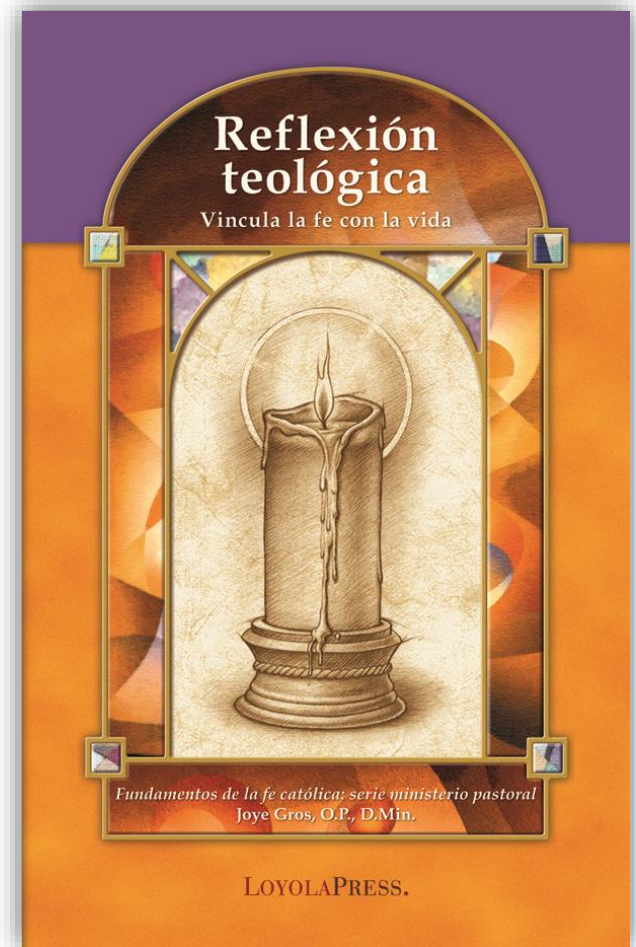


Theological Reflection: Linking Faith with Life



Introduction

- General considerations
 - What is theological reflection?
 - What is the objective of theological reflection?
 - How do people unknowingly perform theological reflection?
 - Daily life as a revelation for theological reflection

How and Why of Theological Reflection

- What is it and why should we do it?
- Theological reflection as a natural activity
 - Tool that helps us reflect and be in touch with our faith in our daily lives, and directly influences it.
 - It's an attempt at integrating different areas of our lives so that we can live by our faith.
- Transformational power

A Model for Theological Reflection

- Experience
 - Encompasses the entire person
 - Human experiences are complex
 - Experiences are much more than ideas
 - Theological reflection implies God's continuous effect on our lives

A Model for Theological Reflection

- Tradition
 - What is tradition?
 - When do we say that something is dynamic?
 - How does tradition stay current?

A Model for Theological Reflection

- Culture
 - Part of us
 - Our symbols, values, customs and philosophy

Methodology of Theological Reflection

- Pay attention
- Make an affirmation
- Decide

How to Begin Theological Reflection

- This method follows the one used by the Basic Ecclesial Communities of (see, judge and act). It begins and ends with life itself, transforming it or reaching a commitment of transformation.

How to Begin Theological Reflection

- Sharing faith in groups
 - Life experiences and elements in group context
 - Illuminate with faith and tradition
 - Group discussion
 - What does God want us to do?
 - Case studies (pages 29 – 34)

Program of Religious Education

- Practicing sacraments
- Reflecting from experience
- What does the Church teach us?
- From the symbolism and reality of a celebration to the experience of life as a revelation.

Guidance of Theological Reflection

- Being a guide: practical advice
- Qualifying feelings
 - Listen carefully
 - Ask if you do not understand
 - Ask for examples

Guidance of Theological Reflection

Types	Objectives	Examples
Clarification		
Reaffirmation		
Neutral		
Reflection		
Summary		

Guidance of Theological Reflection

- Remain within the frame of mind
 - What to do and what not to do
- Practical advice for sharing the faith
 - Debate and dialogue
- Building questions

Guidance of Theological Reflection

- Pros and cons of a group
 - People who talk about others
 - People who monopolize conversation
 - People who manipulate conversation
 - People who cite the Bible, or “voices of God”
 - People who mediate
 - People who encourage others
 - People who give details
 - People who summarize

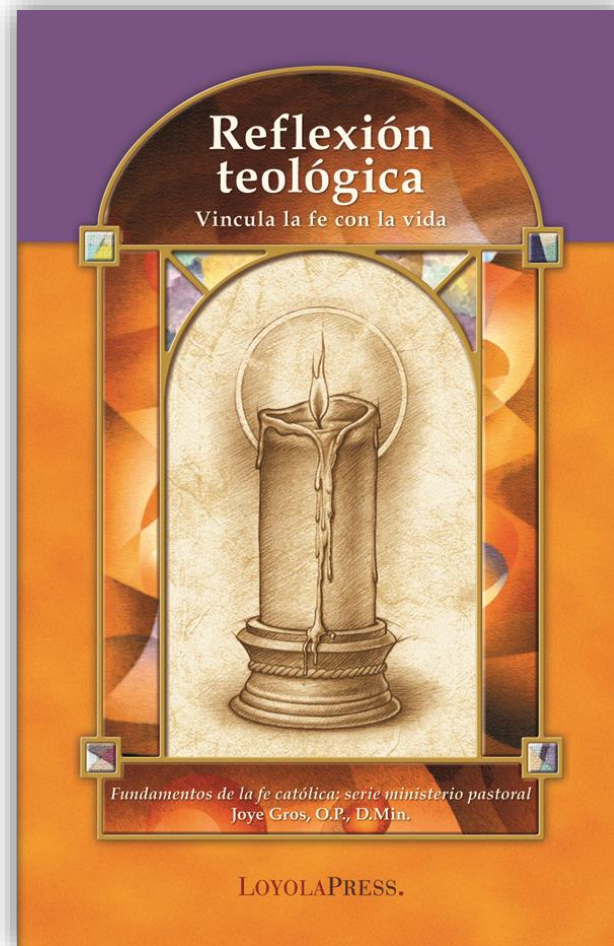
Discipline and Authenticity of Theological Reflection

- Formation and information of the coordinator
 - Listens well
 - Faithful to tradition
 - Well-prepared
 - Groups that share the faith
 - Groups with religious education

What Does Theological Reflection Mean to Me?

- Reciprocity and nature of the ministry
 - Experience of the lecturer with this methodology
 - The pastoral challenge
 - Reciprocity and nature of the ministry

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