincent de Paul and their methods and ideas. Saint Alphonsus said: “It is related in the life of Saint Philip Neri that he commanded those who gave instructions to the people to speak on subjects that are useful and popular, and never enter into scholastic questions, or to seek after sublime conceptions.” These works of the saints are presented without comment, so that the reader may form his own opinions. It is strongly recommended that you take notes as you go along and mark up this book, so you can find important points later. I pray that this work will help preachers to preach the Word of God, clearly and with profit to the faithful.

ROBERT McTEIGUE

I Have Someone to Tell You: A Jesuit Heralds the Gospel

CreateSpace, 2017

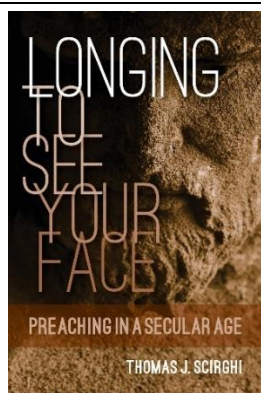


"Good preaching is like mortal sin: Both require grave matter, sufficient reflection, and full consent of the will--neither happens by accident." So says Father McTeigue. A collection of the author's essays and homilies to help clergy and laity alike to expect more from liturgical preaching and preachers. Follow his weekly column at <https://aleteia.org/author/fr-robert-mcteigue-sj/>

THOMAS SCORGI

Longing to See Your Face: Preaching in a Secular Age

Liturgical Press, 2017

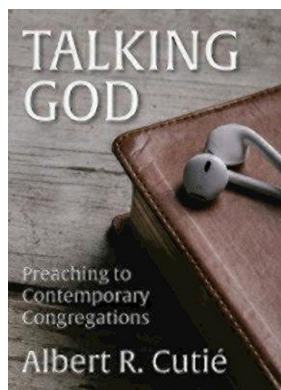


Thomas Scirghi, SJ, has trained priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers in the art and theology of preaching for decades. In *Longing to See Your Face*, he makes his insights and experience accessible to a much wider audience. Scirghi begins with a discussion of the purpose of preaching and offers a theological sounding on proclamation, taking up several descriptions of the role of the preacher in relation to the congregation. He also addresses current theological issues for the contemporary preacher. The second part of the book discusses the practical matter of preparing to preach and proposes a method of preparation by following a pattern of reflection, research, writing, and rehearsing. The third part focuses on two specific sacramental celebrations: funeral and weddings.

ALBERT R. CUTIE

Talking God: Preaching to Contemporary Congregations

Morehouse Publishing, April 2016

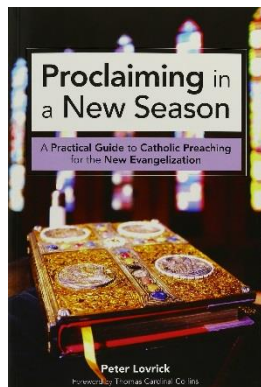


Today's church has a digital dilemma: We live in an age where "new media" is inescapable, yet many still perceive these new forms of communication as either an unmanageable challenge or at odds with the mission of the church. Clergy and lay leaders alike can be at a loss as to what methodologies, practices, and adjustments are necessary to engage today's congregations. How can we effectively meet the challenges of our present context? In *Talking God*, Fr. Cutié, whose wide following spans both traditional and new media, starts where preaching the gospel has always started, with a preacher and an audience, and examines the challenges digital communications pose to all involved in the craft of preaching, including the way contemporary audiences receive and listen to the message preached. Is the 21st century church responding to this evolution by seeking to understand the present-day "listening context" and the often overwhelming "media culture" in which it is called to preach? Must preachers and teachers of the Word of God evolve in style and practice to continue being effective communicators of the gospel? Has the world changing around us changed our methodology or even our message?

PETER LOVRICK

Proclaiming in a New Season: A Practical Guide to Catholic Preaching for the New Evangelization

Novalis, March 2016

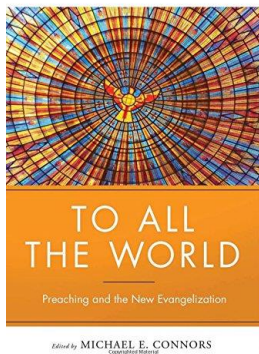


With the revival of the homily as a model of Catholic preaching at the Second Vatican Council and the universal call for a new evangelization within the Church, homilists experience new challenges as they prepare for the Sunday liturgy. Deacon Peter Lovrick, homiletics professor at St Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, offers an insightful guide to Catholic preaching in the 21st century. Thoroughly grounded in conciliar and papal teaching as well as the recent Homiletic Directory from the Congregation for Divine Worship, *Proclaiming in a New Season* articulates what the Church asks of its preachers, clarifies the marks of good preaching and presents concrete and practical homiletic methods. Bishops, priests and deacons will welcome this engaging review and find it a useful guide for their own preaching.

MICHAEL CONNORS

To All the World: Preaching and the New Evangelization

Liturgical Press, 2016

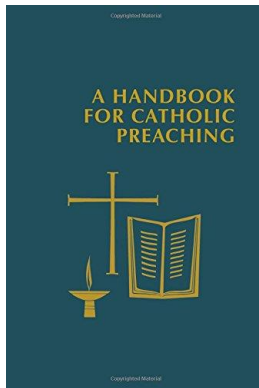


Pope Francis's vision of the ministry of preaching offers a renewed emphasis on what it means to preach the Word of God in such a way that it transforms lives and communities, and inspires hope. In *To All the World*, Michael Connors, CSC, draws together contributions from a variety of expert voices to reflect on the importance of liturgical preaching today. *To All the World* combines contemporary scholarship with pastoral practicality in one volume by well-known practitioners in the ministry of preaching including Timothy Radcliffe, OP, Honora Werner, OP, Paul Turner, Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, Karla J. Bellinger, and Cardinal Donald Wuerl. It will serve as a perfect companion to the United States Bishops' document, *Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily*, and will be of interest to all those who share the pope's vision and call to be evangelists of the Word to all the world.

EDWARD FOLEY (ed.)

A Handbook for Catholic Preaching

Pueblo Books, 2016

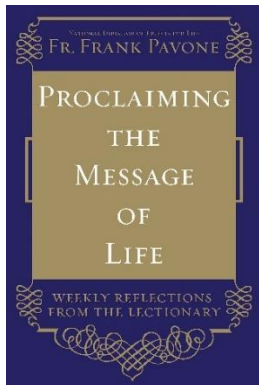


While admitting particular parameters and priorities for Roman Catholic preachers, this volume was intentionally envisioned as a handbook for "catholic" preaching in the broadest and most universal sense of that term. Cosponsored by the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, the Catholic Association of Teachers of Homiletics, and the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, it covers the role of the Scriptures in preaching, the challenges of preaching in a digital age, sermonizing in an interfaith context, and the need for a liberative and prophetic word that cuts across denominations and even faith traditions. Intended to aid those who teach or direct the preaching arts, the design and writing style of this book are particularly calibrated to graduate students in ministerial studies. Every article is a self-contained overview of a particular historical period, genre of preaching, homiletic theory, or contemporary issue. This more encyclopedic approach—devoid of footnotes, yet supported by pertinent bibliography and an extensive index—provides a sufficiently rich yet thoroughly accessible gateway to major facets of the preaching arts at this stage of the twenty-first century.

FRANK PAVONE

Proclaiming the Message of Life: Weekly Reflections from the Lectionary

Servant, 2016

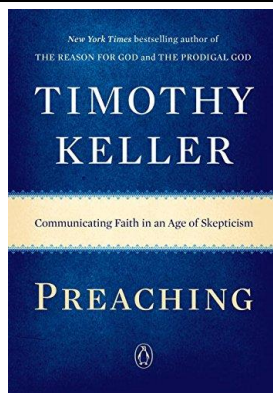


Speaking on the sanctity of life from the pulpit can be a challenging—but beautiful—undertaking for any preacher. Here Fr. Frank Pavone offers a comprehensive guide to presenting a life-affirming message from the Sunday Lectionary readings for the entire three-year cycle. Fr. Pavone, one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world, provides pro-life reflections for every Sunday. This book will be both a valuable tool and a source of deep reflection for priests, other ministers, and lay people alike who wish to speak with wisdom and love on this important topic. Pavone addresses the principles of pro-life preaching as well as common objections to the clergy preaching on this subject. With wisdom and clarity he lays a foundation for this valuable teaching based on Scripture and sound pastoral practice. *Proclaiming the Message of Life* is essential reading for priests, deacons and pastors, as well as the lay faithful who wish to speak effectively about one of the most compelling issues of our time.

TIMOTHY KELLER

Preaching: Communicating Faith in an Age of Skepticism

Penguin, 2016

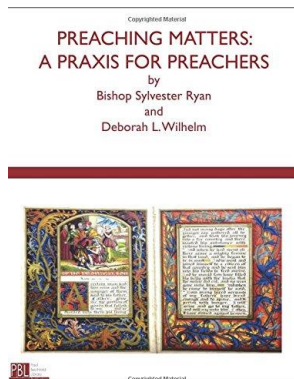


Pastor, preacher, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* Timothy Keller shares his wisdom on communicating the Christian faith from the pulpit as well as from the coffee shop. Most Christians struggle to talk about their faith in a way that applies the power of the Christian gospel to change people's lives. Timothy Keller is known for his insightful, down-to-earth talks that help people understand themselves, encounter Jesus, and apply the Bible to their lives. In this guide, Keller helps readers learn to present the Christian message of grace in a more engaging, passionate, and compassionate way.

DEBORAH LYNN WILHELM and SYLVESTER RYAN

Preaching Matters: A Praxis for Preachers

Paul Bechtold Library, 2015

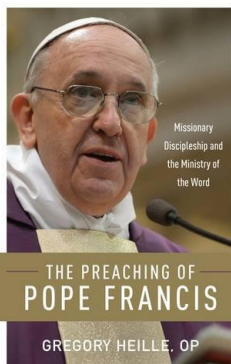


Preaching Matters is a praxis text offering practical strategies to new and experienced preachers. The book responds to the call of the USCCB for "the publication of practical resources that will help renew the preaching ministry of the Church, so urgent at this time." It takes the theological reflection of the Bishops' document as a launching point for a fresh discussion about what preaching is and why it is important. In addition, Preaching Matters also considers the section on homiletics from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Working from the perspective of the homily as conversational in nature, the book adopts a conversational approach, speaking from preacher to preacher. It discusses the identity of the preacher and listener in relationship, and it offers a method of preaching preparation that focuses on listening for God's voice in the scripture, finding one idea that matters, writing, speaking, and sharing the preaching.

GREGORY HEILLE

The Preaching of Pope Francis: Missionary Discipleship and the Ministry of the Word

Liturgical Press, 2015



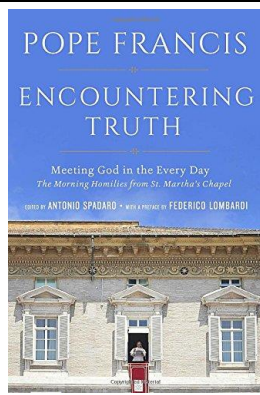
Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has encouraged, inspired, and delighted those who have heard him preach. Especially fascinating have been his plain-spoken and insightful weekday morning Mass homilies. He has also offered the church a substantial contribution on the theory and practice of homiletics in a large section of his first major teaching document, *Evangelii Gaudium*. In *The Preaching of Pope Francis*, Gregory Heille, OP, introduces readers to the Pope's preaching, his insights about the preaching vocation of the ordained, and his call to all the baptized to go to the margins as missionary disciples and evangelists of the Word. Heille, a highly regarded professor of homiletics and preacher himself, offers an inspiring and practical resource for priests, deacons, and anyone involved in the ministry of preaching. He shares the Pope's vision and example for the preparation and delivery of effective and engaging homilies and for laity invested in the Church's ministry of the Word in a post-Vatican II pastoral context.

POPE FRANCIS (ed. ANTONIO SPADARO)

Encountering Truth: Meeting God in the Every Day

The Morning Homilies from St. Martha's Chapel

Image, 2015

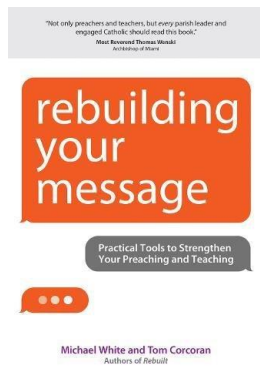


Shortly after seven in the morning, Pope Francis gives a brief homily in the little Vatican chapel of Saint Martha, in front of an audience that is always different: gardeners, office workers, nuns and priests, as well as a growing group of journalists. It is a set appointment, and in some ways a revolutionary innovation, where a pope speaks to everyone, off the cuff, without any written text, as he would have done as a parish priest. *Encountering Truth* is a collection of highlights from these homilies from March 2013 to May 2014. Along with summaries by Radio Vaticana (who recorded and transcribed the homilies) and commentary by Father Antonio Spadaro, SJ, these reflections provide moments of inspiration, simplicity, and a glimpse into the papal world very few ever get to experience.

MICHAEL WHITE and TOM CORCORAN

Rebuilding Your Message: Practical Tools to Strengthen Your Preaching and Teaching

Ave Maria Press, 2015

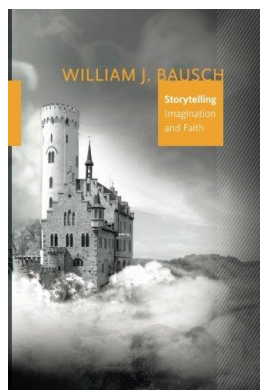


Michael White and Tom Corcoran sparked a firestorm of debate in 2013 with their first book, *Rebuilt*, the story of how they brought their parish back to life. In *Rebuilding Your Message*, the award-winning authors now share their carefully honed communication practices to help priests, staff, volunteers, and parishioners better proclaim the irresistible and life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ at every level. A parish doesn't just communicate its mission from the pulpit. Teaching and preaching also happen in classes and small groups, in bulletins, on the church website and social media, and through volunteers who welcome visitors through its doors. In *Rebuilding Your Message*, Michael White and Tom Corcoran--authors of the bestselling books *Rebuilt* and *Tools for Rebuilding*--share dozens of strategies to help Catholic parishes establish and sustain excellent communications. White and Corcoran believe that every parishioner should be engaged in communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ. The authors push Catholics beyond the status quo with practical help for creating a welcoming church, practicing homilies, and preparing lessons, as well as more complex strategies such as developing a message series that connects all forms of communication to both the liturgical year and the seasons of the local community.

WILLIAM J. BAUSCH

Storytelling: Imagination and Faith

Clear Faith Publishing, 2015

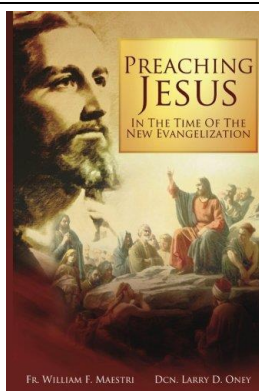


In re-releasing this best-selling classic book, *Storytelling – Imagination and Faith*, Fr. Bill Bausch brings to life the art of stories and of storytelling. Weaving together stories that have been collected over the years, he celebrates the ability of storytelling to transform the heart of the reader. No doubt, this book will hold a treasured spot on the shelves of preachers, ministers, teachers, parents – and anyone who wants to learn the power of the story! For stories remain the repositories of our successes and failures, our dreams and our hopes, our faith and despair. And we remember them. This, then, is what you will find in this book: stories, secular and sacred, that provoke, entertain, entice and challenge.

FR. WILLIAM MAESTRI & DCN. LARRY ONEY

Preaching Jesus in the Time of the New Evangelization

Create Space Independent Publishing, 2015

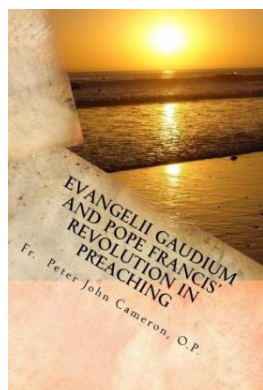


The call to the New Evangelization is the challenge of this moment in the Church's history. This challenge is not simply a message but a Person—the Person of Jesus Christ. In the message and Person of Jesus there is a meeting; that is, both come together at the intersection of mercy. Within these pages is both the invitation and the path forward to proclaim Jesus in this age. When so many are searching for answers to life's fundamental questions, the ministry of preaching the Word has never been more important. Those in the pew are surrounded each day by countless words. However, it is from the pulpit that is offered the living Word of life. Those, both deacons and priest, called to the vocation of preaching have received a great grace. In this time of the New Evangelization, the need to Preach Jesus has gained a new urgency. May this book be a blessing for all engaged in the preaching ministry.

PETER JOHN CAMERON

Evangelii Gaudium and Pope Francis' Revolution in Preaching

CreateSpace, 2014



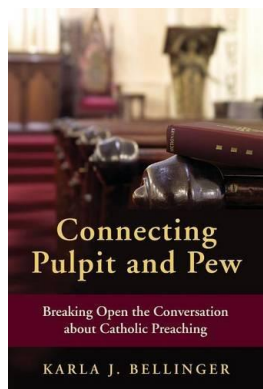
In 2013, Pope Francis published an apostolic exhortation entitled *Evangelii Gaudium*—The Joy of the Gospel. The exhortation contains some of the most substantial and salient advice about preaching ever offered by a pope in recent history. This little book *Evangelii Gaudium and Pope Francis' Revolution in Preaching* provides a painstaking analysis of *Evangelii Gaudium* from the point of view of homiletics. At the same time, it presents in systematic fashion the document's practical implications for preaching. It will give you greater insight into Pope Francis' conception of preaching and why it is that current preaching finds itself in trouble and in need of renewal. Even more, the book will help you improve your own preaching by showing you how to apply Pope Francis' many concrete homiletic tips to your ministry in the pulpit.

Part I THE RENEWAL OF PREACHING 1. The Human Need for Preaching 2. The Sacramentality of Preaching 3. The Pedagogy of Preaching Part II THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PREACHER 1. Knowing the Heart of the Community 2. The Preacher as Witness 3. The Role of Memory 4. Dialogue Part III THE HOMILY 1. Conceiving the Homily 2. Structure in Preaching 3. Length and Language in Preaching Part IV PREPARATION FOR PREACHING 1. Dedicated Time for Preparation 2. *Lectio Divina* for Preaching Conclusion

KARLA BELLINGER

Connecting Pulpit and Pew: Breaking Open the Conversation about Catholic Preaching

Liturgical Press, 2014

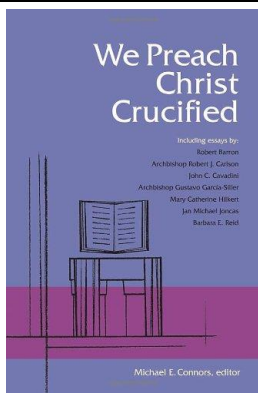


Whether you preach from a pulpit or sit in a pew, you hope (and pray) for a homily that connects the Good News with life. But what does it mean to connect? In a world that buzzes with the synapses of technological "connection," can the human touch of preaching make a difference anymore? *Connecting Pulpit and Pew* is a fresh look at the conundrum of Catholic preaching, asking six key questions: Why does Sunday preaching matter and to whom? Why is Catholic preaching such an uphill climb? How can we connect the gospel message with our young people? What are the struggles of clergy-on-the-ground in preaching? What is going on in the listener's head during the homily? And finally, what can each of us do to help "connection" in preaching become more common? New research speaks to those questions from the voices of youth, the experiences of lay leaders, and the words of priests and deacons. Karla Bellinger offers concrete ways to connect the pulpit and the pew so that preaching becomes an act of love within a community of caring. This practical book breaks open an important and necessary conversation.

MICHAEL CONNORS (ed.)

We Preach Christ Crucified

Liturgical Press, 2014



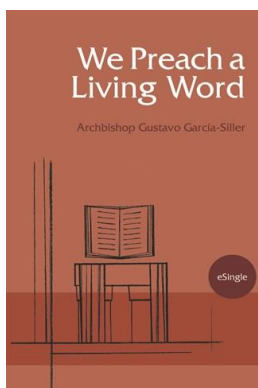
In June of 2012, an astounding 360 people gathered at the University of Notre Dame for a major conference on Catholic preaching. With contributions by a wide variety of theologians and practitioners, *We Preach Christ Crucified* gathers the fruits of those days spent reflecting on the importance of the preaching ministry. Its release is timely, given the US bishops' promulgation of a new document on preaching, *Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily* (January, 2013), and the renewed emphasis on preaching by both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. The challenges facing Christian preachers in our time are many and formidable ones. The authors in this collection take a fresh look at the task, the resources at hand, the contemporary context, and the preacher. The result is a refreshing and stunningly hopeful reconsideration of an ancient ministry. *We Preach Christ Crucified* includes:

- We Preach a Living Word by Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS
- Feasting at the Table of the Word: From *Dei Verbum* to *Verbum Domini* by Mary Catherine Hilkert, OP
- New Perspectives on Preaching from *Verbum Domini* by Fr. Jeremy Driscoll, OSB
- Preaching from and for the Liturgy: A Practical Guide by Fr. Jan Michael Joncas
- Preaching and Catechesis: Mending the Rift between Scripture and Doctrine by John C. Cavadini
- The New Evangelization and the New Media by Fr. Robert Barron
- The Challenge of *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* to Interpret Life in the Light of the Word by Theresa Rickard, OP
- "This Intimate Link"-The Ecumenical Contribution of *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* by Craig A. Satterlee
- Unfulfilled in Our Hearing, or, Why Can't Our Newly Ordained Priest Preach? by Fr. Tom Margevicius
- Preaching Hope in Times of Polarization by Susan McGurgan
- African American Contributions to Our American Catholic Preaching Challenge by Maurice J. Nutt, CSsR
- Becoming a Cross-cultural Preacher by Kenneth G. Davis, OFM Conv
- Preaching Among the Poor: A Panel of Holy Cross Priests by Fr. Joseph Corpora, CSC; Fr. Bill Wack, CSC; and Fr. Ronald Raab, CSC
- New Directions in the Funeral and Wedding Homily: The Preacher as the Minister of Hospitality of the Kingdom of God by Gueric DeBona, OSB
- Preaching and Children by Ann Garrido
- The Challenges Ahead for Catholic Preaching in the Twenty-first Century by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson
- Afterword: A Living Word of Hope for the Whatever Generation by Michael E. Connors, CSC

ARCHBISHOP GARCÍA-SILLER

We Preach a Living Word

Liturgical Press, 2014

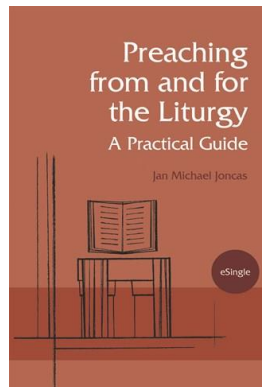


Archbishop García-Siller offers a meditation on the call, the joy, and the duty of Catholic preaching in our day. For him, preaching is a conversation of love that invites the hearer to respond to God in love. He considers how effective preaching invites people into that relationship, encouraging today's preachers to be bold, enthusiastic, creative, and courageous.

MICHAEL JONCAS

Preaching from and for the Liturgy: A Practical Guide

Liturgical Press, 2014

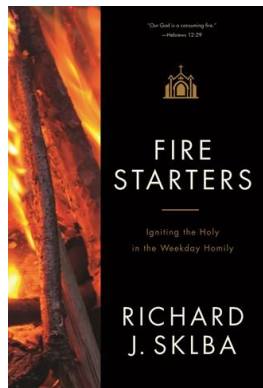


Fr. Joncas explains ways that preachers might take their inspiration not only from the readings from Scripture, but from the liturgical texts of the day's Mass. He considers liturgical preaching drawn from the presidential euchology, the liturgical chants, and the liturgical gestures and objects. Each, he says, can be important roads to drawing believers into a deeper encounter with Christ.

RICHARD SKLBA

Fire Starters: A Companion to the Weekday Lectionary Readings in Ordinary Time

Liturgical Press, 2013

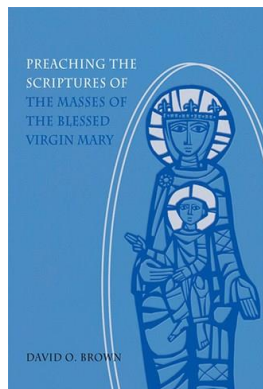


Though daily Mass is held most frequently, resources for daily homilies can be in short supply. In this book, Bishop Sklba offers a rich collection of ideas — fire starters — for preparing brief, spiritually nourishing homilies for daily Eucharist. Like building a campfire, where one ignites the logs with more easily flammable paper, these "fire starters" are intended to provide the spark for weekday homilies. God's Spirit provides the flame. Each day, the biblical citations and summary phrases for the reading and the gospel plus the refrain from the psalm are provided. After each citation, Bishop Sklba offers a series of meaningful insights from his expertise as a Scripture scholar, prayerful study of Scripture, and many years of preaching and pastoral experience. These brief entries provide knowledge and inspiration that will stimulate personal prayer and spark homily possibilities for the preacher every day. *Fire Starters* will support anyone privileged to be called to leadership at weekday celebrations of the Eucharist to prepare for the important ministry of preaching.

DAVID O. BROWN

Preaching the Scriptures of the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical Press, 2013

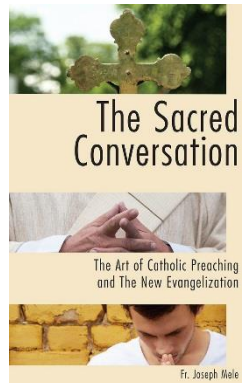


The Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary offers more than 135 Scripture passages through which the faithful might deepen their devotion to Mary. While some texts are very familiar, others are not as well known to contemporary Catholics. In *Preaching the Scriptures of the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, Father David Brown examines each of the texts in detail, offering valuable insights for homily preparation. This helpful book includes insightful exegesis of every Scripture passage of the Lectionary for these Masses; helpful summary statements about each reading; a generous set of "musings" on the readings for each Mass rich enough to prompt a variety of different homilies, making it useful year after year; suggestions for further worthwhile reading.

JOSEPH MELE

The Sacred Conversation: The Art of Catholic Preaching and the New Evangelization

Emmaus Road, 2013

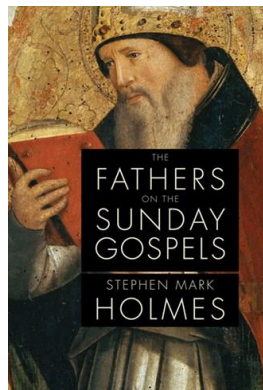


Are you starving for inspiring homilies? Did you know that poor preaching is one of the top three reasons people leave the Church? And that it's the reason many Catholics don't come to Mass? There is a preaching problem in the Catholic Church—a serious problem. Parishioners know it, priests know it, and bishops know it. It's an old story that just doesn't seem to change...until now! *The Sacred Conversation* skillfully answers the question on many Catholic minds: Why can't priests preach? Father Joseph Mele gives a first-rate analysis of and a resolution to what it will take to form priests who can preach effectively to the Church today. Catholic homilies are not Protestant sermons. Learn the difference and become a fruitful homilist!

STEPHEN MARK HOLMES

The Fathers on the Sunday Gospels

Liturgical Press, 2012

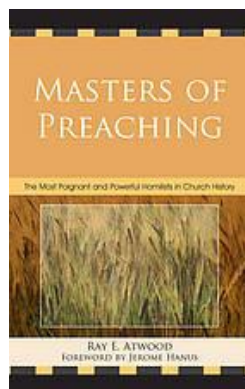


Now, the fathers of the church speak from across the ages each week: *The Fathers on the Sunday Gospels* provides rich reflections on every Sunday gospel reading in the three-year Lectionary from Augustine, Bede, Ambrose, Gregory the Great, Aelred, John Scotus Erigena, Origen, Cyril of Alexandria, and many more. This unique volume will prove to be an invaluable companion for preachers and for personal reflection on the Sunday gospels. It is also an ideal gift for ordination and anniversaries of priesthood.

RAY E. ATWOOD

Masters of Preaching: The Most Poignant and Powerful Homilists in Church History

Hamilton Books, 2012

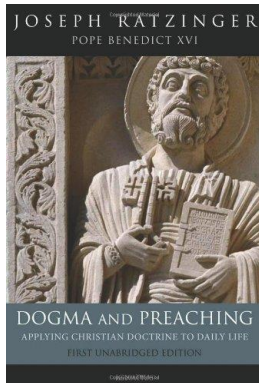


The history of Catholic homiletics is rich and layered with theology and spirituality. Every period of Church history contains preachers who have been blessed with oratorical skills and spiritual depth. They are saints, scholars, bishops, priests, and deacons from the Eastern and Western traditions. *Masters of Preaching*--the first book of its kind--lays the foundations for a deeper understanding of Christian preaching. It is an important contribution to the subjects of history and preaching. This exceptional text sheds light on the lives and sermons of the Church's most talented preachers. Through the lives and works of thirty-one men, the reader will experience fine sermons from the most eloquent homilists.

Joseph Ratzinger / Pope Benedict XVI

Dogma and Preaching: Applying Christian Doctrine to Daily Life

Ignatius Press, 2011

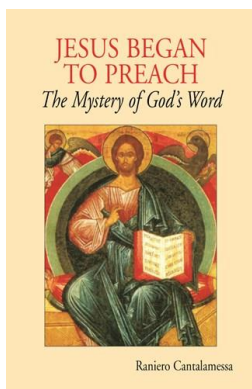


This volume is an unabridged edition of *Dogma and Preaching*, a work that appeared in a much-reduced form in English, in 1985. The new book contains twice as much material as first English edition. Dogma, for many people, is a bad word. For the well-informed believer, it shouldn't be. Dogmas are truths revealed by God, which should enlighten the minds, guide the choices, and gladden the hearts of Jesus' disciples, including pastors, deacons, and lay teachers. But, as Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), notes in the foreword to this book, The path from dogma to proclamation or preaching has become very troublesome. Finding ways to relate the content of the Church's dogmas to everyday life can be challenging for today's preachers and teachers. Some people find the task so daunting that they leave dogma out. As a result, they wind up presenting something other than the Church's faith and speak in their own name, offering perhaps unwittingly merely their own, subjective ideas, rather than the Word of God. In *Dogma and Preaching*, the theologian and priest Joseph Ratzinger provides (1) a theory of preaching for today; (2) application of this theory to some themes for preaching drawn from the Church's dogmas; (3) meditations and sermons based on the liturgical year and the communion of saints; and (4) some thoughts regarding the decade after the Second Vatican and Christianity's seeming irrelevance. Ratzinger insists that sound preaching should rest on three pillars--Dogma, Scripture, and the Church Today, the contemporary situation in which the Church finds herself. He shows that the proper understanding of the Church, her dogmas, the nature of faith, and the contemporary world allow the proclaimer-believer to remain faithful to the Church's mission and life-changing message.

RAINERO CANTALAMESSA

Jesus Began to Preach: The Mystery of God's Word

Liturgical Press, 2010

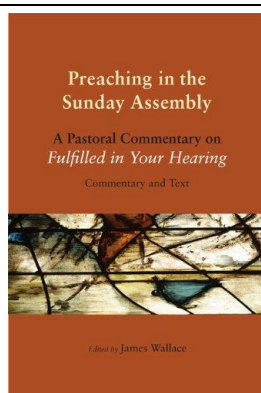


In this volume, a thoroughly revised and expanded version of *The Mystery of God's Word*, Father Raniero Cantalamessa engages the profound idea of the Eternal Word that becomes Life. The main and constant focus of the book is to show how the word of God illuminates and engages our existence. Cantalamessa uses the words of Scripture, particularly those of Jesus, to reflect on the meaning of a God who speaks, a God who is in relationship with humanity. By encountering these words in prayer and liturgy, we are invited to allow them into our minds and hearts so that we may be bearers of the word of God in the world.

JAMES A. WALLACE

Preaching in the Sunday Assembly: A Pastoral Commentary on "Fulfilled in Your Hearing:"

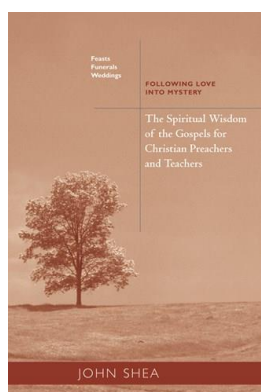
Liturgical Press, 2010



What should preachers aim for in Sunday preaching? In 1982, the USCCB document *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly* answered this question. Here, in a pastoral commentary on *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, several Catholic scholars in homiletics, liturgy, and biblical studies both appreciate the abiding insights of *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* and also propose areas for continuing reflection. Following the four sections of the Bishops' document??The Assembly, The Preacher, The Homily, and Homiletic Method??this commentary emphasizes the document??s continuing importance for the initial and ongoing formation of Catholic liturgical preachers, while also inviting conversation about present-day cross-cultural, liturgical, and communication concerns for Catholic preaching. Priests, deacons, seminarians, bishops, and all others engaged in the preaching task are invited to deepen their appreciation of the homily's unique role in the liturgical life of the church and to stir their enthusiasm for preaching and preaching preparation.

JOHN SHEA

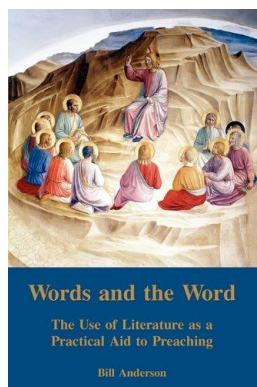
***The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers:
Feast, Funerals, and Weddings – Following Love into Mystery***
Liturgical Press, 2010



Wisdom, wit, and Sacred Writ are the outstanding interactive hallmarks of this fourth and final volume in The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers series. In the same style and format as the first three volumes, Shea presents evocative reflections to enhance Scripture-based preaching and teaching for liturgical feast days, funerals, and weddings. Christian preachers and teachers and anyone interested in the spiritual life will find *Feasts, Funerals, and Weddings* an insightful and relevant resource.

BILL ANDERSON

Words and the Word: The Use of Literature as a Practical Aid to Preaching
Gracewing Publishing, 2010



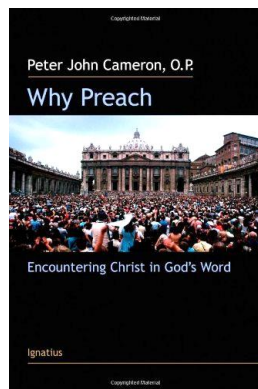
The exhilarating scope of the title - Words and the Word - may seem almost undercut by its sober subtitle: The Use of Literature as a Practical Aid to Preaching. But the value of this book lies in its very bi-polarity. On the one hand, here are practical ways of enhancing the word delivered from the 'mountain' of the pulpit (usually not so lofty these days); on the other, here are some of the great themes that pervade theology and life. This duality seems utterly right. And both aspects are illumined, not obscured, by reference to the preacher's own story. So, this is a book that seminarians, deacons, priests, even bishops, would do well to take in hand. Indeed, conveyed with suitable tact, what a wonderful present for priest friends! But it would be a loss were it confined to the clergy. Just as a good sermon will lead its listeners beyond appreciation of a preacher's learning or eloquence to simple apprehension of the 'thing' itself, the res of the celebrated mystery, the presence of the Lord, and its consequences for our lives, so this book both opens a door into our literary inheritance and edges us again and again towards the universal questions: What is literature? What is the relationship of the great literary works of humanity - the 'secular Scriptures' - to the Word and words of Christianity and its Jewish antecedent? How might we enter into this literary world, and integrate our human culture with our Christian faith? How might a lectio humana enrich our lectio divina, and vice versa? How might I finally educate myself? Surely every word that is true, beautiful and good can be found again, and should be, in the service of the Word made flesh, and add its lustre to the halting words of preachers. Fr Anderson has done a service to us all by living in this noble tradition, by preaching from it for a half a century, and now leaving us this limpid exposition of it. Abbot Hugh Gilbert, OSB Canon Bill Anderson

celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priesthood in 2010. His varied ministry in Aberdeen has included teaching at Blairs College (the now closed Junior Seminary) and serving as Catholic Chaplain at the University, Administrator at St Mary's Cathedral, and parish priest of St Francis of Assisi. He has been Spiritual Director at the Scots College, Rome and a producer of religious programmes with the BBC. Brought up in Edinburgh, he is a graduate of Edinburgh, Cambridge, Aberdeen and Thames Valley Universities. He is a former "Preacher of the Year" (an award of the College of Preachers sponsored by The Times), and holds diplomas in speech & drama from three London colleges, as well as the Poetry Society's gold medal for verse-speaking. In his retirement, Canon Bill returned to teaching part-time, teaching Latin to undergraduates at Aberdeen University. He is Chaplain to the local Newman Association.

PETER JOHN CAMERON

Why Preach? Encountering Christ in God's World

Ignatius Press, 2009

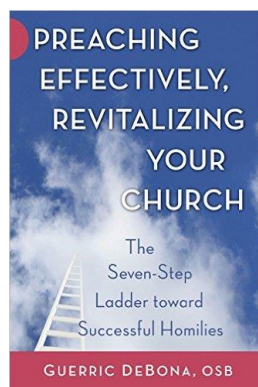


Well known for his teaching, writing, and editing of *Magnificat*, the widely popular monthly publication containing the Scripture readings and prayers for the Mass used weekly by several hundred thousand Catholics, Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., offers here expert spiritual and practical help for priests, pastors and seminarians desiring to preach effectively. *Why Preach* draws from the author's rich understanding of the Word of God as the challenging, encouraging, and healing presence of Christ, as well as from his own experience as both a preacher and a teacher of homiletics. With an eye focused on the works and examples of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI, Father Cameron illustrates that good preaching derives from and leads to an encounter with Christ, the Word of God made Flesh, who comes to us through the Scriptures. The objective of the book is to help preachers to think about preaching in a new, dynamic way. Its aim is to provide a fresh and helpful vision of preaching geared to deepening a preacher's appreciation of what preaching is, and the great spiritual impact that good preaching can have on its audience, so as to increase his desire and ability to preach well.

GUERRIC DEBONA

***Preaching Effectively, Revitalizing Your Church:
The Seven-Step Ladder toward Successful Homilies***

Paulist Press, 2009

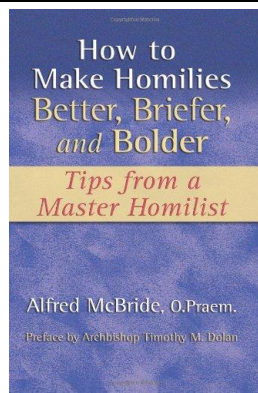


This book, by an experienced and respected teacher of homiletics, offers a practical and theological guide to effective preaching. Following the medieval tradition of Allan of Lille, Guerric DeBona uses the metaphor of a ladder to describe the ascent up seven rungs or building blocks that constitute the strategies of preaching. Beginning with advice on discovering a personal theology of preaching, he proceeds to unlock the power of the Bible and the liturgy, then guides the reader in creating a unified homily and in discovering a homiletic method that best suits one's own intellect and temperament. Chapters on communicating in contemporary culture and on globalizing the homily for a New Evangelization are vital for coming to grips with the technological age and the often-bewildering diversity of today's world. Finally, DeBona challenges the reader to recognize and confront one's own obstacles to effective preaching. Each chapter ends with questions to assist the reader in appropriating the material. With bad homilies consistently cited as a factor in declining church attendance, *Preaching Effectively* answers a very pressing need, especially in view of Popes John Paul II's and Benedict XVI's urgent call to rescue traditionally Christian countries from the brink of total secularization.

ALFRED MCBRIDE

How to Make Homilies Better, Briefer, and Bolder: Tips from a Master Homilist

Our Sunday Visitor, 2007

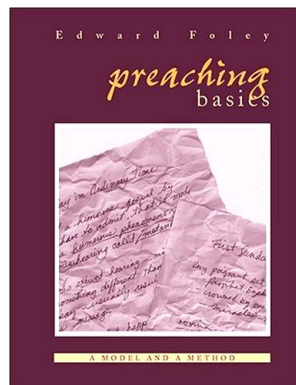


Sincere, encouraging, and downright practical, Fr. McBride's *How to Make Homilies Better, Briefer, and Bolder* makes it easy to connect with your parishioners every Sunday and drive them to a higher calling. Blending simple-to-follow instructions, proven strategies, and the occasional rule, this guidebook encapsulates 50 years of sermon mastery from one of the most notable preachers of our time. Develop the skills to Create compelling twelve-minute Sunday homilies, Deliver memorable speeches that resonate in parishioners hearts and minds, and Transform lifeless homilies into irresistible calls to action. Comprehensive yet compact, *How to Make Homilies Better, Briefer, and Bolder* includes practical steps for overcoming public-speaking fears and time-saving tips for finding relevant stories that warrant sharing. Includes special tips for weddings, funerals, and Masses for children. Each chapter begins with a brief story about Church history's great preachers and draws a practical lesson from them.

EDWARD FOLEY

Preaching Basics: A Model and a Method

Liturgy Training Publications, 2007

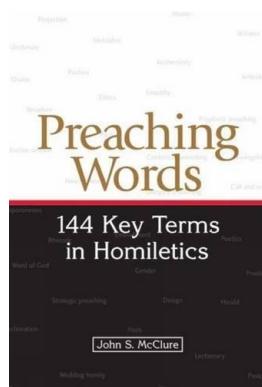


Over and over, surveys tell us that if someone were to shout out to the church on a Sunday morning, What do you want? The roar would come back: Good preaching! When do you want it? Now! No one wants better preaching more than those who preach. Here you will find a way of homily preparation that really works! Built upon the U.S. Bishops document *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, this workbook provides a clear and comprehensive definition of liturgical preaching, the conversation between the assembly and God facilitated by the preacher. Next, you'll find a user-friendly model for a preacher to use in dialogue with the Lectionary, the liturgy, the world, the arts, and the lives of the people who make up the assembly. An effective method is offered for preparing to preach on any given Sunday using seasonal reflection and a day-by-day plan. Sidebars containing quotes and excerpts from other sources, and many worksheets to use for preparation are also included. This book will help anyone who wants better preaching, especially preachers themselves, to see new possibilities and think about preaching in an exciting, new way.

JOHN S. MCCLURE

Preaching Words: 144 Key Terms in Homiletics

Westminster/John Knox, 2007

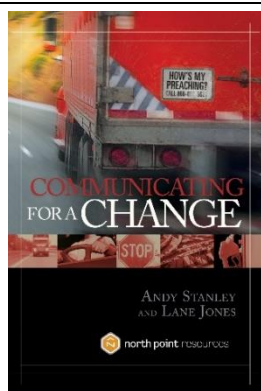


John McClure's *Preaching Words* highlights the most important ideas in homiletics and preaching, offering short explanations of these ideas, what scholars of preaching are saying about them, and how they can help in today's preaching. Topics range from elements of the sermon (introduction, body, and conclusion) to aspects of delivery, types of preaching in different Christian traditions, and theories of preaching.

ANDY STANLEY and LANE JONES

Communicating for a Change: Seven Keys to Irresistible Communication

Multnomah, 2006

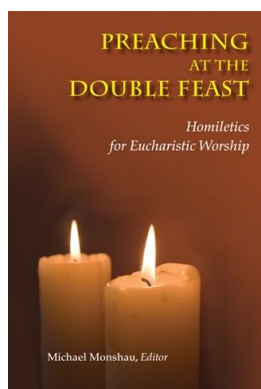


Whether you speak from the pulpit, podium, or the front of a classroom, you don't need much more than blank stares and faraway looks to tell you you're not connecting. Take heart before your audience takes leave! You can convey your message in the powerful, life-changing way it deserves to be told. An insightful, entertaining parable that's an excellent guide for any speaker, *Communicating for a Change* takes a simple approach to delivering effectively. Join Pastor Ray as he discovers that the secrets to successful speaking are parallel to the lessons a trucker learns on the road. By knowing your destination before you leave (identifying the one basic premise of your message), using your blinkers (making transitions obvious), and implementing five other practical points, you'll drive your message home every time!

MICHAEL MONSHAU (ed.)

Preaching at the Double Feast: Homiletics for Eucharistic Worship

Liturgical Press, 2006

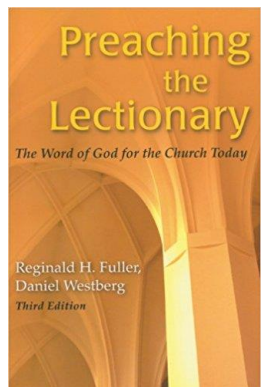


Since the Reformation, the focal point of worship for many Christian churches has been the table of the Word—the proclamation of Scriptures and the preaching event. Congregations have been fed, often well and abundantly, at the single feast table of the Word. But what is the role of preaching in the double feast churches—churches whose normative liturgical worship features rites at the two tables of the Word and of the Eucharist? This is a multi-voiced ecumenical preaching anthology full of insights from those who preside, preach, and celebrate the double feast. In terms of time, as well as content and structure, proclamation and preaching at the double feast will be very different from preaching at worship that is exclusively Word-centered. Father Michael Monshau adds timely and critical new perspective to the issue by bringing together five significant voices from double feast churches whose presentations, in effect, become varied, short textbooks on how to preach.

REGINALD FULLER and DANIEL WESTBERG

Preaching the Lectionary: The Word of God for the Church Today

Liturgical Press, 2006 (3rd ed)

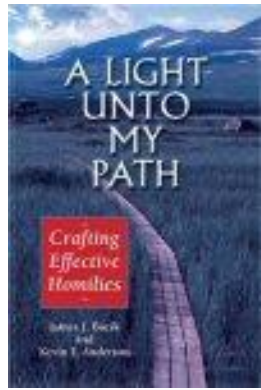


Although originally intended for use by Catholics, *Preaching the Lectionary* has become truly ecumenical in intention and tone. It is based on the *New Revised Standard Version* and integrates the Revised Common Lectionary to enhance the versatility of the preacher's task of proclaiming the Word of God as effectively and as broadly as possible. This third edition of *Preaching the Lectionary* will appeal to homilists and others who have a ministerial or preparatory role in the Sunday liturgy. Written with the needs of the active pastor, homilist, and liturgist in mind, it offers brief, technical discussions balanced with practical insights and reflections. This new edition of a classic approach to the Lectionary has been updated to reflect the thinking of a wide range of biblical scholars and theologians.

JAMES BACIK and KEVIN ANDERSON

A Light Unto My Path: Crafting Effective Homilies

Paulist Press, 2006



Pastor and theologian James J. Backik and clinical psychologist Kevin Anderson have a long-standing dialogue on homiletics which they present in this volume. Enriched by the research and data of over 2,500 surveys collected by the pair, this volume offers theological perspectives and practical advice for those interested in proclaiming the word of God more effectively.

MICHAEL MONSHAU

The Grace and Task of Preaching

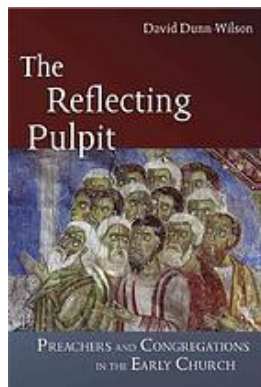
Dominican Publications, 2006



DAVID DUNN-WILSON

The Reflecting Pulpit: Preachers and Congregations in the Early Church

Eerdmans, 2005

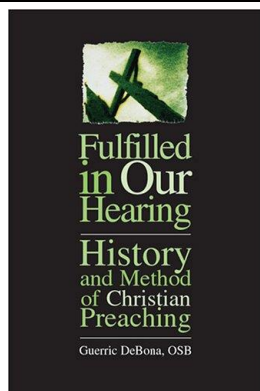


It might be assumed that Christian preachers have always proclaimed the same unchanging message in the same unchanging way to similarly comprised and receptive congregations. But this assumption is far from accurate. Throughout history the style and subject matter of sermons have repeatedly changed to meet the shifting needs of congregations molded by contemporary events. A Mirror for the Church explores this dynamic as it developed in the early church. In examining sermons preached during the first five centuries of church history, David Dunn-Wilson answers some important questions: Who were the first preachers? What did they preach about, and what methods did they use? What kinds of people made up the first congregations, and how did they relate to the world around them? In the process, Dunn-Wilson uncovers the homiletic themes that remained constant in early church history and shows how preachers and their churches adapted to waves of social change. He also suggests ways in which the priorities of the early church might inform preaching and Christian practice today.

GUERRIC DEBONA

Fulfilled in Our Hearing: History and Method of Christian Preaching

Paulist Press, 2005

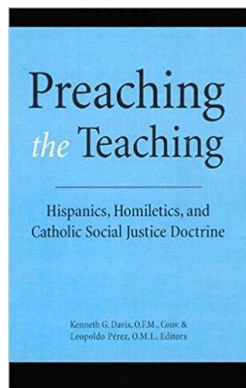


Offers emphasis on the emergence of the "new homiletic" in the twentieth century and examines the inductive methods of preaching. This book covers liturgical preaching, drawing from the USCCB's document "Fulfilled in Your Hearing"; multicultural preaching, with an emphasis on African-American and Hispanic preaching; and contemporary preaching.

KENNETH DAVIS and LEOPOLDO PEREZ (eds.)

Preaching the Teaching: Hispanics, Homiletics, and Catholic Social Justice Doctrine

University of Scranton Press, 2005

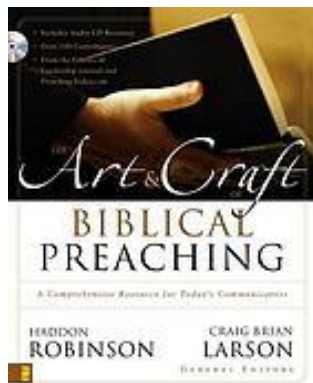


Preaching the Teaching reevaluates the Catholic Church's doctrine of social justice as it relates to the Church's flourishing Hispanic communities and their particular concerns, including issues of domestic violence, racism, and immigration policy. Each chapter begins by examining a theme-specific document from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, followed by related essays from leading Hispanic theologians and a helpful guide to appropriate scripture readings. *Preaching the Teaching* will be an invaluable resource for those who prepare homilies for Hispanic congregations as well as for scholars and students of religious studies and social justice.

HADDON ROBINSON (ed.)

The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching: A Comprehensive Resource for Today's Communicators

Zondervan, 2005

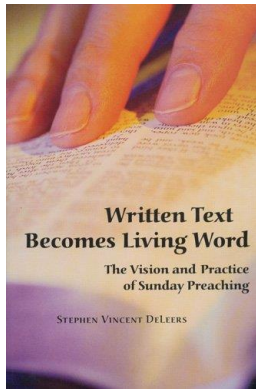


This extensive encyclopedia is the most complete and practical work ever published on the art and craft of biblical preaching. The 11 major sections contain almost 200 articles, which cover every possible preaching topic, including changing lives, sermon structure, "the big idea," introductions, outlining, transitions, conclusions, passionate delivery, application, leveraging illustrations, telling stories, preaching narrative texts, topical preaching, expository preaching, evangelistic preaching, preaching to postmoderns, using humor, speaking with authority, and many others. Entries are characterized by intensely practical and vivid writing designed to help preachers deepen their understanding and sharpen their communication skills. The contributors include a virtual Who's Who of preaching from a cross section of denominations and traditions, such as John Ortberg, Rick Warren, Warren Wiersbe, Alice Mathews, John Piper, Andy Stanley, and many others. Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson, two of today's most respected voices in preaching, provide editorial oversight.

STEVEN VINCENT DELEERS

Written Text Becomes Living Word: The Vision and Practice of Sunday Preaching

Liturgical Press 2004



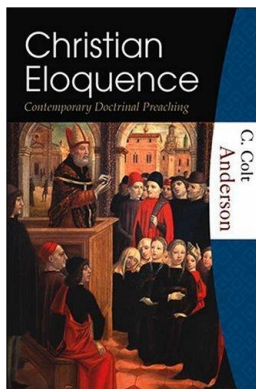
Effective, significant preaching requires a Vision and a pondering of the question, "How can I do what the Church expects of me?" The homily offers preachers a chance to live this question. Drawing from official Roman Catholic documents (1963–1995), *Written Text Becomes Living Word* summarizes this Vision for the homily as having five characteristics: personal, liturgical, inculturating, clarifying, and actualizing. DeLeers integrates and develops homiletic practice into this Vision by a detailed process for effective preparation and preaching. Written from the author's work with preachers, *Written Text Becomes Living Word* will help re-inspire the homiletic Vision as well as the spiritual life of those preaching.

Chapters are: *Repairing the 'Accidents of History': Roman Catholic Restoration and Embrace of the Sunday Homily, - *The Evolution of the 'Restored' Homily, 1963-93, - *A Roman Catholic Contribution to the Vision of Sunday Preaching, - *The Homily as Personal Word: Responsibility, Faith, and Love, - *The Homily as Liturgical Word: The Assembly and Its Sacred Ritual, - *The Homily as Inculturated Word: Correlating Experience and Tradition, - *The Homily as Clarifying Word: One Good Point, Clearly Made, - *The Homily as Actualizing Word: Written Text Becomes Living Word, - *Arriving at the Sunday Message: Three Necessary Encounters with the Word, - *From Message to Homily: Content, Structure, and Delivery, - *Ten Suggestions for Becoming a Better Preacher, - and an Appendix: Roman Catholic Documents on the Homily. Also includes an Index.

C. COLT ANDERSON

Christian Eloquence: Contemporary Doctrinal Preaching

Liturgy Training Publications, 2004

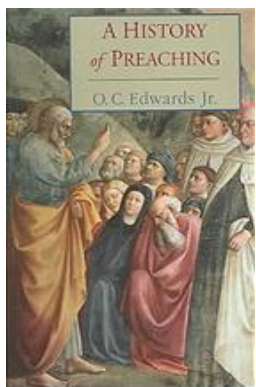


The Church of medieval Europe struggled to find ways to present the Gospel to people in the midst of cultural change and upheaval. This fascinating study is an excellent resource for all Church homilists, preachers, and even catechists who want models and strategies for linking the deeper truths of the faith to the changing and diverse needs of people in their communities. By studying the methods and sermons of doctrinal preachers from Augustine until the eve of Trent, we can learn how to be more conscious of what preaching can accomplish. As a work that appeals to a common tradition in the various Western Churches, this study is also helpful across denominational lines. Featuring detailed analysis of medieval homilies and sermons from St. Augustine, St. Gregory the Great, St. Bonaventure, John Colet, and Henry Suso, as well as original sermons available for the first time in English from Peter Damien and Stephen Langdon, this book is an ideal tool for pastors, deacons, retreat leaders, and homiletic students. Also included are end of chapter questions for further study. This title also serves to introduce readers into the theology and the history of the period.

O.C. EDWARDS

A History of Preaching

Abingdon, 2004

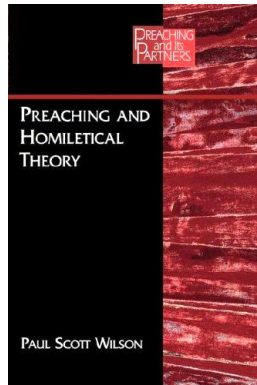


Accompanying CD-ROM contains the full text of volume one and two. Volume two contains primary source material on preaching drawn from the entire scope of the church's twenty centuries. Each chapter in volume two is geared to its companion chapter in volume one's narrative history.

PAUL SCOTT WILSON

Preaching and Homiletical Theory

Chalice Press, 2004

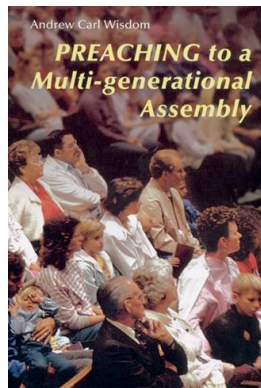


Preaching and Homiletical Theory takes both an appreciative and a critical look at the contribution of homiletics to quality preaching. It focuses on key scholarship and the effectiveness of recent trends in homiletics and offers a discussion of the role of homiletics and preaching in the coming years. Organized by the three dimensions central to the homiletical task-biblical, theological, and pastoral-Preaching and Homiletical Theory identifies significant schools of contemporary thought and surveys the breadth of discussion for each of the dimensions.

ANDREW CARL WISDOM

Preaching to a Multi-Generational Assembly

Liturgical Press, 2004

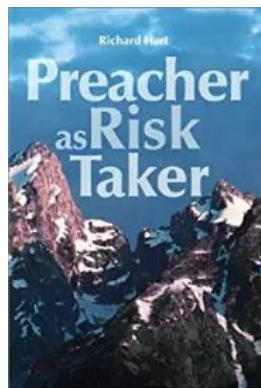


With the acceleration of technological change, new and distinct generations are created faster than before. Generational boundaries become more fluid. Multiple age groups have different generational mindsets, distinct worldviews, and varied spiritual needs. How, then, do preachers speak to congregations that comprise four to five separate generations? *Preaching to a Multi-generational Assembly* addresses how to effectively and credibly preach to all generations at the same time. In *Preaching to a Multi-generational Assembly* Andrew Carl Wisdom offers a credible, new homiletic model to make Catholic preaching more exciting, accessible, and effective for both the assembly and preacher by making it more generationally relevant. He reflects upon the current state of preaching through Catholic and Protestant voices. He argues from communication theory that generation is a subculture like ethnicity and race and should be seriously considered in homiletic preparation. He applies contemporary marketing segmentation theory to preaching in proposing a qualified "generational segmentation" of the Sunday assembly. Finally, he combines both theories to demonstrate both the opportunity and viability of intergenerational preaching in a Catholic context.

RICHARD HART

Preacher as Risk Taker

Liturgical Press, 2003

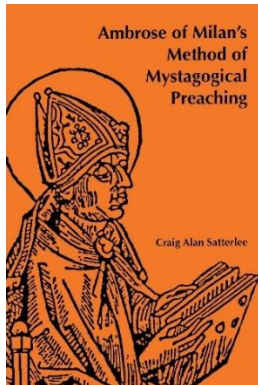


Many individuals take risks in life such as mountain climbers, magicians, farmers, and gamblers. But do we ever include preachers in that category? Preachers have opportunities to be some of the greatest risk takers. In *Preacher as Risk Taker*, Richard Hart, O.F.M. Cap., challenges preachers to be on the cutting edge by taking risks resulting in better preaching. How many preachers are willing to submit their homilies to an editor or have their homilies taped? Are poetic preachers ready to preach in a changing Church? How often do preachers discuss social sin, the environment, ageing, the reign of God, or Paul's epistles? Do today's preachers realize how important it is to preach through healing or Jesus as a wisdom figure? Finally, do preachers know the true difference between a eulogy and a homily? Hart offers insight to each of these questions for preachers interested in improving their homilies. Preachers might not be asked to scale a mountain or act as a magician. But preachers are asked to take similar risks when preaching on challenging topics. In *Preacher as Risk Taker*, Father Hart provides answers for those interested in becoming spirited preachers.

CRAIG SATTERLEE

Ambrose of Milan's Method of Mystagogical Preaching

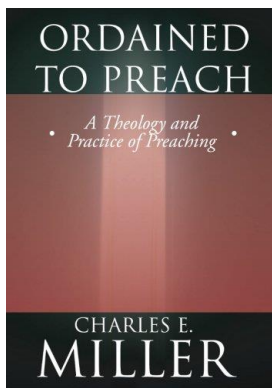
Pueblo Books, 2002



CHARLES E. MILLER

Ordained to Preach: A Theology and Practice of Preaching

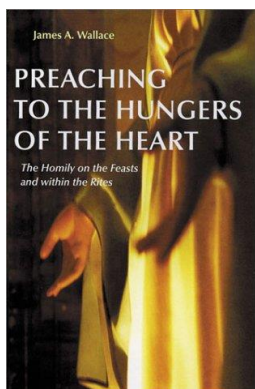
Wipf & Stock, 2003 (Alba, 1992)



JAMES A. WALLACE

Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart: Preaching on the Feasts and Within the Rites

Liturgical Press, 2002



Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart is about words, most particularly, it is a book about the Word, the living Word of God, found in the Scriptures, and embodied once and for all in the person of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Fr. James Wallace offers a nuanced consideration of the homily as nourishment. He focuses on three common liturgical contexts: feasts of the Lord, feasts of Mary and the saints, and the sacramental rites. He relates the preaching that occurs within each area to one of the heart's basic hungers: for wholeness (the great feasts of the Lord), for guidance (feasts of Mary and the saints), and for meaning (various rites). He also addresses the spirituality of the preacher as it is worked out in the process of preparation. For preachers and students in schools of ministry who are preparing to preach *Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart* will serve as a useful tool to help satisfy the hunger to preach the Gospel. It includes homilies that provide excellent starting points for preachers looking for ideas.

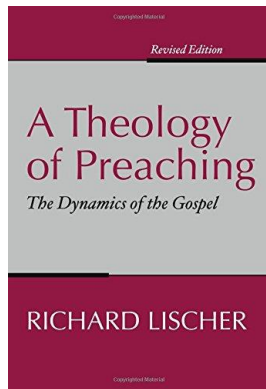
Chapter one considers the image of feeding God's people with the Word of God. Chapter two, considering the innermost hunger of the human person, looks to the preaching that takes place on the great feasts of the Lord and how such preaching can nourish the hunger for wholeness. Chapter three returns to the hunger for meaning already mentioned and extends to the other sacramental celebrations the homily's capacity to meet this hunger, including those addressed by the various

sacramental celebrations of the Church such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, rites of reconciliation, and anointing of the sick. Chapters four and five present the homily as responding to the hunger to belong. The final chapter considers one other hunger of the heart, unique to the preacher, referred to by John Paul II as a hunger to preach the gospel (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, no. 28).

RICHARD LISCHER

A Theology of Preaching: The Dynamics of the Gospel

Wipf & Stock, revised 2001

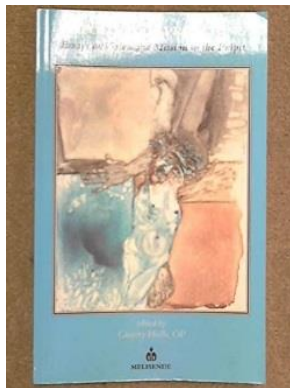


Richard Lischer's book is a stirring affirmation of preaching's importance as a major enterprise in its own right. It is, he writes, "a theological preface whose aim is to show how theology informs preaching and how preaching, as a kerygmatic, oral, practical activity, informs theology and brings it to its final form of expression." Dr. Lischer points to the historically negative results of preaching's exclusion from theology, and then shows the benefits derived from the proper interaction of the two disciplines. As he elaborates on this theme, he explores the centrality of the Resurrection in both theology and preaching, the relation of the law and the gospel, and how preaching calls upon theology to recover its oral-aural foundation. For Lischer, the act of preaching is an exercise of the preacher's imagination. The real work of imagination is not inserting clever stories or esthetically pleasing images into the argument of the sermon. It is knowing how to read texts in such a way that they will be allowed to function according to their original power and intent.

GREGORY HEILLE (ed.)

Theology of Preaching: Essays on Vision and Mission in the Pulpit

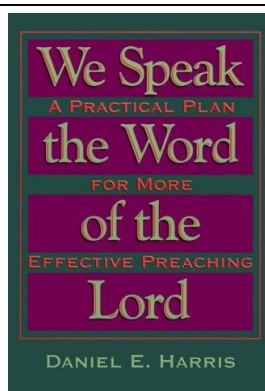
Melisende UK Ltd, 2001



DANIEL E. HARRIS

We Speak the Word of the Lord: A Practical Plan for More Effective Preaching

ACTA, 2001



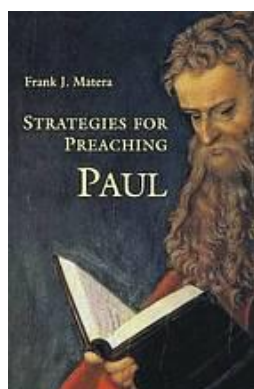
This will help all priests, deacons, chaplains and other ministers called to proclaim God's word. Working individually, with an informal study group, or in a structured continuing education program, preachers can use this book to review and improve upon all aspects of preaching.

Chapters include* What is a Homily? * Making a Homily Outstanding * Creating a Homily and Telling a Story * Preaching the Scriptures * The Preacher's Own Faith * Listening to the Listeners * Preaching the Prophetic Word * Weekday, Funeral and Wedding Homilies Also an excellent resource for the training of seminarians and deacons.

FRANK J. MATERA

Strategies for Preaching Paul

Liturgical Press, 2001

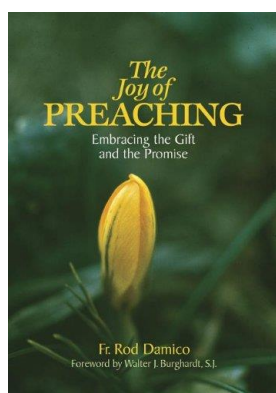


Nothing is more central to the Church than preaching the gospel, and few have preached the gospel with the intensity and insight of St. Paul. Paul's letters play an important role in the New Testament and in the Roman Lectionary. Yet, despite their importance, Paul's teaching is seldom proclaimed from the pulpit. In *Strategies for Preaching Paul*, Frank Matera provides preachers with the comprehensive background needed to successfully preach the Pauline readings. More than a collection of homily hints, *Strategies for Preaching Paul* provides preachers with three strategies for preaching the Pauline readings in the Sunday Lectionary during Ordinary Time. It offers summaries first of the historical setting, then the literary context, and finally the theological themes of all the Pauline readings as well as the readings of the Letter to the Hebrews. Each letter is introduced by explaining the historical circumstances that caused it and its literary structure. Next, each Sunday reading is explained in light of its wider literary context and its historical background, suggesting ways in which preachers might employ the text in the Sunday homily. Finally, after considering the letter, Matera suggests the major Pauline themes of the letter that need to be preached, such as justification by faith, the return of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the moral life of believers.

ROD DAMICO

The Joy of Preaching: Embracing the Gift and the Promise

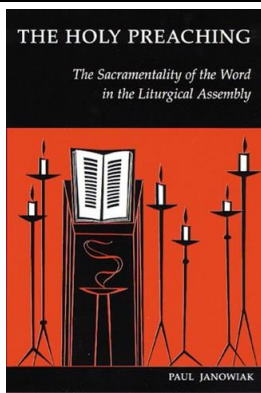
Catholic Book Publishing, 2001



PAUL JANOWIAK

The Holy Preaching: The Sacramentality of the Word in the Liturgical Assembly

Liturgical Press, 2000



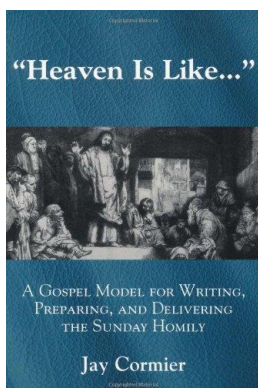
The reform of the liturgy has dramatically changed the way Roman Catholics and all Christians understand their worship. The arena of the encounter has shifted from a passive experience of observation of the great Mysteries to one that invites active participation on many levels. Yet, the imagination of many who preach, preside, and gather to worship continues to be shaped by a passive model as well as by the notion of sacramental activity as a product to be received or given, rather than expressed and shared in communion with one another. In *The Holy Preaching*, Paul Janowiak deepens the discussion of Christ's presence in the Word by offering critical reflection on the disparity between the theology and the practice of preaching and some explanation as to why that disparity exists. Janowiak provides an overview of twentieth-century ecclesial sacramentality. He discusses the liturgical movements and important theological issues that led to reform and provides an in-depth analysis of how sacramental theologians Karl Rahner, Otto Semelroth, and Edward Schillebeeckx advanced the dialogue of Christ's presence in the Word. He explains that despite the seminal work done by those sacramental theologians, a specifically liturgical understanding of Christ's presence in the Word remains largely a theological concept and not a grace-filled reality. Part of this gap in theory and practice is the result of a fractured liturgical celebration. The Liturgy of the Word appears a distinct and often unrelated part of the entire eucharistic celebration. Using contemporary literary theory, Janowiak tackles this gap and roots out the foundations of this disparity between theology and its practice in worship. He inserts creative liturgical and sacramental theology into the literary particularities of sacred text, shared tradition, and communal hearing. From this a new lens on the sacramentality of the Word emerges. The dialogue begun by sacramental theologians Rahner, Semelroth, and Schillebeeckx is re-opened by Janowiak. He examines the fruits of the liturgical reform of the past forty years and parallel movements in critical theory. The result is an understanding of Christ's presence in the Word in a way that reveals the Mystery of God at work in the gathering of believers.

Chapters in Part I are "Worship and the Mystery of God's Action in the Word" and "The Church as *Totus Christus*: A Renewal of Sacramentality and Proclamation." Chapters in Part II are "The Dynamism of the Liturgy of the Word as a Sacramental Event: Insights from New Historicism on the Text and Its Context," "Reader-Response Criticism and the Liturgical Assembly as *Communitas Verbi*," and "The Holy Preaching: A Sacramentality of the Word as 'Fulfilled in Our Hearing.'"

JAY CORMIER

"Heaven is like ..." A Gospel Model for Writing, Preparing, and Delivering the Sunday Homily

Sheed and Ward, 2000



With Jesus' preaching and parables as the model for proclaiming the Good News, *Heaven is Like...* demonstrates how a good homily includes the elements of story, connection, and invitation. More than a how-to-manual, each chapter includes several sample homilies and practical suggestions and tips for conceiving, writing, and preaching. The book discusses body language, attitudes of innovation and welcome, and ways the homilist can prepare to communicate effectively. Practical, challenging equipment for meaningful Christian communication.

BARRY GLENDINNING

Preparing to Preach

Liturgical Press, 2000

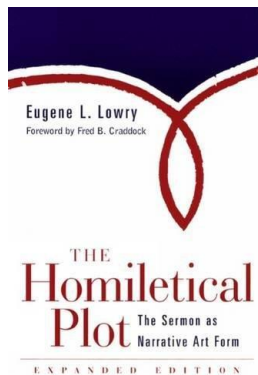


Those preparing to preach in a liturgical context can improve their preaching by understanding how the homily works in the flow of the celebration. This book provides some pointers and ideas for those entrusted with this service to God's people.

EUGENE L. LOWRY

The Homiletical Plot: The Sermon as Narrative Art Form

Westminster / John Knox, 2000 (expanded edition)

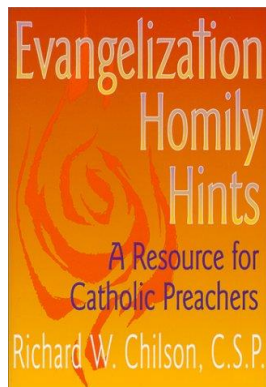


Now in reissue with a new foreword by Fred B. Craddock and afterword by the author, Eugene L. Lowry, *The Homiletical Plot*, Expanded Edition follows in the same solid tradition of its predecessor. Upon its release, *The Homiletical Plot* quickly became a pivotal work on the art of preaching. Instead of comments on a biblical passage, Lowry suggested that the sermon follow a narrative form that moves from beginning to end, as with the plot of a story. This expanded edition continues to be an excellent teaching resource and learning tool for all preachers from introductory students to seasoned clergy.

RICHARD W. CHILSON

Evangelization Homily Hints: A Resource for Catholic Preachers

Paulist Press, 2000



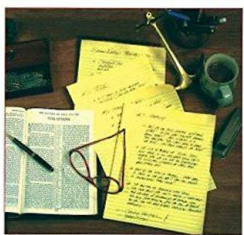
Evangelization Homily Hints is a practical, pertinent book that will be a handy addition to every preacher's library. It contains a series of brief homily reflections focusing on the theme of evangelization, particularly on the personal and parish level. These are arranged for all three cycles of the liturgical season. It is especially relevant now, with the Church's increasing emphasis on evangelization which it has, embraced wholeheartedly. Chilson is explicit about what his book looks to accomplish: "This book does not provide evangelization homilies for lectionary. Rather it offers suggestions to teach and encourage reading the scriptures with an eye to their evangelical scope. Often it simply asks questions the scriptures raise when read from an evangelistic outlook. It provides ideas and ways you can begin transforming your parish into an evangelizing community".

PAUL SCOTT WILSON

The Four Pages of the Sermon: A Guide to Biblical Preaching

Abingdon 1999

THE FOUR PAGES OF THE SERMON



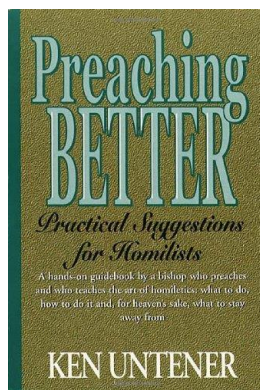
A Guide to Biblical Preaching
PAUL SCOTT WILSON

Doing justice to the complexity of the preaching task and the questions that underlie it, Wilson organizes both the preparation and the content of the sermon around its "four pages." Each "page" addresses a different theological and creative component of what happens in any sermon. Page One presents the trouble or conflict that takes place in or that underscores the biblical text itself. Page Two looks at similar conflict--sin or brokenness--in our own time. Page Three returns to the Bible to identify where God is at work in or behind the text--in other words, to discover the good news. Page Four points to God at work in our world, particularly in relation to the situations described in Page Two.

KEN UNTENER

Preaching Better: Practical Suggestions for Homilists

Paulist 1999

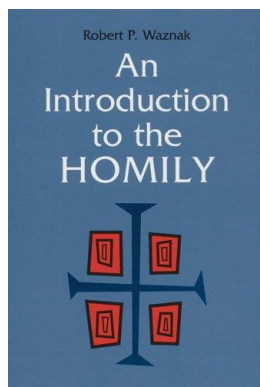


Most homilists could do better, says the author. And he should know: despite extensive experience as both homilist and homiletics professor, for four years he's also participated in a sermon critique group. In the weekly group, the author and several other priests submit tapes and transcripts of their previous week's sermon to each other, to a journalist, and to a systematic theologian; then all meet to discuss what works, what doesn't, why, and how the homily can better become a part of the community's prayer. The result is this "nuts-and-bolts" book that shows how to make any sermon better. Practical and realistic, the book explains what a homily is and what it is not, how to prepare to write, how to begin and end sermons, how to use stories and props, how to preach about sin, and how to edit. The book also shares the moving testimony of what it means to be a bearer of God's word. Clear, simple and honest, *Preaching Better* is for preachers of all faiths, priests and ministers, seminarians, deacons, ministers-in-training, students of homiletics, parish staffs, liturgy- and homily-planning groups. It's also interesting reading for anyone who has ever wanted to know what goes on "behind the scenes" in the writing of a sermon.

ROBERT WAZNAK

An Introduction to the Homily

Liturgical Press, 1998



Robert Waznak, a preacher and for the past twenty-five years a popular teacher of preachers, believes that before we consider *how* to preach a homily we need to explore *what* the homily is. That is why this is not just another "how to" book, but a work that leads to a practical understanding of what the Sunday homily is supposed to do. Based on theological and historical foundations, this work provides sound theory for homilists striving to improve their preaching.

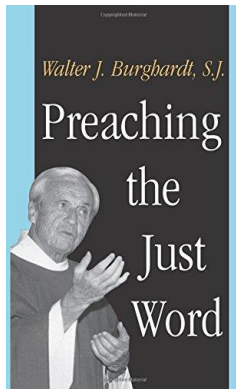
Chapter 1 explores the form of preaching called the homily both from historical and contemporary understandings. It fills a void in many Catholic homiletic texts and articles on preaching by offering a brief overview of the "New Homiletic," a new approach that recognizes other homiletic structures besides the deductive or Aristotelian. Chapter 2 presents an overview of the preacher from four major images within the Catholic homiletic tradition: the herald, the teacher, the interpreter, and the witness. Chapter 3 examines the origins of the Lectionary to help understand its place in the preaching event and explores some practical solutions to its problems. Chapter 4 provides helpful responses to questions concerning practical aspects of the homily.

Hundreds of books on preaching have appeared since Vatican II, yet these homiletic texts rarely include the theological and liturgical insights from Catholic scholars and church documents. In *An Introduction to the Homily*, Robert Waznak demonstrates how new homiletic scholarship from Christian churches; the insights found in normative Church documents; contemporary theological, liturgical and biblical studies; plus the lived experiences of preachers and people can help us come to understand the function of the homily in the liturgical tradition of the Church.

WALTER BURGHARDT

Preaching the Just Word

Yale University Press, rev. 1998



In this inspiring and compassionate book, one of America's foremost Catholic theologians discusses why we must apply biblical justice—and not merely ethical/legal justice—to matters concerning the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalized. Focusing on abused or neglected children, the AIDS-afflicted, the elderly, women, African-Americans, refugees, and prisoners on death row, Father Walter Burghardt urges that we become sensitive to their problems and faithful to the responsibilities we have undertaken in our covenant with God. We must hear the cries of the poor, he says, because social doctrine should evolve in large measure from the needs of people who share more of Jesus' crucifixion than his resurrection.

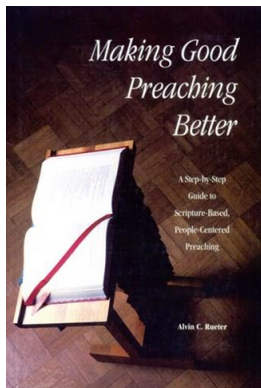
Father Burghardt points to a long history of Catholic teaching on social justice, quoting from the earliest Church Fathers to the latest papal encyclicals. A greatly admired preacher, he has particular advice for other preachers, telling them that sermons need not give answers to specific social issues but should sensitize awareness of these issues and show their religious importance. He concludes by discussing some of the most controversial debates facing Christian clergy and the laity: assisted suicide, ordination of women, and gay and lesbian issues.

ALVIN C. REUTER

Making Good Preaching Better:

A Step-by-Step Guide to Scripture-Based, People-Centered Preaching

Liturgical Press, 1997



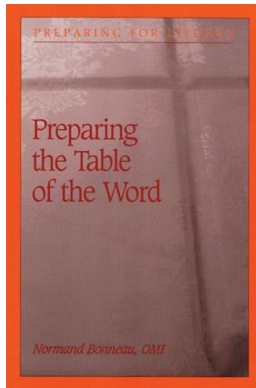
Making Good Preaching Better explores not the preaching of ethics but the ethics of preaching. Using sound theology and practical insights, this book shows that by putting themselves in the place of the people in the pews, preachers can improve their sermons and make good preaching better more consistently. Written with the practicing homilist in mind, *Making Good Preaching Better* helps motivate and sharpen the skills of those in preaching ministry. Laid out as a teaching tool for classroom use, it also makes the work of the homiletic professor easier. Reverend Rueter explains how the same qualities - visual, oral, cohesive - that make it possible for preachers to remember their sermons also make it possible for *parishioners* to remember these sermons. He also explores concepts not covered in other homiletics books, such as the legitimate appeal to self-interest as observed in Jesus, Paul, and Moses, how to deal with "hard," controversial topics, and tips for remembering homilies.

Reverend Rueter bases his approach on the time-proven step-by-step pedagogy used in the first-century schools of rhetoric. He believes that requiring novices to prepare whole homilies for criticism presents too many possibilities for failure and thus discouragement. With its step-by-step homiletical exercises, *Making Good Preaching Better* gives students greater possibilities of the joy of success in putting together entire homilies—one step at a time. *Making Good Preaching Better* offers three-minute oral exercises to be performed before a video camera. Each exercise uses the theological/homiletical principles explained in that chapter and includes suggestions on how to conduct the video lab sessions without provoking dread but rather, by promoting affirmation. Fourteen homilies (by the author and others) are supplied for both professionals and novices to critique. To supplement the instruction, recommendations for additional readings are provided at the end of each chapter.

NORMAND BONNEAU

Preparing the Table of the Word

Liturgical Press, 1997

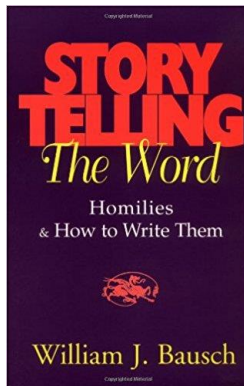


How do those preparing for liturgy read the Scriptures contained in the Lectionary? How does the paschal mystery relate to the proclamation of the Scriptures, and how do the Scriptures lead us to the table of the Eucharist? This book helps readers make better sense of what they are proclaiming and provides homilists with insights for their homily preparation and preaching.

WILLIAM J. BAUSCH

Storytelling the Word: Homilies and How to Write Them

Twenty-Third Publications, 1996

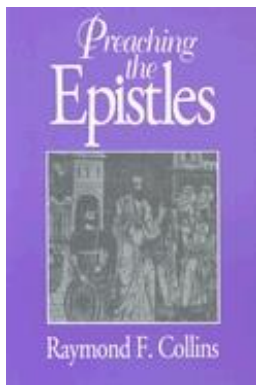


Today's congregations are part of a visual culture, raised in a society flooded with television images. For an effective homily, listeners need word pictures. Bausch shows how to weave story and the scriptural word together as he draws upon his lengthy preaching experience and extensive storytelling research.

RAYMOND F. COLLINS

Preaching the Epistles

Paulist Press, 1996

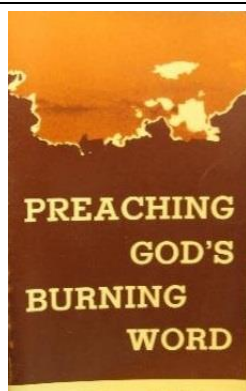


Collins shows us how to present the New Testament epistles in a meaningful and challenging way for people today by offering reflections and practical suggestions on sharing God's word within our communities.

JAMES REESE, OSFS

Preaching God's Burning Word

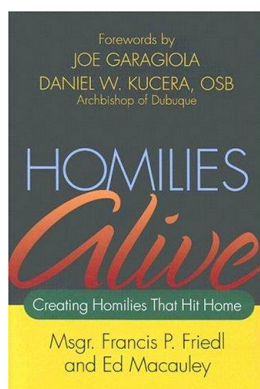
Liturgical Press, 1995



FRANCIS P. FRIEDL and ED MACAULEY

Homilies Alive: Creating Homilies That Hit Home

Twenty-Third Publications, 1994

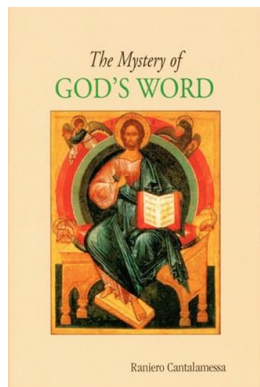


Here are ten basic fundamentals of good preaching that will make anyone's homilies come alive. Drawing on their combined experience in teaching homiletics, parish ministry, and public speaking, authors Francis P. Friedl and Ed Maccauley give readers an in-depth presentation of these fundamentals, incorporating sound pastoral practice, time-tested examples, and hands-on techniques into their writing. Friedl and Maccauley focus on what a good homily should contain, how it should be organized, and how to deliver it. They cover areas critical to good speaking such as timing, gesture, content, style, use of anecdotes, and how to respond to disagreement. Their sound ministerial advice will help all who preach to sharpen and develop their skills. "Easy Ed" Maccauley played basketball for the Boston Celtics and the St. Louis Hawks, moving on to an illustrious career in sportscasting and public speaking. He is also an ordained deacon. Msgr. Francis Friedl has been a priest in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa for over 50 years. In that time, he has been a pastor, college president, psychology instructor and public relations director.

RAINERO CANTALAMESSA

The Mystery of God's Word

Liturgical Press, 1994

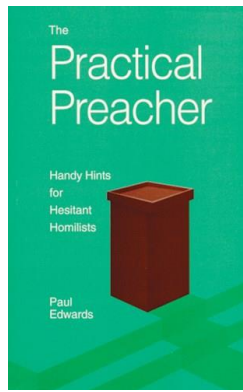


Those who preach the Word, those who proclaim it from a lectern, and those who hear it will all find something to inspire them to greater appreciation of the mystery of God's Word in this collection of reflections. The reflections are developed around eight themes: "Jesus Began to Preach" addresses the mystery of the Word in salvation history. "Go and Proclaim the Gospel" makes the connection between the Word and the Church. "When I Found Your Words . . ." speaks to those who proclaim the Word. "We Preach Christ Jesus as Lord" reflects on the content of Christian preaching. "For Every Careless Word . . ." warns against confusing human words with the divine Word. "You Will Receive Power from the Holy Spirit" affirms the role of the Holy Spirit in the proclamation of the Word. "Welcome the Word" affirms the place of God's Word in our everyday lives. "The Letter Brings Death But the Spirit Gives Life" attests to the role of the Spirit in the interpretation of the Bible and in the life of the Church.

PAUL EDWARDS

The Practical Preacher: Handy Hints for Hesitant Homilists

Liturgical Press, 1994

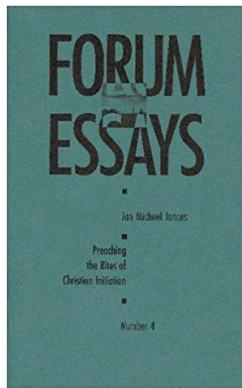


Taking the premise that a person can learn to be a competent preacher, Father Edwards offers a step-by-step guide to the technical and emotional factors of preaching. He begins with the preparation of material, focusing on the event, and physical aspects such as stance, projection, position, etc.,. He moves on to discuss more complicated matters, such as how to keep one's material fresh and how to adjust the same material for different audiences. Although written for the newly ordained, *The Practical Preacher* also belongs on the shelf of every "veteran" preacher.

JON MICHAEL JONCAS

Preaching the Rites of Christian Initiation

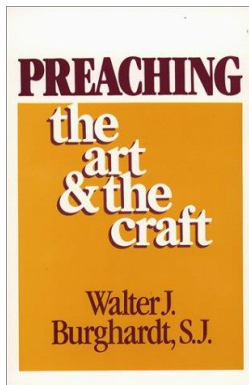
Liturgical Training Publications, 1994



WALTER BURGHARDT

Preaching: The Art and the Craft

Paulist Press, 1987

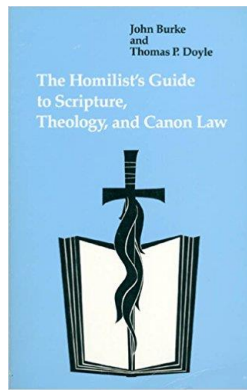


Practical advice for preachers everywhere, written out of long experience and deep learning. Homilists will welcome its advice about language, the role of the imagination, preaching and prophecy, the liturgical setting of the preached word, social justice.

JOHN BURKE and THOMAS DOYLE

The Homilist's Guide to Scripture, Theology, and Canon Law

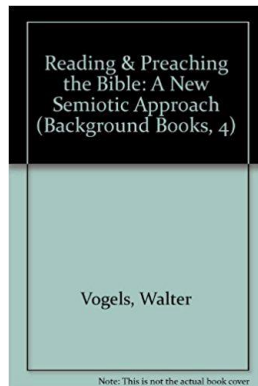
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WALTER VOGELS

Reading and Preaching the Bible: A New Semiotic Approach

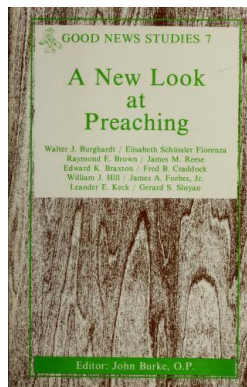
Michael Glazier, 1986



JOHN BURKE (ed.)

A New Look at Preaching

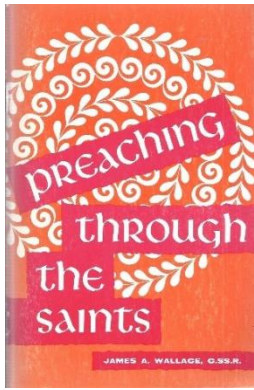
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JAMES A. WALLACE

Preaching through the Saints

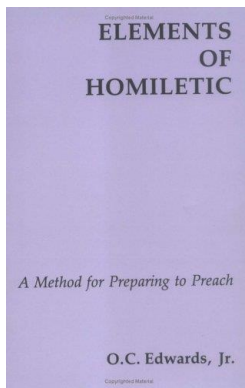
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O.C. EDWARDS

Elements of Homiletic: A Method for Preparing to Preach

Pueblo, 1980

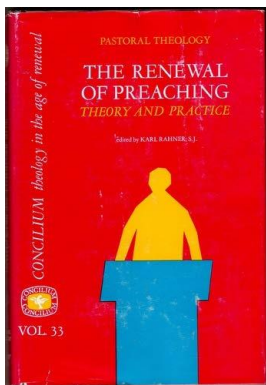


This companion volume to *Elements of Rite* offers a methodical approach to the homily. It gives step-by-step instructions for preparing, constructing, and delivering a homily that not merely instructs but evangelizes.

KARL RAHNER (ed.)

The Renewal of Preaching: Theory and Practice [Concilium, vol. 33]

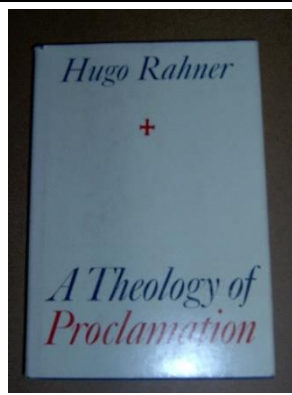
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HUGO RAHNER

A Theology of Proclamation

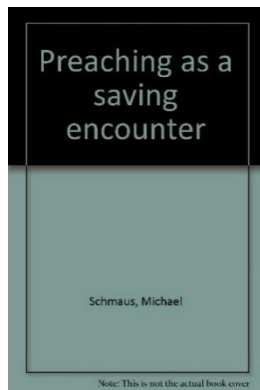
Herder, 1968



MICHAEL SCHMAUS

Preaching as a Saving Encounter

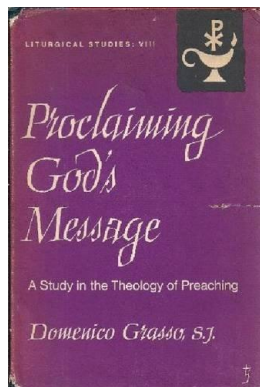
Alba House, 1966



DOMENICO GRASSO

Proclaiming God's Message: A Study in the Theology of Preaching

University of Notre Dame, 1965

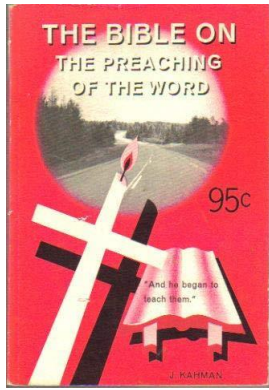


8th volume in the Liturgical Studies series from Notre Dame, a proposal for a theology of preaching by celebrated pastoral theologian Domenico Grasso

J. KAHMAN

The Bible on the Preaching of the Word

St. Norbert Abbey Press, 1965

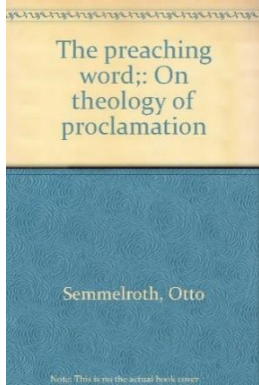


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OTTO SEMMELROTH

The Preaching Word: On Theology of Proclamation

Herder and Herder, 1965



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