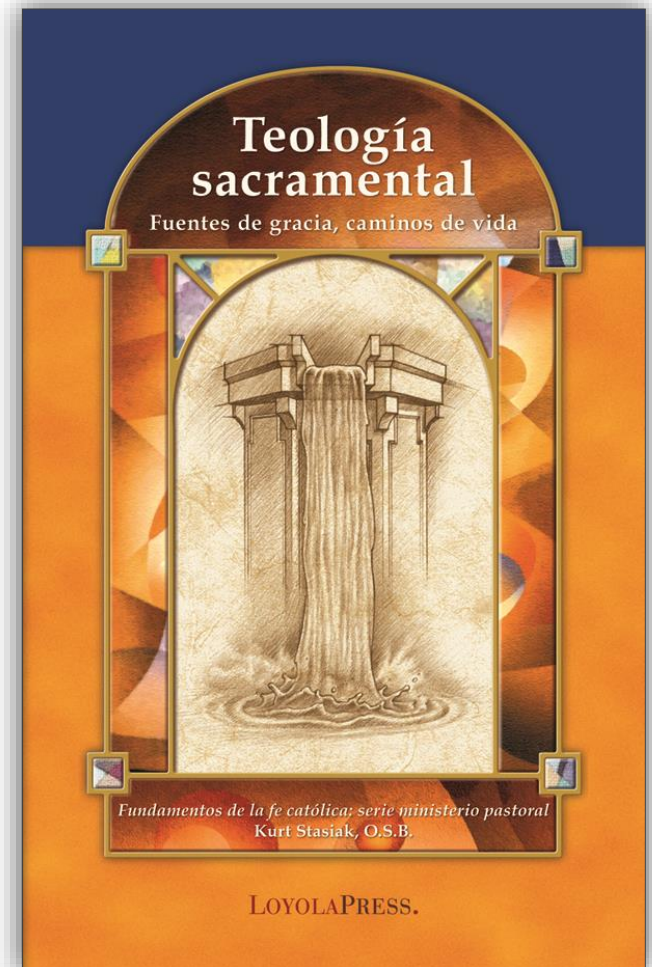


Sacramental Theology: Sources of Grace, Life Paths



Introduction

- What is a sacrament?
- Difference between sacrament and sacramental
- Seven sacraments, Council of Trent
- What are rituals?
- Rituals and sacraments: from magic to a Christian commitment
- Sacraments are key in a person's life

Liturgy: Basic Concepts

- What is liturgy?
- Why is it important for the Church?
- What is the purpose of liturgy?
- Who participates in the liturgy of the Church?
 - Liturgical Reform
 - Pope John XXIII
 - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
 - Instruction IV on the Roman Missal

Basic Concepts

- Liturgy is a work of the people
 - Liturgy is a work
 - It is not just doing things
- Liturgy is a work of all the faithful
 - Lumen Gentium 10
 - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 7 and 10
 - Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 14
 - The assembly as a liturgical minister
 - The ordained minister

Basic Concepts

- Liturgy is the work of the Trinity
 - Of God, the Father
 - Of Jesus Christ, the Son
 - The Holy Ghost invokes Christ
- Liturgy is an encounter with God and the Church

Sacraments: Visible Words of the Church

- Etymology
- Works of Tertullian
- Components of the Rite

What Are the Sacraments?

- What are the sacraments?
- They belong to the Church
 - Visible signs
 - Matter and form
 - The minister
 - Who receives the sacrament
 - In sacraments, the minimum is not enough
- The power of sacramental symbols and words

Sacraments and Grace

- What is grace?
- How do we receive grace through sacraments?
- What happens to the grace we receive?
- Are they instruments or symbols of grace?

Sacraments and Grace

- What is grace?
 - God's favor; His free and unmerited help
 - It's participation in the life of God
 - What does grace allow us to do?

Sacraments and Grace

- Sacraments confer grace
 - Sacraments: symbolical causes of grace
 - A lesson about the power of symbols
 - Symbols or causes of grace?

Sacraments and Grace

- What is *ex opere operato*?
- What is *ex opere operantis*?
- A sacrament is an encounter with Christ and the Church of Christ

History of Sacraments

- How did the Church arrive at seven sacraments?
- How has the thinking of the Church about sacraments changed over time?
- Why do we teach that sacraments were instituted by Christ?

History of Sacraments

- How many sacraments are there? – The historic issue
 - Recognition of the sacraments
- A brief history of sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Baptism of adults
 - Baptism of children
 - Confirmation

History of Sacraments

- The Eucharist
 - 1 Corinthians 11: 20 – 21
 - Apology of St. Justin, martyr (165 A.D.)
- Reconciliation
- Anointing of the Sick
- Holy Orders
- Marriage

History of Sacraments

- Seven sacraments
- A general appreciation of the “attitude” of sacramental theology
 - From public to private celebration
 - From learning “through” to learning about the sacraments
 - Living in the here and now in preparation of Heaven

History of Sacraments

Baptism and Reconciliation	3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Centuries	8 th , 9 th and 10 th Centuries
Who?	Bishop (priest), the candidate and the community	Priest and flock
How?	By participating in and living the sacrament.	Instruction, catechism
Why?	To live a good life for the Church and the Body of Christ on Earth.	To enter Heaven after death.
How long?	Baptism and Reconciliation needed a long process.	Very long; rarely seen as community acts.

Baptism

- What are the religious and ecclesiastic effects?
- How does RCIA address the importance of Baptism?
- How familiar are you with the ritual?

Baptism

- Baptism opens the door to spiritual life
 - Baptism is a great gift
 - Baptism is a heavy responsibility
 - The ritual
 - Pastoral activity regarding the catechism for this sacrament

Baptism

- Baptism of adults in the post-conciliar Church
 - History
 - Structure and process of the rite
- Baptism of children in the post-conciliar Church
 - Baptizing children: fear or hope?
 - Original sin is real. Grace is more powerful.
 - Limbo, theology in context, discarded by Benedict XVI
 - A new rite in the Baptism of children
 - Parents as Christians and catechists of their children

Baptism

- Baptism of adults and children
 - Issue in specific churches
 - The challenge of catechism
 - Celebration in the context of the Sunday liturgy
 - Participation of the entire family in catechism

The Eucharist

- Eucharist: “source and zenith of ecclesial life” (CSL, LG 11)
- Names of the Eucharist
- Synoptic Gospels
- The presences of Christ (CSL, 7)
- Thomistic Theology and transubstantiation

The Eucharist

- A sacrament of perfection
 - Many names, many treasures
 - Giving thanks and praising the Father
 - Remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and his Body
 - Presence of Christ by the power of his Word and his Spirit

The Eucharist

- The Eucharist in practice: celebration and controversy
 - Transubstantiation: more than a change
 - “Do this”: What is “this”?
 - The Eucharistic sacrifice must be repeated because we are always lacking something.

The Eucharist

- Eucharistic adoration and devotion
 - Eat and drink
 - Devotion to the Holy Sacrament
 - Eucharistic reservation: 10th and 11th Centuries
 - 12th Century, abuses and fascination
 - The Eucharist in the modern Church after the Second Vatican Council.

Exploring Hidden Treasures

- Sacraments for the “sick”
- An appropriate theology for the Anointing of the Sick
- Important aspects of the theology of the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Holy Orders
- What about marriage?

Reconciliation

- Myths about this sacrament
- Meanings of this sacrament
- A call for responsibility
- A return to grace
- One way of obtaining God's forgiveness
- Practical aspects

Anointing of the Sick

- In search of an appropriate practical theology
- Issues with the pastoral practice of the sick
- Who can anoint and be anointed?
 - Sacrament for many people, but not for just anyone
 - The Christian meaning of sickness
 - The sacrament received as a viaticum

Marriage

- Our world needs this sacrament
- A sacred vocation
 - Practical and pastoral aspects
 - Diocese criteria
 - The ritual for the celebration of this sacrament

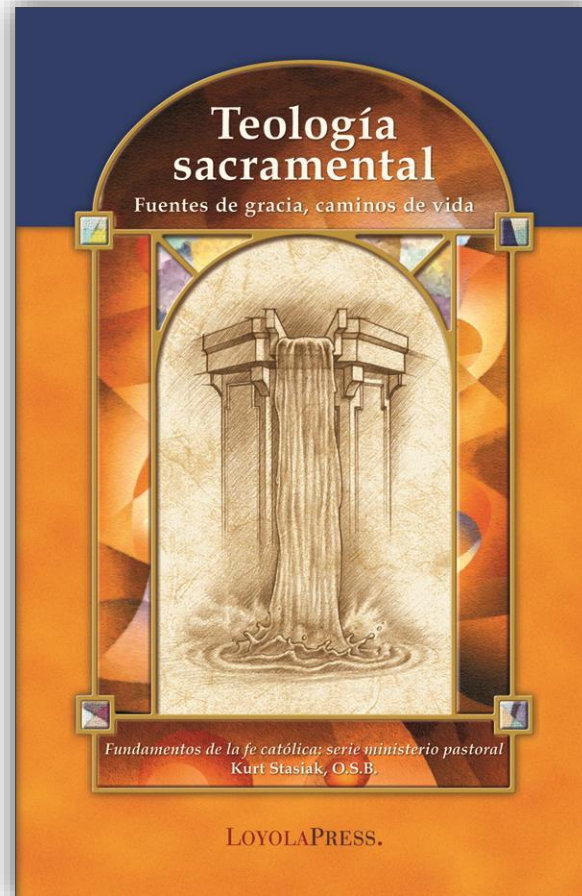
Holy Orders

- To ordain charismata
- To be and to do
- Common and ministerial priesthoods: two functions, not fractions
- Sacramental character and grace

Confirmation

- Current pastoral situation in local churches
- Initiation and perfection
- Effects of confirmation
- Confirmation in practice in the parish
 - Apostolic responsibilities
 - A sense of belonging to the universal Church
 - The fullness of Baptism

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