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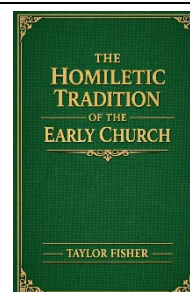
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TAYLOR FISHER

The Homiletic Tradition of the Early Church

Colloquium Verlag, May 2026

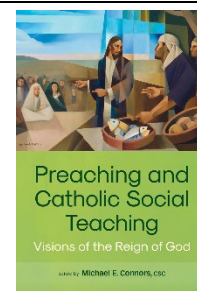


From its earliest moments, the Christian movement understood itself as a community shaped, sustained, and propelled by proclamation. Before creeds were formalized, before ecclesiastical structures solidified, and long before Christian theology acquired the conceptual precision of later centuries, the Church preached. It preached in homes and marketplaces, in synagogues and city streets, in catacombs and basilicas, in whispered encouragements to the persecuted and in soaring orations before emperors. Preaching was not merely one activity among many; it was the lifeblood of a movement that believed God had spoken definitively in Jesus Christ and that this message demanded to be announced. The homiletic tradition of the early Church, therefore, is not a peripheral curiosity but a central window into how the first Christians understood their faith, their Scriptures, their mission, and themselves.

MICHAEL CONNORS, CSC (editor)

Preaching and Catholic Social Teaching: Visions of the Reign of God

Baker Books, May 2026



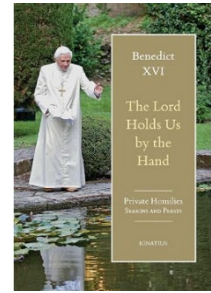
Faith is nurtured when the preacher assists the hearer to envision God's kingdom, to see with the mind's eye the redemption and salvation wrought through the paschal mystery, to feel being grasped by absolute and unconditional Love. A living faith fires the imagination, and this includes the invitation to imagine alternatives to the world as we know it, alternatives more in line with God's gracious creative intent. When you are seized by visions of the reign of God, you might almost say, with the angel Gabriel, "Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37).

This collection of essays seeks to connect preaching and Catholic social teaching by fertilizing the imaginations of preachers with visions of the reign of God. It provides practical and accessible ways to integrate the seven themes of Catholic social teaching into homilies so that the members of your assembly will be constantly challenged and inspired to devote their lives to charity and justice, thus building the kingdom of God in the here and now.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

***The Lord Holds Us by the Hand:
Private Homilies, Seasons and Feasts***

Ignatius Press, April 2026



What did Pope Benedict XVI teach and preach when he was out of the limelight, behind closed doors, among friends? In his late years, after the noise of the papacy had quieted down, how did he understand Scripture, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Christian life? When he had the room to be vulnerable, what did he say about the heart of his own spirituality?

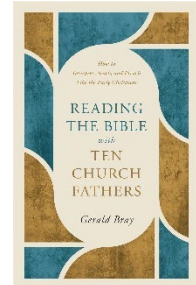
In *The Lord Holds Us by the Hand*, we experience a different side of Joseph Ratzinger. This collection of private homilies—all delivered off the public record in small chapels, during his years as pope and pope emeritus—reveals not a “detached exegete”, as his longtime secretary Archbishop Gänswein notes, but a Christian in “lively participation” with God. In these meditations, *never before published in English*, “exegesis, theology, catechesis, and spirituality intertwine and join together, leading the listener to enter in depth into the heart of the mystery of Christ.”

The work touches on many of the complex truths of the Catholic faith, from the Immaculate Conception to the mystery of our salvation on the Cross, yet it distills them into simple, personal, human terms, refined by a lifetime of prayer and experience.

GERALD BRAY

***Reading the Bible with Ten Church Fathers:
How to Interpret, Teach, and Preach Like the Early Christians***

Baker Books, January 2026



By AD 100, all the original disciples had died and a new generation of preachers, teachers, and scholars had taken on the responsibility to preach, teach, and interpret the Scriptures. These men have become known as the church fathers. But who were they? When and where did they live? And, most importantly, what did they teach about how to read and understand the Bible?

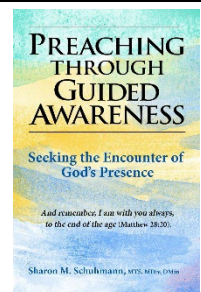
Join professor and author Gerald Bray as he uncovers the fascinating history of the men who shaped the faith for the first few centuries after the apostles, including Justin Martyr, Origen, Gregory of Nyssa, Ambrosiaster, John Chrysostom, Theodore of Mopsuestia, Jerome, Augustine of Hippo, Cyril of Alexandria, and Theodoret of Cyrrhus.

This compelling introduction reveals how early Christians read, preached, and understood the Bible, offering a unique look at their shared vision to spread the gospel with clarity amid remarkable diversity of perspective. Pastors, teachers, and thoughtful laypeople alike will find this book both educational and inspiring.

SHARON SCHUHMAN

***Preaching Through Guided Awareness:
Seeking the Encounter of God's Presence***

Conscientia Press, December 2025

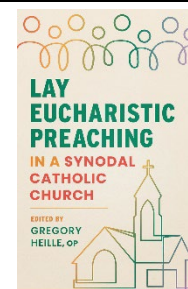


Whether you are a student of preaching or a seasoned preacher, this book explores your ongoing relationship with God. The *Guided Awareness Experience* has the potential of becoming one of the most important aspects of your preaching life. Preachers, teachers, and students of preaching can use this book as a guide for developing their own *Guided Awareness Experiences* in their lives, in seminaries, and in preaching formation programs. Incorporating *Guided Awareness Experiences* into any preaching life is important. This book invites anyone called into the ministry of preaching to experience the spiritual value of prayerfully reflecting on preaching using the methods in this book. Anyone who studies the art and discipline of preaching recognizes the importance of preparation for preaching. This book recognizes the importance of reflection with God after preaching for the enhancement of our preaching lives.

GREGORY HEILLE, O.P. (editor)

Lay Eucharistic Preaching in a Synodal Catholic Church

Liturgical Press, May 2025



Explore the theological case for qualified laity to preach the Word of God at the Eucharist.

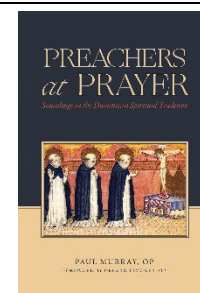
Twenty-seven preachers and theologians from around the world met in St. Louis in March 2024 to ask if a synodal church in mission could make a theological case to commission a more extensive and diverse pool of qualified lay preachers and evangelists to preach the Word of God at the Eucharist. *Lay Eucharistic Preaching in a Synodal Catholic Church* exemplifies the recommendations proposed at the gathering to lend support and breathe life into the assembly's experience of the homily at Mass.

In this collection, theologians and practitioners provide a synodal roadmap for eucharistic preaching that responds to the signs of the times. This symposium's papers and conversations include the theological and ministerial possibilities for lay eucharistic preaching by amending canon 767 and extending installed ministries, such as lector, catechist, or a newly instituted ministry of lay preacher. *Lay Eucharistic Preaching in a Synodal Catholic Church* presents the St. Louis symposium's talks and responses and includes papers by several participants to set the question in context.

PAUL MURRAY

Preachers at Prayer: Soundings in the Dominican Spiritual Tradition

Word on Fire, May 2024



When St. Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in the thirteenth century, it was to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. Today, given the ever-widening gap between Christian tradition and secular culture, this task remains as relevant as ever—not only for the Dominicans but for every baptized Christian. Who will have the courage to go out into this gap and witness to the power of God's love?

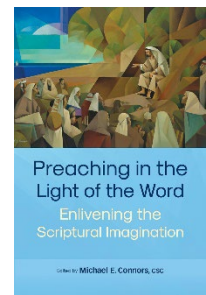
In *Preachers at Prayer: Soundings in the Dominican Spiritual Tradition*, priest and scholar Paul Murray presents four talks on the subjects of prayer, study, and preaching, highlighting the deep interconnectedness of all three aspects in the life of the preacher. Drawing on the timeless wisdom of the masters of the Dominican tradition, he demonstrates how conversion begins first in the soul of the evangelist, spreading outward from a heart on fire.

MICHAEL E. CONNORS, C.S.C. (editor)

Preaching in the Light of the Word: Enlivening the Scripture Imagination

(papers from the 2022 Notre Dame preaching conference)

Liturgy Training Publications, April 2024



"We come to know God through His story, through His wonderful works in the history of salvation" (Sacrosanctum concilium, 35.2). Effective preachers do more than retell this story – they make informed imaginative connections that help contemporary listeners engage with these ancient texts. In *Preaching in the Light of the Word: Enlivening the Scriptural Imagination*, scholars and experienced preachers share their wisdom on how Scripture shapes and inspires preaching." Featuring contributions from Fr. J. Michael Joncas, Rita Ferrone, Fr. Donald Senior, cp, Ann Garrido, Thomas Long, Sr. M. Catherine Hilkert, op, Fr. Jude Siciliano, op, and Michael E. Connors, csc, this imaginative collection of essays will challenge the reader to discover: How preachers are to understand revelation and the divine inspiration of the scriptural texts. Sound approaches to biblical interpretation. How to bridge the chasm of years to find meaning for today in these ancient texts. An understanding of scripturally based preaching. How the biblical text informs and inspires preaching and can lead the assembly into a deeper relationship with God.

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN

Alternative to the Bread of Affliction: And Other Essays

Cascade Books, February 2024

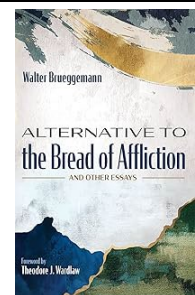


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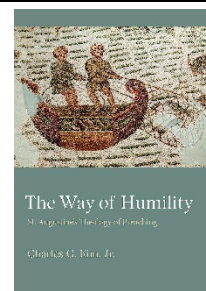
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CHARLES G. KIM, JR.

The Way of Humility: Saint Augustine's Theology of Preaching

(Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy, 67)

Catholic University of America Press, November 2023



For Augustine, that the Word became flesh transformed a merely human understanding of the virtues and grounds all virtue in humility. *The Way of Humility: Augustine's Theology of Preaching* explores how this truth became a new paradigm for understanding the scriptures and thus, how Augustine embodied the virtue in the preaching of the scriptures. One of Augustine's most devoted students, Possidius, said that anyone can learn from reading Augustine, but "those were able to profit still more who could hear him speak in church and see him with their own eyes. Truly, he was indeed one of those of whom it is written, 'speak this way and act the same way.'" *The Way of Humility* searches for evidence of the virtue of humility in action through the preaching of the humble Word in the sermons of Augustine.

Many know of Augustine through his more famous treatises but few have encountered the Doctor of Grace where he had his most immediate impact, preaching. *The Way of Humility* follows the sermons through several traditional theological loci, ecclesiology, Christology, soteriology to uncover what can be learned about Augustine's theology through the way he preached to a mixed audience of urbanites and rustics, many of whom did not have the benefit of a formal education. Throughout the book, we see the interplay between Augustine's action in speech and Augustine's more direct statements on his theology of Preaching. Through handing over Christ in his sermons, he became himself an example of humility for the congregation on their journey toward the final end for all people, the Beatific Vision.

J.E. SIGLER

***Holy Ghost in the Catholic Machine:
Spirit-Structure Tension in Parish Preaching Work***

Wipf & Stock / Pickwick Publications, October 2023

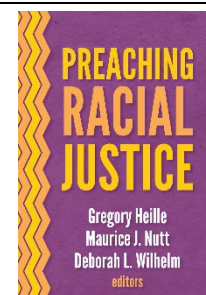


Books on Catholic preaching from theological, biblical, rhetorical, and mechanical angles abound. This book is nothing like those. Using interviews with thirty-nine parish priests, Sigler exposes the deep roots of the Catholic preaching problem in the church's own organizational structures, revealing how seminary education, working conditions, parish norms, and even beliefs about God constrain priests from preaching well. Along the way, three preacher profiles emerge, capturing the array of preaching-related ambivalence, exhaustion, frustration, and anxiety that plague the vast majority of priests. Thankfully, not every priest suffers. Through the example of one preacher profile, Sigler shows how priests who fully embrace their cooperation with the Spirit in preaching steer clear of the preaching-related pressures and tensions that grind so many of their brother preachers down. Exploring these priests' exceptional approaches to their vocational identities, day-to-day parish work, and relationships with the Spirit provides every other priest with surprisingly practical guidance for finding peace in preaching. In the voices of priests that fill these pages, a rare conversation about the cold, hard realities of preaching in the Catholic Church begins. Out of their vast experience, intriguing disagreements, and profound insights, *Holy Ghost in the Catholic Machine* draws hope for better preaching.

GREGORY HEILLE, MAURICE NUTT, DEBORAH WILHELM (eds.)

Preaching Racial Justice

Orbis Books, August 2023

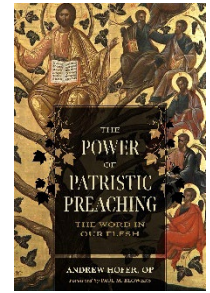


Preaching Racial Justice conveys the urgency of Christian antiracism preaching from ecumenical, intercultural, and intergenerational perspectives. In addition to being a handbook for preachers, *Preaching Racial Justice* can readily serve as a textbook for ecumenical schools of theology and ministry, as well as for discussion groups among congregations looking for insightful theological and practical ways of understanding race, racial justice, white supremacy, white privilege, white fragility, racial oppression, black suffering, #blacklivesmatter, racial and personal reconciliation and healing, or beginning the necessary process of dismantling racism within the church and society.

ANDREW HOFER

The Power of Patristic Preaching: The Word in Our Flesh

Catholic University of America Press, May 2023



The Word made flesh is manifested in the lives of those dedicated to his proclamation. *The Power of Patristic Preaching: The Word in Our Flesh* presents seven early preachers who show, by life and speech, the divine Word's power at work in weak human life.

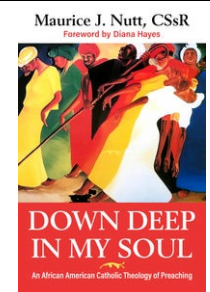
The book is inspired by this question preached by Origen, "For what does it profit if I should say that Jesus has come in that flesh alone which he received from Mary and I should not show also that he has come in this flesh of mine?" In seven chapters, *The Power of Patristic Preaching* studies the exemplars of Origen for holiness, Ephrem for the humility of repentance, Gregory of Nazianzus for purification and faith, John Chrysostom for the hope of salvation, Augustine for love, Leo the Great for love of the poor and the weak, and Gregory the Great for accepting our own weakness.

With an emphasis on the incarnation, deification through the virtues, and proclamation, *The Power of Patristic Preaching* serves as a resource for those dedicated to the ministry of the Word (clerical, religious, and lay), and as a text for students of early Christian theology and practices. A Catholic work for a broad ecumenical audience, the book gives a cry from the heart in a suffering Church traveling through a world that is passing away.

REV. MAURICE J. NUTT

Deep Down in My Soul: An African American Catholic Theology of Preaching

Orbis Books, March 2023

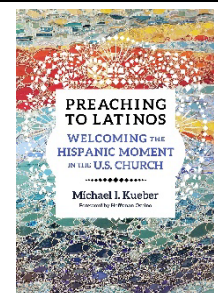


In this work, Maurice J. Nutt offers a comprehensive treatment of preaching in the Black Catholic tradition, drawing on African American spirituality and culture, the role of preaching, how to construct a sermon in the Black style, and the connection between preaching and evangelization among African Americans.

MICHAEL I. KUEBER

Preaching to Latinos: Welcoming the Hispanic Moment in the U.S. Church

Catholic University of America Press, February 2023



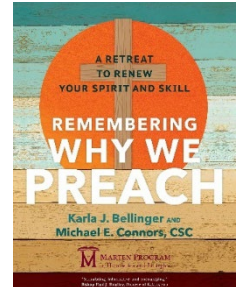
There is a wide and growing gap in the Catholic Church in the United States between the clergy, who are mostly of European descent, and the large percentages of Catholics who identify as Latinos. While the US Church has made a concerted effort to build Hispanic ministries, many clergy and lay ministers are still ill-equipped to understand the cultural background of their parishioners, especially the large numbers who are foreign born. Because of this disconnect, the Church risks missing "the Hispanic Moment" in the US Church, in which the faith and traditions of these newest waves of US immigration could not just exist in parallel to English-language congregations, but enrich and enliven the faith of the whole community while passing on the faith to subsequent generations.

Learning Spanish—while helpful—is not enough. There are intercultural competencies that can only be developed through practice, but it also helps already-busy clergy to have a concise guide. In addition to knowing the scholarly literature on cross-cultural preaching and Hispanic culture, Father Michael Kueber has twenty years of experience serving first generation Hispanic immigrants and their second generation children. In *Preaching to Latinos*, Kueber provides the readers with best practices for preaching to and leading their churches. As a member of an ecumenical community, he is able to speak to members of all Christian denominations.

KARLA J. BELLINGER and MICHAEL E. CONNORS, C.S.C.

Remembering Why We Preach: A Retreat to Renew Your Spirit and Skill

Ave Maria Press, November 2022



If your heart is on fire with God’s love, your preaching will help listeners encounter Christ and deepen their spiritual lives. And that should be the ultimate goal of a homily.

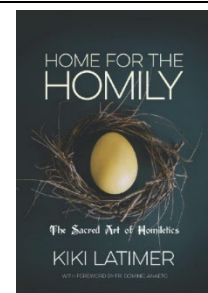
Remembering Why We Preach is a retreat that will help you revive your creative energy and spiritual focus. Karla Bellinger—executive director of the Institute for Homiletics at the University of Dallas—and Fr. Michael Connors, CSC—director of the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics at the University of Notre Dame—lead you through an eight-part process of spiritual renewal and skill development that will nourish and enrich you and your preaching for years to come. Whether you are recently ordained or have been preaching for decades, you will explore the spiritual, pastoral, and communal aspects of preaching, which lies at the heart of the Church’s work of making disciples.

This book can be used as a personal or group retreat or in preaching courses. It includes reading materials for personal reflection; questions for journaling or peer-group discussions; practical exercises to enhance skills such as listening to your people, storytelling, homily writing, and diversifying your speaking styles; and support materials such as an outlines for a peer-group meeting, a sample retreat format, and forms for homily feedback and goal setting. Links to additional resources are available in each chapter.

KIKI LATIMER

Home for the Homily: The Sacred Art of Homiletics

En Route Books & Media, July 2022

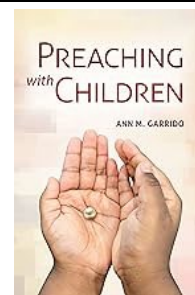


Home for The Homily: The Sacred Art of Homiletics concerns a new and required depth of preaching the word of God within the Mass. This calls for a new and deeper appreciation of communication skills. The homilist may no longer stand separately on the shoreline nor drift in the safety of shallow waters, rather he must have the faith of Peter to “put out into deep water.” This requires depth of soul, depth of character, depth of vulnerability, and depth of skill. When Christ asks Peter to “put out into the deep water,” Peter considers his level of faith in Jesus and decides, by grace, to do so. This is a pivotal moment; without this affirmative decision there will be no catch. It is no different for the homilist today. The intimacy and depth of the effective homily requires an affirmative decision to put out into the deep. May this book help you, the homilist, put out into the deep and thereby, allow the homily to reach its four sequential destinations: the home of the Mass, the home of the Intellect, the home of the Heart, and the home of the Will, the domestic Church where homily is lived out.

ANN M. GARRIDO

Preaching with Children

Liturgical Training Publications, February 2022

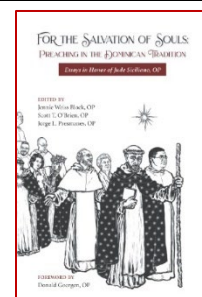


Preaching in congregations with many children is one of the most difficult challenges many preachers face. Whether you are a priest, deacon, catechist, or prayer leader, this book offers practical help in crafting specific homilies for children. Drawing on insights gleaned within the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Garrido helps preachers understand key characteristics of childhood and children's spirituality and presents ways to reflect on Scripture through the lens of the young child. Preachers will discover that they are preaching with children, rather than preaching to them.

JENNIE WEISS BLOCK, OP and SCOTT O'BRIEN, OP and JORGE PRESMANES, OP (eds.)

For the Salvation of Souls: Preaching in the Dominican Tradition

New Priory Press, October 2021

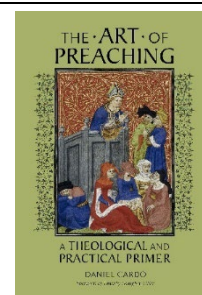


This beautifully written collection of essays, accompanied by reflections for preaching by Father Jude Siciliano, OP, is an incredible tribute to Father Jude, a remarkable preaching friar. All the essays are grounded in experience—the authors' own experiences of preaching and teaching. Each essay has 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.

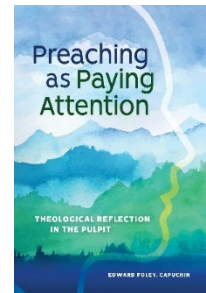
This primer also offers a simple and effective method for the preparation and delivery of homilies, illustrating this by the example of brilliant preachers and exploring the idea of preaching as locus theologicus, i.e., the privileged place for the exercise of theology today. It is in deepening in the 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

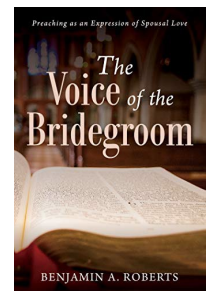


Author Ed Foley—priest, preacher, and teacher—invites preachers to an awareness of the world and the people around them as a lens for preaching God's Incarnate Word and inviting people into the Paschal Mystery. He maintains that paying attention is a key to theological reflection. When pondering a work 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

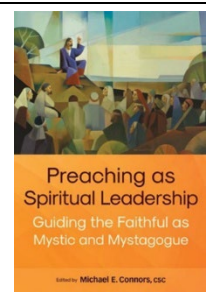


Preaching is a relational act. This book explores the relationship between the preacher and the assembly as a spousal relationship. Written by a parish pastor with a doctorate in preaching and rooted in the Roman Catholic notion of the priest as bridegroom of the church, this work examines characteristics 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.

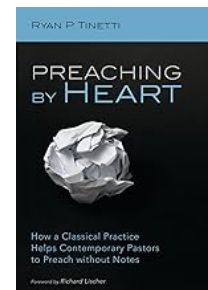
Preaching as Spiritual Leadership provides solutions to the following questions: How is preaching embedded in the Church's pastoral mission? What does it mean to be a shepherd and spiritual leader for others? How can a preacher flourish in the role of spiritual leader? How can we lead others into committed 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.

RYAN P. TINETTI

***Preaching by Heart: How a Classic Practice
Helps Contemporary Preachers to Preach without Notes***

Cascade Books, 2021

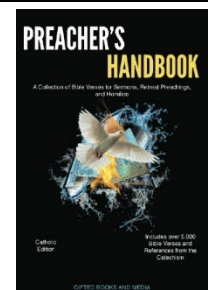


There's a seemingly innocuous villain that is taking up residence in the pulpits of countless churches, disrupting the connection between the pastor and the people and keeping the proclamation of God's word from having its full effect. That villain is the preacher's notes. Preachers know this all too well. Many wish that they could "preach by heart" without the aid of notes, but are unsure how to do so—and are left feeling frustrated and discouraged by the presence of that disruptive interloper. Author Ryan Tinetti shares an unexpected solution in the form of an ancient and time-tested practice known as the method of loci, or Memory Palace. Surveying portions of classical rhetoric that are especially relevant for contemporary preachers and diving deep into the theory and practice of the Memory Palace, *Preaching by Heart* plunders these ancient treasures that have been so formative for preachers through the ages but too oft neglected in our own time. When pastors preach by heart, they find greater satisfaction in the homiletic task and their proclamation is even more effective. *Preaching by Heart* shows how to pitch the notes and reach that goal.

CHARLES MICHAEL

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

Gifted Books and Media, 2020

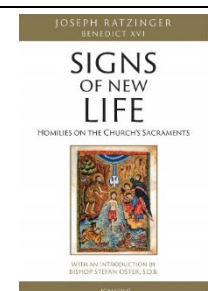


A Collection of Bible Verses for Sermons, Retreat Preachings, and Homilies. Includes over 5,000 Bible Verses and References from the Catechism. A must have reference guide for Priests, Lay preachers, Evangelists. Retreat preachers, Apologists.

JOSEPH RATZINGER

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

Ave Maria Press, 2020



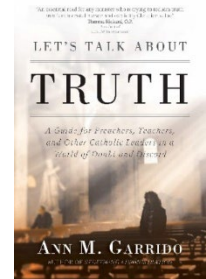
At life's many crossroads, the Sacraments of the Church continually bring people into contact with the saving work of God: Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Holy Eucharist, Matrimony Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick. The celebrations of the Church always offer an opportunity to announce the faith 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.

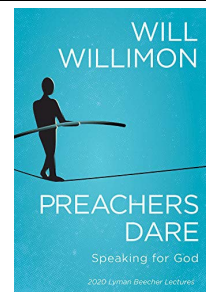
In *Let's Talk about Truth*, award-winning author and associate professor of homiletics Ann M. Garrido shows Catholic preachers, teachers, and other leaders ways to approach the contentious topic of truth with confidence that the Church's intellectual and pastoral traditions are squarely on their side. 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

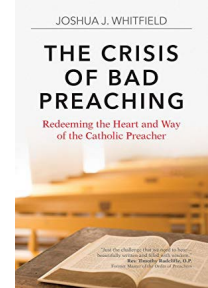


Preachers Dare is adapted from Will Willimon's Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale and is inspired by a quote from the great theologian Karl Barth. In a world in which sermons too often become hackneyed conventional wisdom or tame common sense, preachers dare to speak about the God who speaks 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.

ALBERT VANHOYE, S.J.

***Daily Bread of the Word:
Reflections on the Weekday Lectionary Readings***

Liturgy Training Publications, June 2019

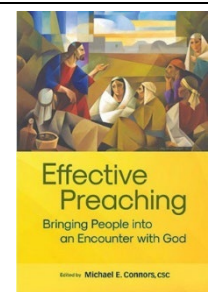


Originally written in Italian, world-famous scripture scholar Cardinal Albert Vanhoye's remarkable reflections on the daily readings for Years I and II are now available in English. His accessible commentary provides insightful and well-grounded interpretations in a prayerful, reflective spirit. This is an excellent spiritual resource for all people interested in reflecting on the scriptures.

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

Effective Preaching: Bringing People into an Encounter with God

Liturgy Training Publications, May 2019

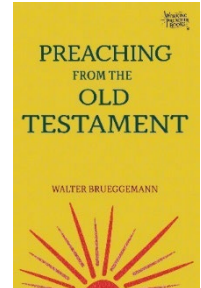


Effective Preaching: Bringing People into an Encounter with God is a practical collection of essays, featuring leading preachers, homilists and homily instructors. Compiled by Michael E. Connors, CSC, the Director of the John Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics at the University of Notre Dame, 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

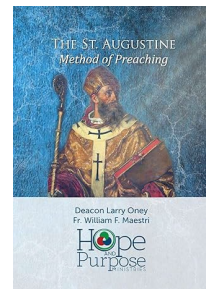


In this new volume, prolific scholar Walter Brueggemann seeks to show Christian preachers how to consider the faith witnessed in several Old Testament traditions and to help them discover rich and suggestive connections to our contemporary faith challenges. The author also assumes that a wholesale sustained 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.

FR. WILLIAM MAESTRI & DEACON LARRY ONEY

The St. Augustine Method of Preaching

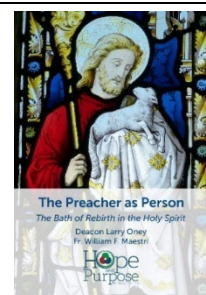
Hope & Purpose Ministries, May 2019



DEACON LARRY ONEY & FR. WILLIAM F. MAESTRI

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

Independently Published, 2019



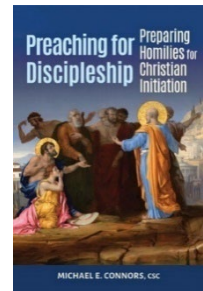
The preacher is, first and foremost, a person. Ordination does not cancel one's humanity. Ordination, as with any grace, does not cancel humanity but strengthens and perfects God's dream for our lives. Because the preacher is a person, within the mind and heart there grows weeds, thorns, and growth which 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.

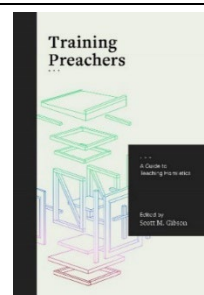
This resource will help the homilist:

- 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



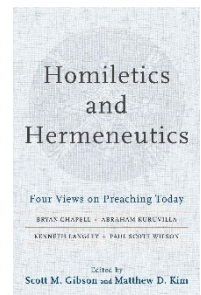
There is a difference between knowing how to preach and knowing how to communicate that knowledge to others. Drawing from the wells of pedagogy and theology, *Training Preachers* shows teachers of homiletics how to educate preachers to skillfully and effectively present God's word to their congregations.

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.

SCOTT M. GIBSON and MATTHEW D. KIM (eds.)

Homiletics and Hermeneutics: Four Views on Preaching Today

Baker Academic, 2018

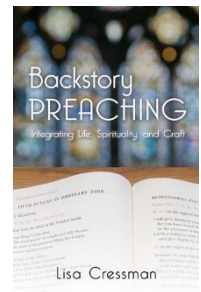


Scott Gibson and Matthew Kim, both experienced preachers and teachers, have brought together four preaching experts--Bryan Chapell, Kenneth Langley, Abraham Kuruvilla, and Paul Scott Wilson--to present and defend their approach to homiletics. Reflecting current streams of thought in homiletics, the book offers a robust discussion of theological and hermeneutical approaches to preaching and encourages pastors and ministry students to learn about preaching from other theological traditions. It also includes discussion questions for direct application to one's preaching.

LISA CRESSMAN

Backstory Preaching: Integrating Life, Spirituality, and Craft

Liturgical Press, 2018

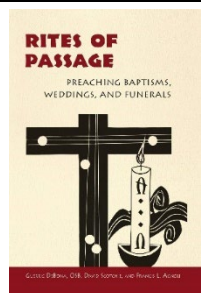


Instead of being a routine task on the checklist, what if sermon prep transformed you into the very word of God you preach? Instead of being a drain on you, what if the process itself renewed you? Instead of feeling insecure about your message, what if your skills made you confident to preach a consistently 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

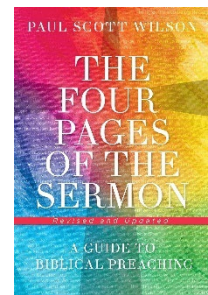


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PAUL SCOTT WILSON

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

Abingdon Press, updated edition, September 2018

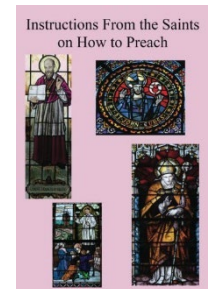


Doing justice to the complexity of the preaching task and the questions that underlie it, author Paul Scott Wilson organizes both the preparation and the content of the sermon around its "four pages." Each "page" addresses a different theological and creative component of what happens in any sermon. 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. This approach is about preaching the gospel in nearly any sermon form. Wilson teaches the 'what', 'why', and 'how' of sermon construction, all rooted in a theology of the Word. This completely revised edition guides readers through the sermon process step by step, with the aim of composing sermons that challenge and provide hope, by focusing on God more closely than on humans. It has been largely rewritten to include an assessment of where preaching is today in light of propositional preaching, the New Homiletic, African American preaching, the effect of the internet, and use of technology. A chapter on exegesis has been added, plus new focus on the importance of preaching to a felt need, the need for proclamation in addition to teaching, and developing tools to ensure sermon excellence. New sermon examples have been added along with a section that responds to critics and looks to the future.

BROTHER HERMENEGILD (ed.)

Instructions from the Saints on How to Preach

CreateSpace, 2017



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

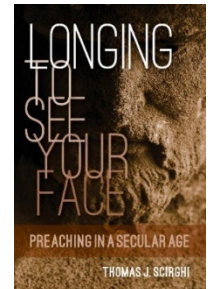


"Good preaching is like mortal sin: Both require grave matter, sufficient reflection, and full consent of the will--neither happens by accident." So says Father McTeigue. A collection of the author's essays and homilies to help clergy and laity alike to expect more from liturgical preaching and preachers.

THOMAS SCIRGHI

Longing to See Your Face: Preaching in a Secular Age

Liturgical Press, 2017

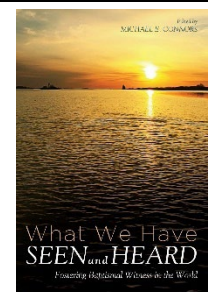


Thomas Scirghi, SJ, has trained priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers in the art and theology of preaching for decades. In *Longing to See Your Face*, he makes his insights and experience accessible to a much wider audience. Scirghi begins with a discussion of the purpose of preaching and offers 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.

MICHAEL E. CONNORS, C.S.C. (ED.)

What We Have Seen and Heard: Fostering Baptismal Witness in the World

Wipf & Stock, 2017

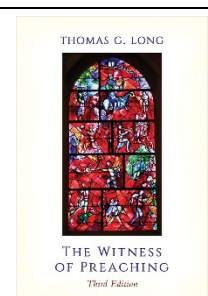


One of the chief challenges of the Second Vatican Council was to reclaim the meaning of baptism, especially as the foundation of service and mission in the world. Fifty years after the close of that watershed gathering, nineteen distinguished religious leaders and scholars reexamine that challenge and its implications for preaching and ministry today. This book reinvigorates an important conversation.

THOMAS G. LONG

The Witness of Preaching

Westminster John Knox, 3rd edition, October 2016



This is a newly revised edition of one of the standard introductory preaching textbooks on the market today. Beginning with a solid theological basis, veteran preacher and best-selling author Thomas G. Long offers a practical, step-by-step guide to writing a sermon. Long centers his approach around the biblical concept of witness. To be a preacher, Long posits, is to be a witness to God's work in the world one who sees before speaking, one whose task is to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about what is seen."

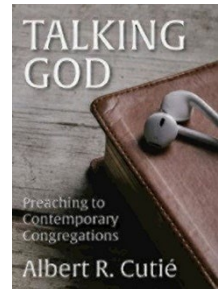
This updated edition freshens up language and anecdotes, contains an extensive new analysis of the use of multimedia and its impact on preaching, and adds a completely new chapter on plagiarism in preaching. Included for the first time are four complete sermons, with Long's commentary and analysis. The sermons were written and originally preached by Barbara Brown Taylor, Cleophus J. LaRue, Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, and Edmund Steimle.

With this third edition, *The Witness of Preaching* reaffirms itself as the essential resource for seminary students as well as new and experienced preachers.

ALBERT R. CUTIE

Talking God: Preaching to Contemporary Congregations

Morehouse Publishing, April 2016



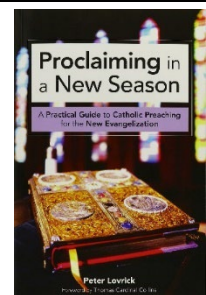
Today's church has a digital dilemma: We live in an age where "new media" is inescapable, yet many still perceive these new forms of communication as either an unmanageable challenge or at odds with the mission of the church. Clergy and lay leaders alike can be at a loss as to what methodologies, practices, 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

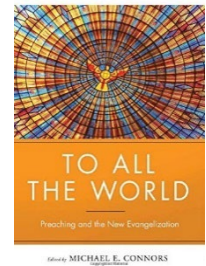


With the revival of the homily as a model of Catholic preaching at the Second Vatican Council and the universal call for a new evangelization within the Church, homilists experience new challenges as they prepare for the Sunday liturgy. Deacon Peter Lovrick, homiletics professor at St Augustine's Seminary 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, C.S.C.

To All the World: Preaching and the New Evangelization

Liturgical Press, 2016

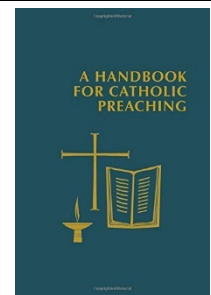


Pope Francis's vision of the ministry of preaching offers a renewed emphasis on what it means to preach the Word of God in such a way that it transforms lives and communities, and inspires hope. In *To All the World*, Michael Connors, CSC, draws together contributions from a variety of expert voices 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

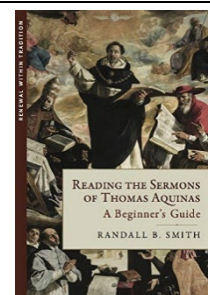


While admitting particular parameters and priorities for Roman Catholic preachers, this volume was intentionally envisioned as a handbook for "catholic" preaching in the broadest and most universal sense of that term. Cosponsored by the Catholic Academy of Liturgy, the Catholic Association of Teachers 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.

RANDALL B. SMITH

Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide

Emmaus Academic, 2016

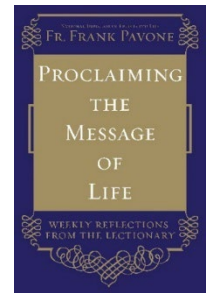


Preaching was immensely important in the medieval Church, and Thomas Aquinas expended much time and effort preaching. Today, however, Aquinas's sermons remain relatively unstudied and underappreciated. This is largely because their *sermo modernus* style, typical of the thirteenth century, can appear odd and inaccessible to the modern reader. In *Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas*, Randall Smith guides the reader through Aquinas's sermons, explaining their form and content. In the process, one comes to appreciate the sermons in their rhetorical brilliance, beauty, and profound spiritual depth while simultaneously being initiated into a fascinating world of thought concerning Scripture, language, and the human mind. The book also includes analytical outlines for all of Aquinas's extant sermons. *Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide* is an indispensable volume for those interested in the thought of Aquinas, in the intellectual and spiritual milieu in which he worked, and in the manifold ways of preaching the Gospel message.

FRANK PAVONE

Proclaiming the Message of Life: Weekly Reflections from the Lectionary

Servant, 2016

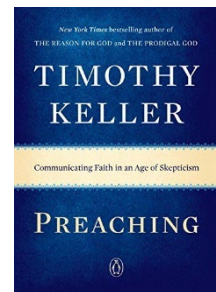


Speaking on the sanctity of life from the pulpit can be a challenging—but beautiful—undertaking for any preacher. Here Fr. Frank Pavone offers a comprehensive guide to presenting a life-affirming message from the Sunday Lectionary readings for the entire three-year cycle. Fr. Pavone, one of the most 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

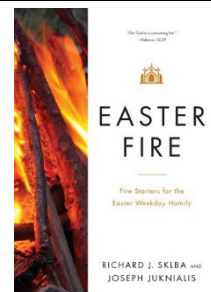


Pastor, preacher, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Prodigal Prophet* Timothy Keller shares his wisdom on communicating the Christian faith from the pulpit as well as from the coffee shop. Most Christians struggle to talk about their faith in a way that applies the power of the Christian 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.

RICHARD SKLBA & JOSEPH JUK

Easter Fire: Fire Starters for the Easter Weekday Homilies

Liturgical Press, 2016

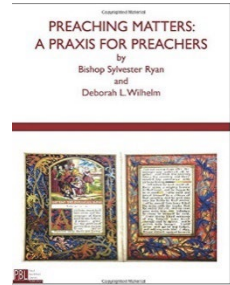


Widely embraced by homilists and those interested in reflecting more deeply on the daily Lectionary readings, Bishop Richard Sklba's *Fire Starters: Igniting the Holy in the Weekday Homily* has served as a practical resource for preparing engaging weekday homilies for Ordinary Time. After much anticipation, Bishop Sklba and coauthor Fr. Joseph Jukialis now offer *Easter Fire*, a welcome companion to support anyone called to preach at Easter weekday Masses. *Easter Fire* provides the biblical citations and summary phrases for the reading and the gospel plus the refrain from the psalm each day. After each citation, the authors offer a series of meaningful insights based on Scripture scholarship, their own prayerful reflection on the texts, and years of preaching and pastoral experience. These brief "bullet point" entries provide nuggets of knowledge and inspiration that will stimulate personal prayer and spark homily possibilities for the preacher every day. *Easter Fire* will ignite sparks that can be enflamed by God's Spirit, to not only enrich the spiritual journey but to add light and warmth for the preparation of weekday homilies during the Easter season.

DEBORAH LYNN WILHELM and SYLVESTER RYAN

Preaching Matters: A Praxis for Preachers

Paul Bechtold Library, 2015

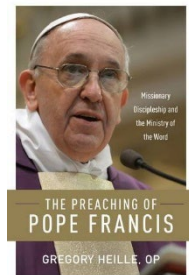


Preaching Matters is a praxis text offering practical strategies to new and experienced preachers. The book responds to the call of the USCCB for “the publication of practical resources that will help renew the preaching ministry of the Church, so urgent at this time.” It takes the theological reflection 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

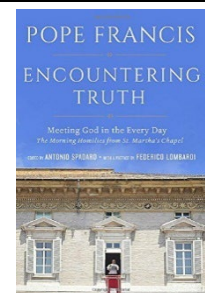


Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has encouraged, inspired, and delighted those who have heard him preach. Especially fascinating have been his plain-spoken and insightful weekday morning Mass homilies. He has also offered the church a substantial contribution on the theory and practice 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

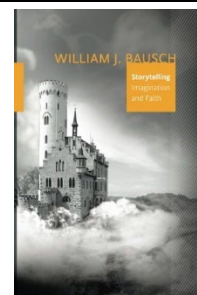


Michael White and Tom Corcoran sparked a firestorm of debate in 2013 with their first book, *Rebuilt*, the story of how they brought their parish back to life. In *Rebuilding Your Message*, the award-winning authors now share their carefully honed communication practices to help priests, staff, volunteers, 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

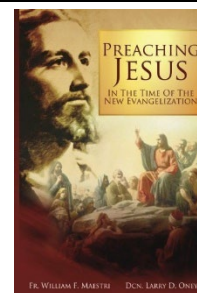


In re-releasing this best-selling classic book, *Storytelling – Imagination and Faith*, Fr. Bill Bausch brings to life the art of stories and of storytelling. Weaving together stories that have been collected over the years, he celebrates the ability of storytelling to transform the heart of the reader. 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

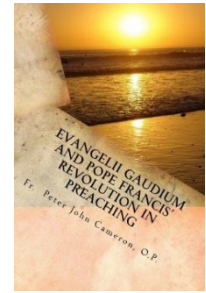


The call to the New Evangelization is the challenge of this moment in the Church's history. This challenge is not simply a message but a Person—the Person of Jesus Christ. In the message and Person of Jesus there is a meeting; that is, both come together at the intersection of mercy. Within these pages 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.

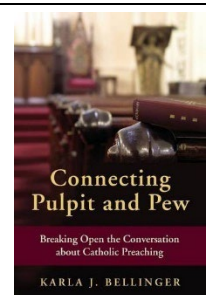
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KARLA BELLINGER

Connecting Pulpit and Pew:

Breaking Open the Conversation about Catholic Preaching

Liturgical Press, 2014

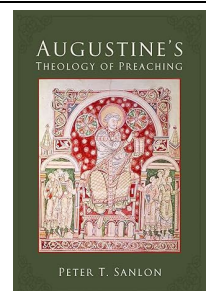


Whether you preach from a pulpit or sit in a pew, you hope (and pray) for a homily that connects the Good News with life. But what does it mean to connect? In a world that buzzes with the synapses of technological “connection,” can the human touch of preaching make a difference anymore? *Connecting Pulpit 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.

PETER T. SANLON

Augustine's Theology of Preaching

Liturgical Press, 2014

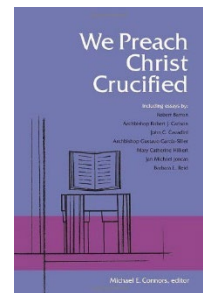


The picture of Augustine as preacher has been seriously neglected. When academics marginalize the *Sermones ad Populum*, the real Augustine is not presented accurately. How do the theological convictions that Augustine brought to his preaching challenge, sustain, or shape our work today? By presenting Augustine's thought on preaching to contemporary readers, it contributes a major new piece to the ongoing reconsideration of preaching in the modern day, a consideration that is relevant to all branches of the twenty-first century church.

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

We Preach Christ Crucified

Liturgical Press, 2014



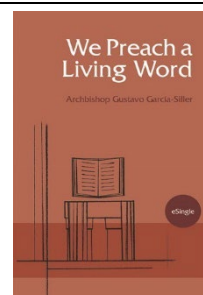
In June of 2012, an astounding 360 people gathered at the University of Notre Dame for a major conference on Catholic preaching. With contributions by a wide variety of theologians and practitioners, *We Preach Christ Crucified* gathers the fruits of those days spent reflecting on the importance of the 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 Hilbert, 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 McGurran
- 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 Guerric 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

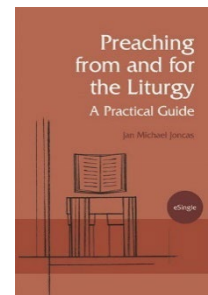


Archbishop García-Siller offers a meditation on the call, the joy, and the duty of Catholic preaching in our day. For him, preaching is a conversation of love that invites the hearer to respond to God in love. He considers how effective preaching invites people into that relationship, encouraging today's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

MICHAEL JONCAS

Preaching from and for the Liturgy: A Practical Guide

Liturgical Press, 2014

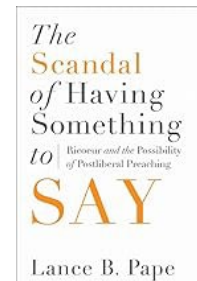


Fr. Joncas explains ways that preachers might take their inspiration not only from the readings from Scripture, but from the liturgical texts of the day's Mass. He considers liturgical preaching drawn from the presidential euchology, the liturgical chants, and the liturgical gestures and objects. Each,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

LANCE B. PAPE

***The Scandal of Having Something to Say:
Ricoeur and the Possibility of Postliberal Preaching***

Baylor University Press, 2013

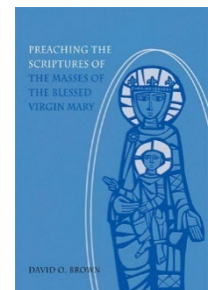


The Christian sermon--once the chief symbol of authority in Western culture--often appears in the postmodern imagination as synonymous with irrelevancy, biased judgment, and a rejection of absolute truth. While Christian preachers mourn the cultural disintegration of their hallowed practice, Lance B. Pape believes this modern turn enables the preacher to rediscover the sermon. Proclaiming the gospel, he contends, lies not in the cultural acceptance of the message but in God's free act of self-communication. Using Karl Barth's theology of the Word, Hans Frei's hermeneutical method, and, chiefly, Paul Ricoeur's theory of narrative as threefold mimesis, Pape develops a homiletic that recaptures the scandalous intent of the gospel. *The Scandal of Having Something to Say* then casts the post-liberal preacher as a "surrogate reader" of the biblical text on behalf of the congregation and opens new avenues for practice through the analysis and critique of two sermons.

DAVID O. BROWN

Preaching the Scriptures of the Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical Press, 2013

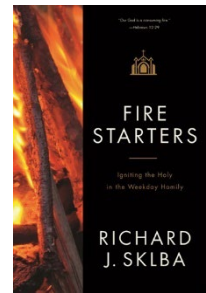


The Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary offers more than 135 Scripture passages through which the faithful might deepen their devotion to Mary. While some texts are very familiar, others are not as well known to contemporary Catholics. In *Preaching the Scriptures of the Masses of the Blessed 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.

RICHARD SKLBA

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

Liturgical Press, 2013



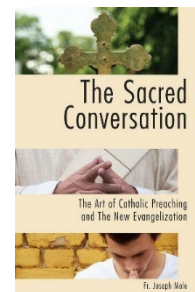
Though daily Mass is held most frequently, resources for daily homilies can be in short supply. In this book, Bishop Sklba offers a rich collection of ideas — fire starters — for preparing brief, spiritually nourishing homilies for daily Eucharist. Like building a campfire, where one ignites the logs 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.

JOSEPH MELE

The Sacred Conversation:

The Art of Catholic Preaching and the New Evangelization

Emmaus Road, 2013



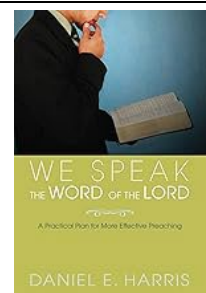
Are you starving for inspiring homilies? Did you know that poor preaching is one of the top three reasons people leave the Church? And that it's the reason many Catholics don't come to Mass? There is a preaching problem in the Catholic Church—a serious problem. Parishioners know it, priests know it, 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!

DANIEL E. HARRIS

We Speak the Lord:

A Practical Plan for More Effective Preaching

Wipf & Stock, 2012

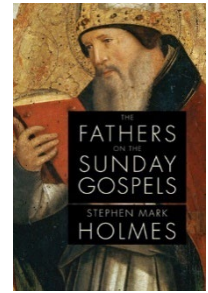


"We Speak the Word of the Lord: A Practical Plan for More Effective Preaching" will help all priests, deacons, chaplains and other ministers called to proclaim God's word. Working individually, with an informal study group, or in a structured continuing education program, preachers can use this book to review and improve upon all aspects of preaching.

STEPHEN MARK HOLMES

The Fathers on the Sunday Gospels

Liturgical Press, 2012



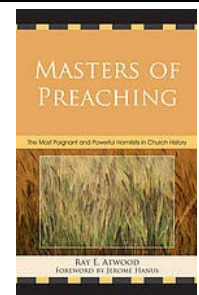
Now, the fathers of the church speak from across the ages each week: *The Fathers on the Sunday Gospels* provides rich reflections on every Sunday gospel reading in the three-year Lectionary from Augustine, Bede, Ambrose, Gregory the Great, Aelred, John Scotus Erigena, Origen, Cyril of Alexandria, and 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



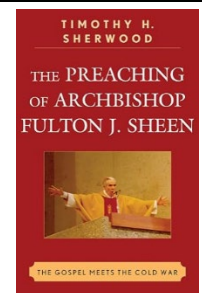
The history of Catholic homiletics is rich and layered with theology and spirituality. Every period of Church history contains preachers who have been blessed with oratorical skills and spiritual depth. They are saints, scholars, bishops, priests, and deacons from the Eastern and Western traditions. *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.

TIMOTHY SHERWOOD

The Preaching of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen:

The Gospel Meets the Cold War

Lexington Books, November 2011

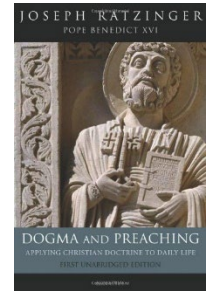


The greatness of America's most influential preachers of the twentieth century came from their significant contributions to both religious and secular society. Some names, like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Billy Graham, are universally recognized and typically thought of first by people today. Assorted reviews have also listed other notable names from various Christian denominations, but little recognition has been given to the Catholic contribution to preaching in the twentieth century. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen is at least one Catholic name whose contributions belong with the topmost influential American preachers of that era. Though many associate Sheen with his five years on prime time television in the 1950s, it was the decades he spent preaching that wrought a religious tone to the Cold War and led the way in a national renewal of religion. An epic battle was set between the forces of good and evil in Sheen's preaching, particularly in his Good Friday sermons. This rhetorical study seeks to understand how and why his preaching was so persuasive to the people of his day.

JOSEPH RATZINGER / POPE BENEDICT XVI

Dogma and Preaching: Applying Christian Doctrine to Daily Life

Ignatius Press, 2011

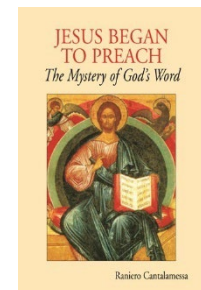


This volume is an unabridged edition of *Dogma and Preaching*, a work that appeared in a much-reduced form in English, in 1985. The new book contains twice as much material as first English edition. Dogma, for many people, is a bad word. For the well-informed believer, it shouldn't be. Dogmas are truths 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



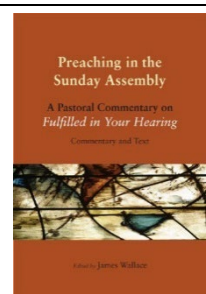
In this volume, a thoroughly revised and expanded version of *The Mystery of God's Word*, Father Raniero Cantalamessa engages the profound idea of the Eternal Word that becomes Life. The main and constant focus of the book is to show how the word of God illuminates and engages our existence. Cantalamessa 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



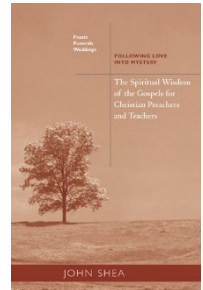
What should preachers aim for in Sunday preaching? In 1982, the USCCB document *Fulfilled in Your Hearing: The Homily in the Sunday Assembly* answered this question. Here, in a pastoral commentary on *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, several Catholic scholars in homiletics, liturgy, and biblical studies both 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

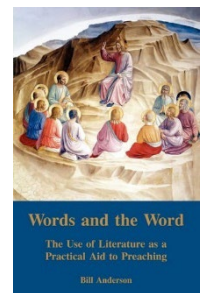


Wisdom, wit, and Sacred Writ are the outstanding interactive hallmarks of this fourth and final volume in The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospels for Christian Preachers and Teachers series. In the same style and format as the first three volumes, Shea presents evocative reflections to enhance Scripture-based 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

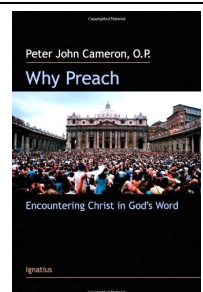


The exhilarating scope of the title - Words and the Word - may seem almost undercut by its sober subtitle: The Use of Literature as a Practical Aid to Preaching. But the value of this book lies in its very bi-polarity. On the one hand, here are practical ways of enhancing the word delivered from the '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.

PETER JOHN CAMERON

Why Preach? Encountering Christ in God's World

Ignatius Press, 2009

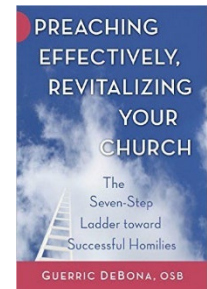


Well known for his teaching, writing, and editing of *Magnificat*, the widely popular monthly publication containing the Scripture readings and prayers for the Mass used weekly by several hundred thousand Catholics, Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P., offers here expert spiritual and practical help for priests, 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

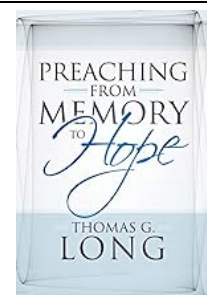


This book, by an experienced and respected teacher of homiletics, offers a practical and theological guide to effective preaching. Following the medieval tradition of Allan of Lille, Gueric DeBona uses the metaphor of a ladder to describe the ascent up seven rungs or building blocks that constitute the 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.

THOMAS G. LONG

Preaching from Memory to Hope

Westminster John Know, 2009

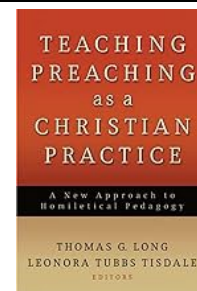


In this compelling and hard-hitting book, respected preacher and teacher Thomas Long identifies and responds to what he sees as the most substantive theological forces and challenges facing preaching today. The issues, he says, are fourfold: the decline in the quality of narrative preaching and the need for its reinvigoration; the tendency of preachers to ignore God's action and presence in our midst; the return of the church's old nemesis, gnosticism--albeit in a milder form--evidenced in today's new "spirituality"; and the absence of eschatology in the pulpit. Long once again has his finger on the pulse of American preaching, demonstrated by his creative responses to these challenges. Whether he is calling for theologically smarter and more ethically discerning preaching, providing a method of interpretation that will allow pastors to recover the emphasis on God in our midst, or encouraging a kind of "interfaith dialogue" with gnosticism, he demonstrates why he has long been considered one of the most thoughtful and intelligent preachers in America today.

THOMAS G. LONG & LEONORA TUBBS TISDALE (eds.)

***Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice:
A New Approach to Homiletical Pedagogy***

Westminster John Knox Press, 2008

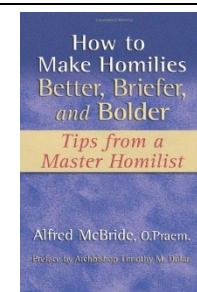


Preaching's most able practitioners gather in this book to explore and explain the idea that preaching is a practice that can be taught and learned. Arguing that preaching is a living practice with a long tradition, an identifiable shape, and a broad set of norms and desired outcomes, these noted scholars examine pedagogical approaches that will introduce students to the practice of preaching and encourage a life-long process of becoming effective practitioners. The book concludes with designs for a basic preaching course and addresses the question of how preaching courses fit into the larger patterns of seminary curricula.

ALFRED MCBRIDE

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

Our Sunday Visitor, 2007

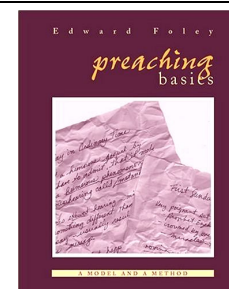


Sincere, encouraging, and downright practical, Fr. McBride's *How to Make Homilies Better, Briefer, and Bolder* makes it easy to connect with your parishioners every Sunday and drive them to a higher calling. Blending simple-to-follow instructions, proven strategies, and the occasional rule, this guidebook 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



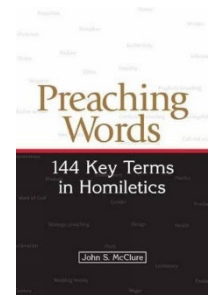
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Over and over, surveys tell us that if someone were to shout out to the church on a Sunday morning, What do you want? The roar would come back: Good preaching! When do you want it? Now! No one wants better preaching more than those who preach. Here 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

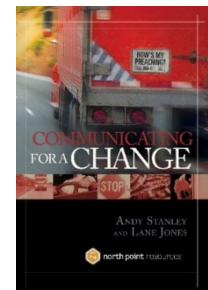


John McClure's *Preaching Words* highlights the most important ideas in homiletics and preaching, offering short explanations of these ideas, what scholars of preaching are saying about them, and how they can help in today's preaching. Topics range from elements of the sermon (introduction, body, and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

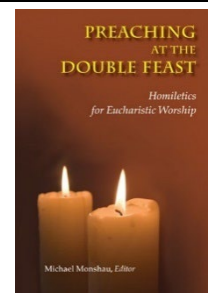


Whether you speak from the pulpit, podium, or the front of a classroom, you don't need much more than blank stares and faraway looks to tell you you're not connecting. Take heart before your audience takes leave! You can convey your message in the powerful, life-changing way it deserves to be told. An 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

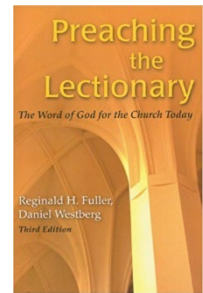


Since the Reformation, the focal point of worship for many Christian churches has been the table of the Word—the proclamation of Scriptures and the preaching event. Congregations have been fed, often well and abundantly, at the single feast table of the Word. But what is the role of preaching in the 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

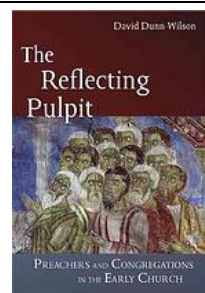
Dominican Publications, 2006



DAVID DUNN-WILSON

The Reflecting Pulpit: Preachers and Congregations in the Early Church

Eerdmans, 2005



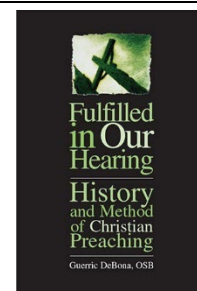
It might be assumed that Christian preachers have always proclaimed the same unchanging message in the same unchanging way to similarly comprised and receptive congregations. But this assumption is far from accurate. Throughout history the style and subject matter of sermons have repeatedly changed to 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



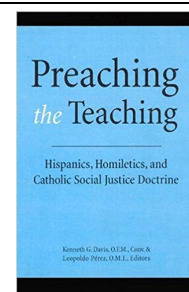
Offers emphasis on the emergence of the "new homiletic" in the twentieth century and examines the inductive methods of preaching. This book covers liturgical preaching, drawing from the USCCB's document "Fulfilled in Your Hearing"; multicultural preaching, with an emphasis on African-American and Hispanic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



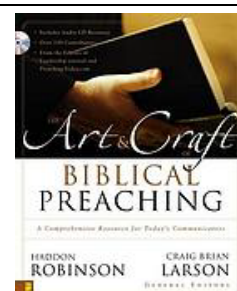
Preaching the Teaching reevaluates the Catholic Church's doctrine of social justice as it relates to the Church's flourishing Hispanic communities and their particular concerns, including issues of domestic violence, racism, and immigration policy. Each chapter begins by examining a theme-specific document 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

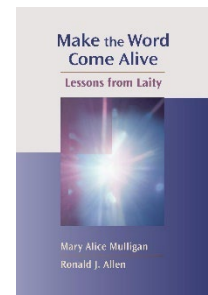


This extensive encyclopedia is the most complete and practical work ever published on the art and craft of biblical preaching. The 11 major sections contain almost 200 articles, which cover every possible preaching topic, including changing lives, sermon structure, "the big idea," introductions, outlining, 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.

MARY ALICE MULLIGAN & RONALD J. ALLEN

Make the Word Come Alive: Lessons from Laity

Chalice Press, 2005



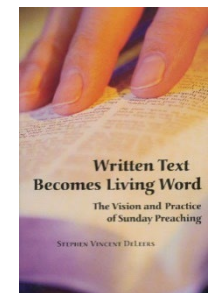
In this final volume of the Channels of Listening series, Mary Alice Mulligan and Ronald Allen turn to sermon listeners for advice on how to create more engaging and meaningful sermons. Drawing on the first large-scale systematic study of how listeners themselves describe the experience of hearing sermons and how those reports can influence preaching, Mulligan and Allen identify twelve qualities or characteristics that listeners most commonly seek in sermons. They use the listeners' own words to impart not just points that preachers would benefit from keeping in mind but also a real sense of how and why these qualities are important to the listener.

The study this book is based on revealed that the participants went to church eager to hear the sermon. They said they believe sermons impact their lives and have the power to help them build a closer relationship to God. In this book, they talk openly and candidly about what makes a sermon meaningful to them and what blocks the message and turns them away. Their testimonies are a plea to preachers to listen and to learn.

STEVEN VINCENT DELEERS

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

Liturgical Press, 2004



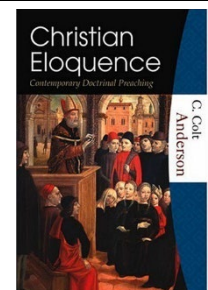
Effective, significant preaching requires a Vision and a pondering of the question, How can I do what the Church expects of me?" The homily offers preachers a chance to live this question. Drawing from official Roman Catholic documents (1963–1995), *Written Text Becomes Living Word* summarizes this Vision 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

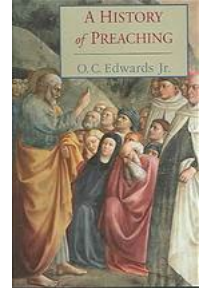


The Church of medieval Europe struggled to find ways to present the Gospel to people in the midst of cultural change and upheaval. This fascinating study is an excellent resource for all Church homilists, preachers, and even catechists who want models and strategies for linking the deeper truths of the 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

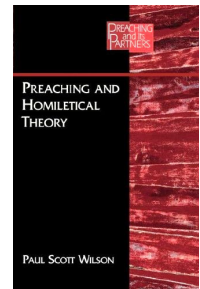


Accompanying CD-ROM contains the full text of volume one and two. Volume two contains primary source material on preaching drawn from the entire scope of the church's twenty centuries. Each chapter in volume two is geared to its companion chapter in volume one's narrative history.

PAUL SCOTT WILSON

Preaching and Homiletical Theory

Chalice Press, 2004

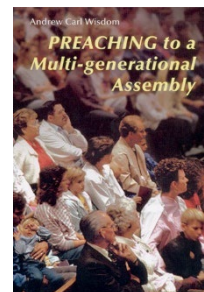


Preaching and Homiletical Theory takes both an appreciative and a critical look at the contribution of homiletics to quality preaching. It focuses on key scholarship and the effectiveness of recent trends in homiletics and offers a discussion of the role of homiletics and preaching in the coming years. 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



How do preachers speak to congregations that comprise four to five separate generations? 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

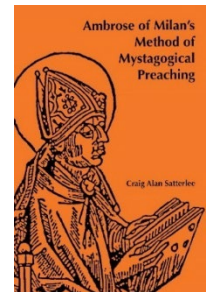


Many individuals take risks in life such as mountain climbers, magicians, farmers, and gamblers. But do we ever include preachers in that category? Preachers have opportunities to be some of the greatest risk takers. In *Preacher as Risk Taker*, Richard Hart, O.F.M. Cap., challenges preachers to be on 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

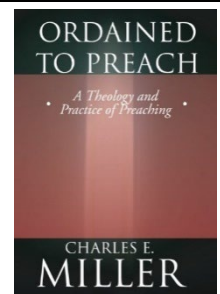
Pueblo Books, 2002



CHARLES E. MILLER

Ordained to Preach: A Theology and Practice of Preaching

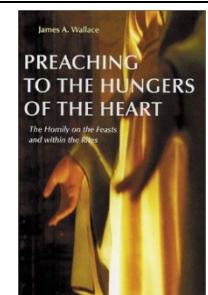
Wipf & Stock, 2003 (Alba, 1992)



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.

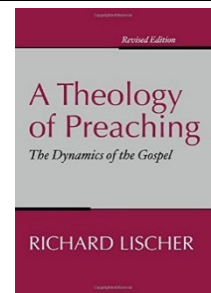
For preachers and students in schools of ministry who are preparing to preach *Preaching to the Hungers of the Heart* will serve as a useful tool to help satisfy the hunger to preach the Gospel. It includes homilies that provide excellent starting points for preachers looking for ideas.

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

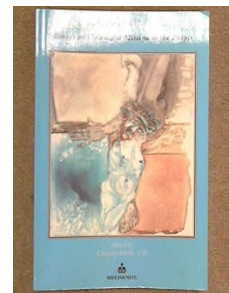


Richard Lischer's book is a stirring affirmation of preaching's importance as a major enterprise in its own right. It is, he writes, "a theological preface whose aim is to show how theology informs preaching and how preaching, as a kerygmatic, oral, practical activity, informs theology and brings it 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

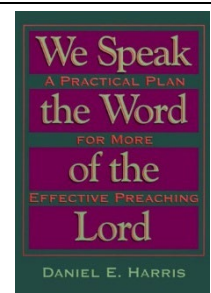
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DANIEL E. HARRIS

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

ACTA, 2001



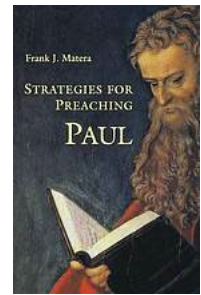
Working individually, with an informal study group, or in a structured continuing education program, preachers can use this book to review and improve upon all aspects of preaching.

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

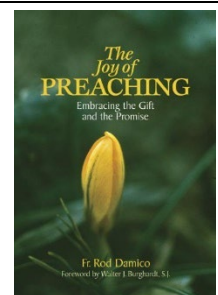


Nothing is more central to the Church than preaching the gospel, and few have preached the gospel with the intensity and insight of St. Paul. Paul's letters play an important role in the New Testament and in the Roman Lectionary. Yet, despite their importance, Paul's teaching is seldom proclaimed from 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

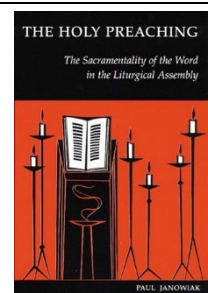
Catholic Book Publishing, 2001



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.

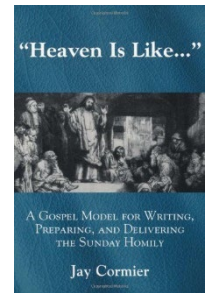
Chapters in Part I are "Worship and the Mystery of God's Action in the Word" and "The Church as *Totus Christus*: A Renewal of Sacramentality and Proclamation." Chapters in Part II are "The Dynamism of the Liturgy of the Word as a Sacramental Event: Insights from New Historicism on the Text and Its Context," "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

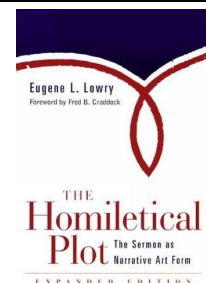


Those preparing to preach in a liturgical context can improve their preaching by understanding how the homily works in the flow of the celebration. This book provides some pointers and ideas for those entrusted with this service to God's people.

EUGENE L. LOWRY

The Homiletical Plot: The Sermon as Narrative Art Form

Westminster / John Knox, 2000 (expanded edition)

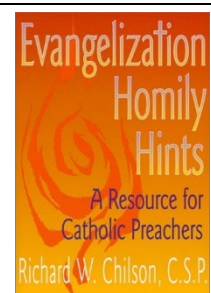


Now in reissue with a new foreword by Fred B. Craddock and afterword by the author, Eugene L. Lowry, *The Homiletical Plot*, Expanded Edition follows in the same solid tradition of its predecessor. Upon its release, *The Homiletical Plot* quickly became a pivotal work on the art of preaching. Instead 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

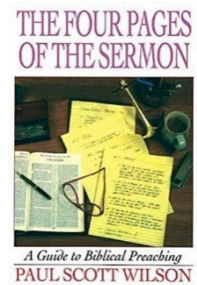


The book contains a series of brief homily reflections focusing on the theme of evangelization, particularly on the personal and parish level, arranged for all three cycles of the liturgical season. "This book does not provide evangelization homilies for lectionary. Rather it offers suggestions to teach 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

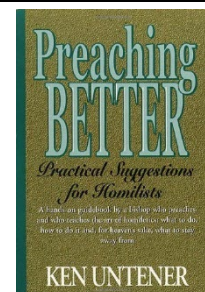


Doing justice to the complexity of the preaching task and the questions that underlie it, Wilson organizes both the preparation and the content of the sermon around its "four pages." Each "page" addresses a different theological and creative component of what happens in any sermon. Page One presents 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

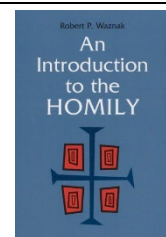


Most homilists could do better, says the author. And he should know: despite extensive experience as both homilist and homiletics professor, for four years he's also participated in a sermon critique group. In the weekly group, the author and several other priests submit tapes and transcripts of their 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.

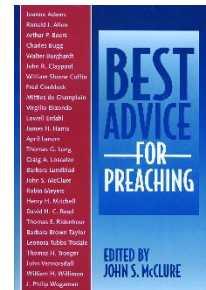
Chapter 1 explores the form of preaching called the homily both from historical and contemporary understandings. It fills a void in many Catholic homiletic texts and articles on preaching by offering a brief overview of the "New Homiletic," a new approach that recognizes other homiletic structures besides 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.

JOHN MCCLURE (ed.)

Best Advice for Preaching

Fortress Press, February 1998

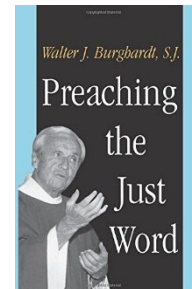


Best Advice for Preaching gathers the preaching wisdom of America's most outstanding preachers and homileticians. A collaborative effort of twenty-seven seasoned preachers, men and women from a variety of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds, this indispensable guidebook is designed to improve all phases of the practice of preaching. The authors freely share their experiences and wisdom on a host of topics such as the initial call to preach, discipline, study patterns, conveying a message, using the lectionary, coordinating with the church year and other calendars, preaching sermon series, illustrating sermons, keeping notes and files, how to organize material, polishing the sermon, delivery, coordinating worship, feedback, and assembling a good preacher's library.

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.

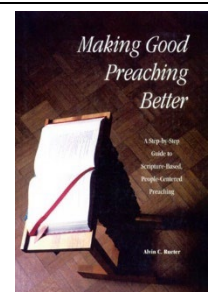
Father Burghardt points to a long history of Catholic teaching on social justice, quoting from the earliest Church Fathers to the latest papal encyclicals. A greatly admired preacher, he has particular advice for other preachers, telling them that sermons need not give answers to specific social issues 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



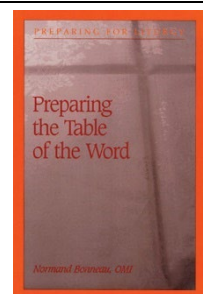
Making Good Preaching Better explores not the preaching of ethics but the ethics of preaching. Using sound theology and practical insights, this book shows that by putting themselves in the place of the people in the pews, preachers can improve their sermons and make good preaching better more consistently. 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

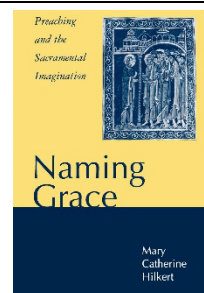


How do those preparing for liturgy read the Scriptures contained in the Lectionary? How does the paschal mystery relate to the proclamation of the Scriptures, and how do the Scriptures lead us to the table of the Eucharist? This book helps readers make better sense of what they are proclaiming and provides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

MARY CATHERINE HILKERT

Naming Grace: Preaching and the Sacramental Imagination

Continuum, 1997

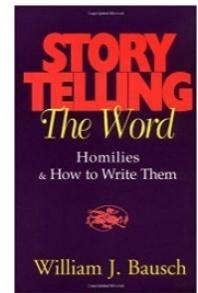


It is not a lack of training in the art of rhetoric that accounts for the ineffectiveness of preaching within Christian churches. More significant is the lack of adequate theological foundations. While recognizing the great contribution that neo-orthodoxy and the "dialectical imagination" have made, Hilbert's major contribution is a scholarly examination of the resources of the "sacramental imagination." This examination shifts the focus from the divine-human gap and the sinfulness of humanity to the grace discovered in everyday life, and the word entrusted to the entire community of faith. With particular attention to what constitutes "women's experience," the final chapters engage the issue of how social location shapes the experience of both hearers and preachers of the word.

WILLIAM J. BAUSCH

Storytelling the Word: Homilies and How to Write Them

Twenty-Third Publications, 1996

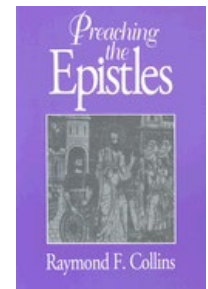


Today's congregations are part of a visual culture, raised in a society flooded with television images. For an effective homily, listeners need word pictures. Bausch shows how to weave story and the scriptural word together as he draws upon his lengthy preaching experience and extensive storytelling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

RAYMOND F. COLLINS

Preaching the Epistles

Paulist Press, 1996

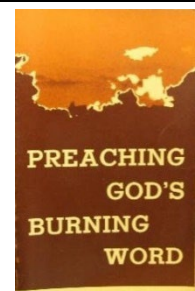


Collins shows us how to present the New Testament epistles in a meaningful and challenging way for people today by offering reflections and practical suggestions on sharing God's word within our communities.

JAMES REESE, OSFS

Preaching God's Burning Word

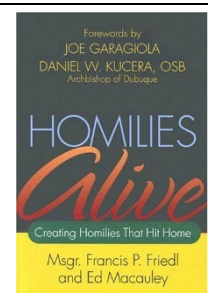
Liturgical Press, 1995



FRANCIS P. FRIEDL and ED MACAULEY

Homilies Alive: Creating Homilies That Hit Home

Twenty-Third Publications, 1994

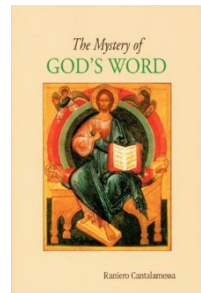


Here are ten basic fundamentals of good preaching that will make anyone's homilies come alive. Drawing on their combined experience in teaching homiletics, parish ministry, and public speaking, authors Francis P. Friedl and Ed Maccauley give readers an in-depth presentation of these fundamentals, incorporating 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" Macauley 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

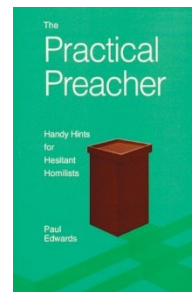


Those who preach the Word, those who proclaim it from a lectern, and those who hear it will all find something to inspire them to greater appreciation of the mystery of God's Word in this collection of reflections. The reflections are developed around eight themes: "Jesus Began to Preach" addresses the 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

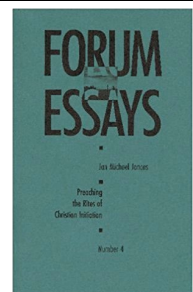


Taking the premise that a person can learn to be a competent preacher, Father Edwards offers a step-by-step guide to the technical and emotional factors of preaching. He begins with the preparation of material, focusing on the event, and physical aspects such as stance, projection, position, etc., He 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

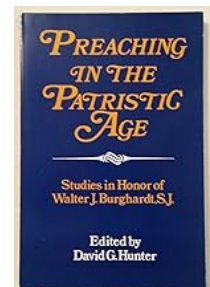
Liturgical Training Publications, 1994



DAVID G. HUNTER (ed.)

***Preaching in the Patristic Age:
Studies in Honor of Walter J. Burghardt, S.J.***

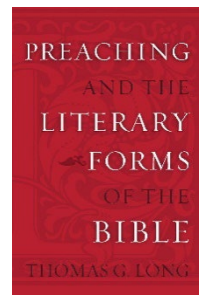
Paulist Press, 1989



THOMAS G. LONG

Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible

Fortress Press, 1988

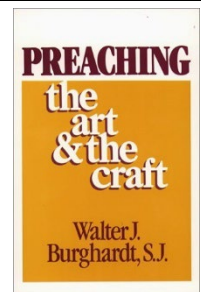


Long argues that the literary form and dynamics of biblical texts can and should make a difference in the kinds of sermons created from those texts, not only because of what the texts say but because of how they say it. He presents a methodology for taking the literary characteristics of biblical texts into account in the text-to-sermon process and then applies that methodology in separate chapters on preaching on psalms, proverbs, narratives, parables, and epistles.

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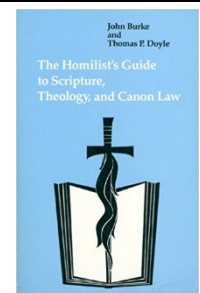


Practical advice for preachers everywhere, written out of long experience and deep learning. Homilists will welcome its advice about language, the role of the imagination, preaching and prophecy, the liturgical setting of the preached word, social justice.

JOHN BURKE and THOMAS DOYLE

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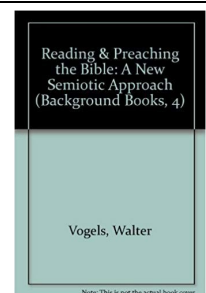
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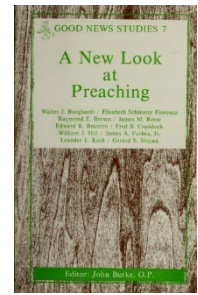
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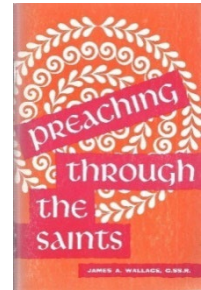
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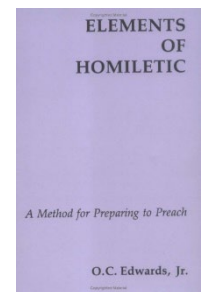
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O.C. EDWARDS

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Pueblo, 1980

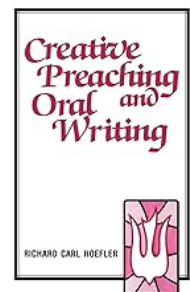


This companion volume to *Elements of Rite* offers a methodical approach to the homily. It gives step-by-step instructions for preparing, constructing, and delivering a homily that not merely instructs but evangelizes.

RICHARD CARL HOEFLER

Creative Preaching and Oral Writing

CSS Publishing, 1978

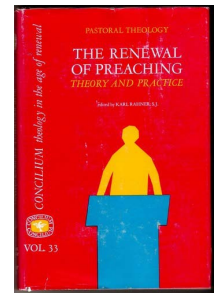


Creative Preaching and Oral Writing begins with a definition of preaching, then goes into a discussion of the creative importance of attitude toward the preaching task, toward the content, toward self and toward the listeners. Skillfully comparing the structure of the sermon to the structure of the bumble bee, Richard Hoefler says, *A good speech is like a bumble bee. It possesses five basic parts, each one playing a vital formation in the total process of the flight of the bumble bee: a head, a body, a stinger, legs, and wings. They enable both the bumble bee and the speech to get off the ground and into their work.* After thorough discussion of the structure of the sermon, the author goes into detailed explanation of the use of the oral style of writing sermons. The illustrations and examples will enable student or the seasoned pastor to dramatically improve his or her preaching effectiveness.

KARL RAHNER (ed.)

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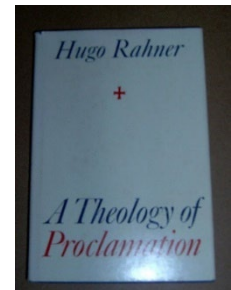
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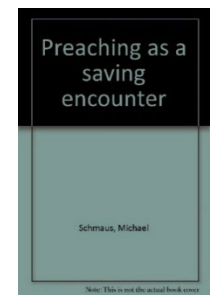
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MICHAEL SCHMAUS

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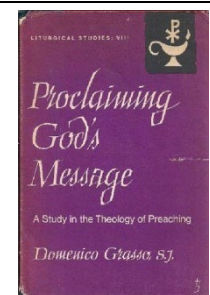
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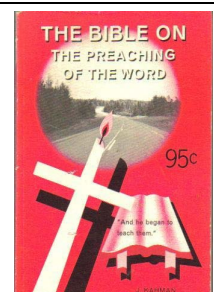
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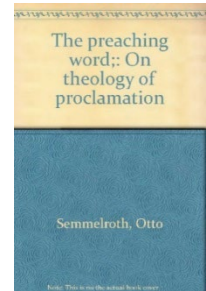


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The Preaching Word: On Theology of Proclamation

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O'BRIEN ATKINSON

How to Make Us Want Your Sermon

Joseph F. Wagner, Inc. / B. Herder, 1942



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