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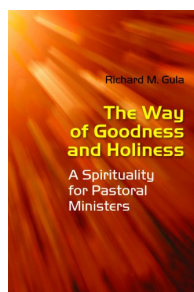
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## SPIRITUALITY & ETHICS FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

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Spirituality for Pastoral Ministry

Presented by Fr. Richard Gula, SS

### Books by Fr. Richard Gula

**The Way of Goodness and Holiness: A Spirituality for Pastoral Ministers** (Book) Gula, Richard M., Liturgical Press, 2011. Richard Gula invites readers to think along with him about the kind of minister they want to be: "If we don't know where we want to go," he writes, "we will easily end up somewhere else." Gula then presents a variety of virtues including gratitude, self-care, humor, and courage and explains how developing these qualities is essential for a minister's moral and spiritual life. By grounding a spirituality for pastoral ministry in the virtues, Gula provides a way for ministers to bridge the gap between who they are and who they hope to become in imitation of Christ Jesus. (A)

**Just Ministry: Professional Ethics for Pastoral Ministers** (Book) Gula, Richard M., Paulist Press, 2010. Offers a theological-ethical framework for reflecting on the moral responsibilities of the pastoral minister as a professional person. (A)

**Ethics in Pastoral Ministry** (Book) Gula, Richard M., Paulist Press, 1996. In a conversational style the author offers a theological ethical framework for reflecting on the moral demands that arise from the professional exercise of the pastoral ministry. (A)

**The Call to Holiness: Embracing a Fully Christian Life** (Book) Gula, Richard M., Paulist Press, 2003. Richard Gula shows the way to become a complete Christian and live a full Christian life. Gula shows that at the heart of Christian living lies an embrace of a balance between spirituality and morality, between, for example, the experience and application of God's love. To achieve and maintain this tension is to be able to answer life's fundamental questions. In the light of God's love, how should we behave, and what kind of persons should we be? (A)

**The Good Life: Where Morality and Spirituality Converge** (Book) Gula, Richard M., Paulist Press, 1999. Explores the meaning of the good life as it pertains to Christians, and argues that understanding the purpose of life is to live in friendship with God, allows Christians to unite their moral and spiritual lives. (A)

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## **Putting On the Heart of Christ: How the Spiritual Exercises**

**Invite Us to a Virtuous Life** (Book) Fagin, Gerald M., Loyola Press, 2010. Offers a fresh look at the Spiritual Exercises through the lens of virtue ethics. In doing so, the book encourages us to become the kind of person whose very life is in tune with the heart of Christ. Fr. Fagin covers 15 virtues throughout the book, including gratitude, reverence, and forgiveness. Each is explained within the context of the Spiritual Exercises and the life of St. Ignatius, as well as within the context of Scripture. (A)

**Family Ethics: Practices for Christians** (Book) Rubio, Julie Hanlon, Georgetown University Press, 2010. Julie Hanlon Rubio brings together a rich Catholic theology of marriage and a strong commitment to social justice to focus on the place where the ethics of ordinary life are played out: the family. Sex, money, eating, spirituality, and service. According to Rubio, all are areas for practical application of an ethics of the family. In each area, intentional practices can function as acts of resistance to a cultural and middle-class conformity that promotes materialism over relationships. These practices forge deep connections within the family and help families live out their calling to be in solidarity with others and participate in social change from below. It is through these everyday moral choices that most Christians can live out their faith-and contribute to progress in the world. (A)

**Doing the Right Thing at Work: A Catholic's Guide to Faith, Business, and Ethics** St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2006. Doing the right thing at work isn't always easy, but James Nolan helps the Catholic layperson succeed in doing so everyday. His five-point program identifies and helps us better understand what drives people in the workplace and what motivates a person to do the right thing. Nolan calls on readers to examine their own level of self-awareness, to expand their horizons, engage with others, build community and finally to incorporate prayer into one's daily life and in the workplace. Drawn from his years of experience at the Woodstock Business Conference, Doing the Right Thing at Work outlines ways for people of all professions to perform in the workplace without losing or displacing their spiritual center. (A)

**Morality: The Catholic View** (Book) Pinckaers, Servais, St. Augustine's Press, 2003. This work, which is likely to become the work on Catholic moral thinking in the next generation, sharply distinguishes this new view of morality from the "moralities of obligation." Based on the Bible, largely from the Beatitudes. (A)

## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

**The Consuming Fire: A Christian Guide to the Old Testament** (Book) Duggan, Michael W. Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 2010. Join the conversation in this newly updated book from a Scripture scholar who deals with the Bible's complexities in clear, readable prose. The Consuming Fire will equip you to become an informed reader of the Bible, able to discern the unique contribution of each of the Old Testament's books to the dialogue. Each chapter opens with thoughtful reflections on issues of faith and life. A six-step analysis gives you immediate and guided access to the biblical text. Informative charts, maps, and bibliographies will enrich your learning experience. (A)

**Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth** (DVD, 180 min.) Ignatius Press, 2009. Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. (J,S,A)

**Liturgy 101: Sacraments and Sacramentals** (Book) Van Slyke, Daniel G., Liguori Publications, 2010. Provides a concise and easy to follow overview of the liturgy that will immerse you into the Church's teaching and practice of the seven sacraments. The book explores the seven sacraments one-by-one. Each chapter explains the sacrament's origin, how and by whom it is celebrated, and what it accomplishes. The author also addresses frequently asked pastoral, practical, and canonical questions concerning the celebration of the sacraments. (S,A)

**St. Rita** (DVD, 200 min.) Ignatius Press, 2007. Filmed on location in Italy, it tells the beautiful story of young Rita who fell in love and married a handsome knight from a violent family, whom she eventually succeeded in reforming, but then lost him to murder, and also lost their two sons to illness before she lived as an Augustinian nun for forty years. She is renowned for her prayer life, her role as a peacemaker, her service to the sick, and her stigmata. Countless miracles are attributed to her intercession and she is known as the patron of hopeless situations. (J,S,A)