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Letter from the President

Dear fellow NAAL members across the world!

May the great 50 Days that guide us gently forward to the festivals of Pentecost and Shavu'ot bring with them abundant joy in the fruit of your labors at Passover and Easter! In both the pastoral and academic worlds the season marks new transitions! Let us rejoice and be glad!

Following in the presidential footsteps of Judith Kubicki is no small task and impresses upon me all the more how grateful all of us in the Academy truly are for her outstanding and creative leadership culminating in the magnificent Baltimore meeting!

With my first on site Academy Committee meeting as president behind me, I am happy to report that we have elected an A-1 team to lead us into the 2010 annual gathering in Milwaukee. Each one to a person has kept yours truly on task! Whatever else it might mean, "the year of the grandfather" is not a retirement party, but I am honored to be at the helm of a fantastic crew. All of us owe a very special "thank you" to Judith, Jill, Kathleen, Martin, Don, and Todd as well as Courtney, our meeting coordinator, for indefatigable work on behalf of all of us and for pulling out all stops to make NAAL Milwaukee a symphonic success!

The Berakah Award

The Academy Committee and I are very pleased to announce Gail Ramshaw as the designee for the reception of the 35th annual Berakah Award. As an internationally known expert Gail's has been a distinctive and influential voice in the discipline of liturgical language, and through her extensive bibliography as well as numerous personal appearances she has made profound contributions to ecumenical dialogue on worship. For these reasons and with deep appreciation for her as a person always engaged and eager to serve, the Academy Committee is unanimous in its recognition of Gail as this year's awardee. Don Saliers, long time friend and NAAL colleague, will introduce Gail on the occasion of her Berakah response. Congratulations Gail!

Milwaukee Highlights

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What a welcoming and accommodating venue Milwaukee will be for our January 2010 annual meeting! Having just spent five days getting to know the city, I come away more excited than ever that our time there will be worth the effort and investment of valuable resources. Downtown Milwaukee, where the Hyatt Regency is located, is truly a city center with a wonderfully unsophisticated town feel. The hotel is surrounded by a wide variety of restaurants, an active theater scene, great walking routes (especially for our cold weather walkers and runners), and even a covered walkway leading in less than 10 minutes from the hotel to the downtown mall, the Shops of Grand Avenue, with an extensive food court and an Applebee's at street level. Starbucks in the hotel and breakfast coffee with snacks available nearby from 7:00 AM on!

Milwaukee even has a citywide free WiFi network that can be accessed from most locations, even in much of the hotel. The Hyatt Milwaukee itself offers free WiFi in all its lobbies. This will mean super savings for our wired age.

All Events In-House

Milwaukee in winter is the perfect location to experience once again after many years our full meeting program of worship, seminars, addresses, and other gatherings in the hotel. There are two basic reasons - beyond concerns about winter in Milwaukee - for the Academy Committee's decision to opt for scheduling all NAAL events in-house. First of all, we observed how throughout the history of the Academy certain practices, themes, points of focus, and the like follow an ebb-and-flow pattern: now one aspect has been emphasized and then another. In that context it seemed timely to hold all our main meeting events under one roof - especially a roof that is so accommodating, including a separate ballroom set aside entirely as our worship space. Secondly, the Milwaukee & greater Chicago-land area enjoys an unusual concentration of gifted local Academy members who have offered not only their extensive technical, environmental and musical talents but also the professional expertise and resources of their work-a-day worlds to create a successful venue for worship in the hotel. In this way, we can look forward to an annual meeting that can provide the desired emphasis on the seminars that bring us together in the first place and on the many other aspects of worship and relaxation that make the Academy so unique.

As an "escape" from the Hyatt, to accommodate members' great interest in the city's many renowned religious, cultural and religious sites, a very eager local committee is planning an optional excursion - at modest cost - to Milwaukee's unique houses of worship across the ecumenical spectrum as well as to one of world's most famous examples of museum architecture, the Quadracci Pavilion of the Milwaukee Art Museum by Santiago Calatrava. Most of these sites are within walking distance of a mile or two for the hearty and a short bus ride for the rest of us.

An Accent on Interfaith Prayer and Dialogue

In our next Newsletter I will set out some details of the Committee's plans for academy prayer in Milwaukee. In brief, however, we have decided on an interfaith emphasis throughout the meeting, planning our opening rites, morning prayer services, and the principal academy liturgy to express aspects of all 3 Abrahamic faiths. The opening rite will follow our interfaith customary, one will invite us to worship in accord with established practices of interfaith prayer and the others will follow one of the NAAL faith traditions. In accord with this interfaith focus, the plenary speaker will be an Islamic scholar, addressing the question what Muslims would like Jews and Christians to know about Islamic worship.

These are just some of the exciting reasons to mark your calendars now for NAAL in Milwaukee from January 7 -10, 2010. Plan to come join your friends and colleagues for the best New Years event of 2010. Where else will you be able to devote quality time in liturgical studies and at once enjoy the bountiful local cheese, beer, and sausage – a "taste of Wisconsin" – and your president's favorite Northwest wines – a "kiss of Oregon"? Your Academy Committee extends a very special invitation to make NAAL your Number One New Years priority!

No Increase in Registration Fees

The Committee understands how scarce funds are. We are committed to keeping registration fees the same as last year. We are working to secure additional sponsorships to help underwrite increased costs and as many registration scholarships as possible. I firmly trust that these efforts will make it possible that all who wish to attend NAAL in 2010 will be able to do so. If a scarcity of resources stands in the way of your planning to come to Milwaukee, please do not hesitate to inquire about scholarship options through our past president, Judith Kubicki (kubicki@fordham.edu). NAAL funds too are scarce, but we will do whatever the coffers allow to assist as much as possible.

NAAL after Montreal?

As you know, Montreal in 2012 will mark the last meeting on the current 5-year contract with Hyatt. At our May 2009 meeting the Academy Committee began the process of exploring options for future meeting venues to present to the full membership at the business meeting in Milwaukee. To facilitate smooth movement into the future the Academy should take a decision about the nature of a new contract, whether with another provider or with Hyatt, by the fall of 2010 – some 18 months from now.

The Academy Committee invites your participation in this process. Please give some thought to what you believe future venues for the NAAL annual meeting should provide, including specific needs of your seminar group, and send those along to Courtney Murtaugh, hotel liaison, by this coming June 15th (murtaughs@ameritech.net). Your responses will assist the Academy Committee in its research and negotiations. A contract decision and forthcoming venues should be in place in time to be announced at the January 2011 business meeting in San Francisco.

Many thanks for your kind attention to this long missive!

Yours in the "year of the grandfather,"
Your president for 2009,
Richard Rutherford, C.S.C.

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From the Delegate for Seminars

Assisting visitors: As a means of better assisting first time visitors, we plan to hold a brief orientation session for them just prior to the Presidents' Tea on January 7. We ask Seminar Conveners to plan to attend this orientation so that they can be introduced to the visitors.

Deadline for Seminar information: October 1, 2009. Conveners are asked to submit to me their seminar's agenda (i.e., a list of specific papers or presentations to be made and/or a brief description of topics to be considered), as well as any revisions to their seminar Mission Statement/Description, by October 1, 2009 for inclusion in the Academy program. Because of our publication deadline, seminar information received after October 1 will not appear in the program but will be posted instead on the website.

Meeting rooms and AV needs:

1. Seminar Conveners need to communicate to me, by October 1, their expectations regarding numbers and any other needs (e.g., screens for projection use, etc.).
2. Seminars are asked to help us save audio-visual costs by providing their own projectors (a hotel-rented projector would cost us at least \$500/day). We will have VGA cords, along with converters for Apple computers, available for use with flat-screen TV monitors. Seminar presenters are asked to be in touch with Conveners to coordinate any such needs. Do not hesitate to let me know if I can help in this regard.
3. Although we do the best we can prior to the meeting to make sure seminar room needs are adequately met, without fail we encounter some problems every year. As a way of circumventing last minute room emergencies, we'd like to try something new this coming year. Immediately after the Visitors' Orientation mentioned above, we'd like to take the Conveners on a quick room tour to check things out. We'll proceed from this tour right to the Conveners' Reception.

Contact information: Seminar conveners are asked to keep me informed of any changes to their contact information as we prepare for the 2008 meeting.

Thank you for your important contribution to the work of the Academy and the success of our annual meeting.

Kathleen Harmon
Delegate for Seminars
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From the Past President

On Visitors and Scholarships

Visitors are welcomed to attend our next annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from January 7-10, 2010. All visitors, whether first time or returning, are asked to register using the form found on our website at <http://www.naal-liturgy.org/visitors/visitorapp.html>. Applications will be processed in a timely manner.

Please note that since the NAAL is an academy rather than a conference, attendance as a visitor is extended to persons who are interested in future membership and who are or will be qualified to participate in seminars. Qualifications include involvement in liturgical study and practice in academia, church leadership, or liturgical arts. Doctoral students are encouraged to apply for visitor status sometime between the completion of the first year of coursework and approval of examinations and doctoral proposals.

The heart of the annual meeting is the work of the seminars (study groups). First time visitors need to

indicate on the registration form a first and second choice. Some seminars need to limit the number of visitors, so some visitors will be assigned their second choice. Placement will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Returning visitors are encouraged to attend only one seminar and should also specify a first and second choice if not returning to the same group as the previous year.

As Past President, I am also encouraging visitors to apply for scholarships that reduce the cost of registration. The scholarship application form will be posted on the website. Please note that visitors are not eligible for scholarships two years in a row. First year visitors and returning visitors who did not receive a scholarship last year may apply this year. Members may also apply for scholarships.

Applications for visitor status are due October 15, 2009. Scholarship applications are also due October 15, 2009.

Judith Kubicki
Past President

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Policy on Submitting Papers to *Proceedings*

At its spring meeting, the Academy Committee clarified a procedure for the submission of papers presented at the annual meeting for publication in *Proceedings*.

NAAL members can submit papers presented in a seminar directly to the editor. This is one of the privileges of membership.

Visitors' submissions need to be vetted by the seminar convener before going to the editor. The paper should be accompanied by the recommendation of the convener. The convener should note if the paper is by a non-student visitor or by a student visitor.

In reviewing the papers, the editorial jury should use the following three tiered approach:

1st Consider papers submitted by NAAL members. These have priority.

2nd If there is still room for papers, consider those submitted by non-student visitors.

3rd If there is still room, consider papers submitted by student visitors.

Papers should be limited to 25 pages, including footnotes and graphics.

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Clarification of Visitors' Participation in Seminars

At its two recent meetings the Academy Committee discussed some concerns coming from the seminars about the participation of visitors in seminars and particularly about the role of visitors presenting papers. There is a concern that some student visitors feel obliged to present a paper prematurely.

The Academy felt that several issues needed to be clarified.

Although a visitor can apply for membership after participating in two annual meetings, it is not necessary for a visitor to feel obliged to apply for membership after two years. This means that it is not necessary for a visitor to present a paper the second time she or he participates in an annual meeting.

Since participation in a seminar is a criterion considered when a visitor applies for membership, the Academy Committee also saw the need to clarify the expectations of a visitor's participation in a seminar. Participation does not necessarily mean presenting a paper. In addition, a particular seminar could also distinguish between the presentation of a paper and the presentation of a short report on a work in progress. It is the responsibility of the convener to determine whether a visitor paper is ready for presentation as well as suitable to the seminar's area of study.

The Academy Committee felt that NAAL members should be informed of these concerns. The visitor information on the NAAL website will also be amended to clarify these issues.

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WTU Establishes a Scholarship in Memory of Jerry Hall

The Washington Theological Union has established a scholarship in memory of NAAL member Jerry Hall, who died soon after our meeting in Baltimore.

If you would like to contribute to this memorial scholarship, donations can be made by clicking on the link <https://www.wtu.edu/donors/onlinedonations.asp> or by mailing donations to the J. Hall Scholarship Fund at WTU, 6896 Laurel Street NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Mary Fox, editor of Pastoral Liturgy magazine, has written a beautiful memorial of Jerry, including quotes from some half dozen of the NAAL membership. To read the memorial, follow this link: <http://www.pastoralliturgy.org/resources/0903JeromeHall.php>.

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News from NAAL Members

Philadelphia Area NAAL Members Gather

Larry Sibley reported on the March gathering of NAAL Members from the Philadelphia area: "Six of us gathered at Lutheran Seminary: Andrew Ciferni, Arlo Duba, Melinda Quivik, Kevin Maroney, and Larry Sibley for dinner. Gail Ramshaw joined us for the discussion afterwards.

"We discussed Kevin's paper on Eucharistic Prayer 3 of the 2004 Church of Ireland's *Book of Common Prayer* (a piece of his dissertation) and Larry's article, "Ten Top Worship Planning Ideas from John Calvin" (online at http://www.calvin.edu/worship/idis/history/jcalvin_topten.php?source=slide). Gail passed around her new book, *Christian Worship: 100,000 Sundays of Symbols and Rituals* (Augsburg, available from Amazon <http://www.amazon.com/Christian-Worship-Sundays-Symbols-Rituals/dp/0800662334>). Last year, she presented a work-in-progress report to us and we are remembered in the acknowledgments. Melinda posed a question about her almost completed book (last stages of the final edit), *Serving the Word* (Augsburg, forthcoming).

"Gordon Lathrop (who missed the gathering because of a bad cold) reports that 'Gail came home quite stimulated by the conversation and saying that it was an example of what NAAL is meant to be: a gracious, intelligent, mutually informative and mutually supportive conversation of scholars of liturgy.' That about sums it up.

"Next fall, we meet again at LTSP, October 13. Save the date now and look for details later. One proposal is that we discuss the latest version of the Philadelphia Liturgical Institute's ***Mentoring Renewal: A Liturgical Visitation Guidebook***. If you have something that might be ready to share, let us know!"

Gennifer Brooks Expresses Thanks for Prayers

Gennifer was unable to attend the Baltimore meeting due to health concerns. She wrote to express her appreciation of support from NAAL members.

"I want to express my thanks to the Academy and all the members for their prayers. I had an angiogram and got a clean bill of health. No blockage; my arteries are "strong" (to quote the surgeon). Thanks be to God."
Gennifer Brooks

Good News from Ruth Meyers

Ruth wrote to share the following news:

"I have accepted an invitation from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, CA, to become the Hodges-Haynes Professor of Liturgics. This is a wonderful opportunity for me; in addition to the opportunity to concentrate on my scholarship and teaching, I am especially excited to be able to participate in the Ph.D. program of the GTU. My husband and I will move to Berkeley this summer, after the Episcopal Church's General Convention. For now, I continue to relish sabbatical."

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Opening at the University of New Mexico: Visiting Professor in Catholic Studies

The Religious Studies Program at The University of New Mexico expects in the coming months to announce a visiting position in Catholic Studies for one semester or one academic year, likely to begin in January or August 2010.

Areas of specialization may be in a variety of humanistic, social scientific, or artistic disciplines, with the appropriate terminal academic degree required. We will seek an outstanding teacher, scholar, and public intellectual, at any point from early-career to established senior figure. UNM is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and Educator.

This note is advisory only, as official advertisement and position approval are still in process. This note serves as early notice to potential candidates, so that they may to plan to apply and, if successful, begin thinking about a potential stay in New Mexico. Later in the summer, please watch for the official advertisement to be posted on scholarly employment listings and on the website at www.unm.edu/~religion.

NAAL members and colleagues may contact Dr. Dolly Sokol (NAAL Member) for additional background information. E-mail: dsokol@archdiosf.org Phone: 505-831-8141.

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NAAL Member Ellis DePriest Dies

Father Ellis Louis DePriest, S.M. died before dawn on Friday, February 6, 2009, at the Oschner Medical Center on the West Bank in New Orleans. He was 82 years old and had been admitted only the day before with bilateral pneumonia. His condition upon admission went from serious to critical within a few hours and he died around 3:30 a.m.

Fr. DePriest was born in Jackson, Mississippi on October 23, 1926, the son of Ellis L. DePriest, Sr. and Julia Underwood DePriest.

After religious profession, Fr. DePriest embarked upon the theological studies that prepared him for the

priesthood at Marist College in Washington, D.C., where he was ordained a priest on February 1, 1953, by Bishop Michael J. Keyes, S.M. Because of his great love for liturgy, music and singing, he continued to study after ordination at The Catholic University of America in Washington, at the same time that he taught liturgy and directed the seminarians' choir at Marist College for the next nine years. He earned a Masters degree in Liturgical Music in 1956. Later, in 1971, he would be awarded a Masters degree in Liturgical Studies from Catholic University.

His first ministry assignment was as associate pastor at St. Pius X Parish in Bedford, Ohio, near Cleveland. He was there from 1962 to 1964, and as the Second Vatican Council had just started, he was able to begin the renewal of the parish, especially in the area of church music. He was then assigned as pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Marietta, Georgia, near Atlanta. From 1964 to 1967 he proved to be equally effective in renewing the parish community according to the principles of Vatican II. In both parishes, Fr. DePriest's memory and influence are still treasured by many parishioners.

Father DePriest was named rector and superior of Marist College in Washington, where he had earlier been a seminarian and a professor. He remained there for seven years, until 1974.

In 1974 he became a professor of liturgical studies at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. From 1976 to 1981 he was the rector of the seminary. Scores of priests throughout Louisiana and the Southeast will remember his warm, welcoming manner, his engaging smile and Southern charm, and his insistence on the devout execution of liturgical worship. Liturgy was not simply an academic discipline for him but the very center of the Church's life of prayer. Complementing his keen interest in the Eastern branches of the Church, in 1978 Fr. DePriest was granted bi-ritual faculties in the Byzantine-Ruthenian rite.

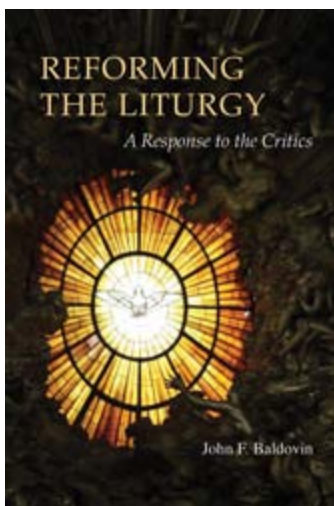
Father DePriest was extremely active in the liturgical affairs of the Archdiocese, especially in seminars and other forms of education, including the training of permanent deacons. He was one of the principal worship coordinators for the pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II to New Orleans in September 1987.

In 2007 Fr. DePriest moved into Our Lady of Wisdom Health Care facility. He enjoyed enormously the last two years spent there because he was already friends with so many of the residents, priests and nuns alike. On Thursday, February 5, he experienced painful and labored breathing and was taken to Oschner Medical Center. His condition was diagnosed as bilateral pneumonia, and he deteriorated so rapidly that several hours later it was clear that he would not be able to survive. His nephew C. Joseph (Jody) DePriest was with him, as well as two Marist colleagues, Fr. Edward Fuss, S.M. and Brother Albert Thiffault, S.M.

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Publications by NAAL Members

John Baldwin. *Reforming Liturgy: A Response to the Critics* (Pueblo Books, 2009)



Perhaps no liturgical scholar of our time is better able than John Baldwin to write with clarity and accuracy about the meaning of the church's liturgy and the history of its development in the last half century. In this summary volume on the reform of the liturgy since the Second Vatican Council, Baldwin pinpoints and assesses--both sympathetically and critically--the objections to changes in the liturgy since the council, focusing on philosophical, historical-critical, and theological questions. After addressing each criticism in turn, in a final chapter he assesses the critique of post-Vatican II liturgy as a whole, affirming what is accurate and necessary, rejecting what is backward looking, and proposing a set of principles to guide future development. No one who studies or participates in liturgical action in the twenty-first century can afford to overlook this book.

Similar to a good mystery novel, Baldwin's newest contribution to both academic and pastoral liturgy is a page-turner. I began reading and couldn't

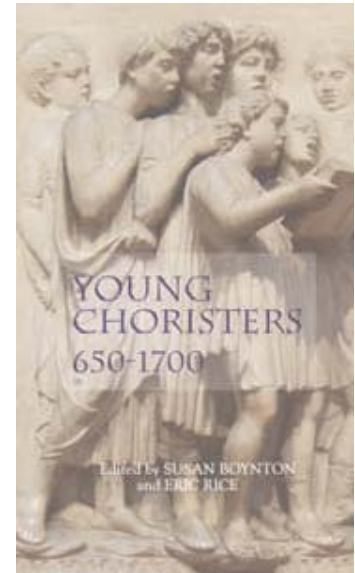
put it down--this is one of the most interesting and insightful books I've read in a long time. Baldovin presents two or more sides of many contentious liturgical issues, among them faithfulness to tradition and the liturgical vision of Vatican II; entertainment vs. christocentric models of celebration; translation, vernacular, and inclusive language; placement of altar and tabernacle and orientation of the presider-celebrant; and liturgical music. His chapter on the theology of Pope Benedict XVI is superb. Writing in his usual studious but conversational style, Baldovin gives us much to think about and challenges us to listen to all sides. Would that we are all as sensitive, honest, and charitable in our critiques! --Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CPPS, Director, Institute for Liturgical Ministry, Dayton, Ohio

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Susan Boynton and Eric Rice, eds. *Young Choristers, 650-1700*. (Boydell and Brewer, 2008)

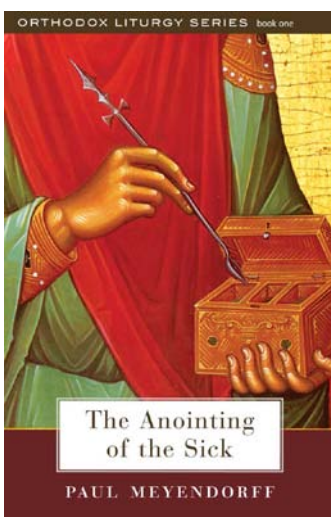
Young singers played a central role in a variety of religious institutional settings: urban cathedrals, collegiate churches, monasteries, guilds, and confraternities. The training of singers for performance in religious services was so crucial as to shape the very structures of ecclesiastical institutions, which developed to meet the need for educating their youngest members; while the development of musical repertoires and styles directly reflected the ubiquitous participation of children's voices in both chant and polyphony. Once choristers' voices had broken, they often pursued more advanced studies either through an apprenticeship system or at university, frequently with the help of the institutions to which they belonged.

This volume provides the first wide-ranging book-length treatment of the subject, and will be of interest to music historians - indeed, all historians - who wish to understand the role of the young in sacred musical culture before 1700.



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Paul Meyendorff. *The Anointing of the Sick: Book One of the Orthodox Liturgy Series* (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2009).



The healing ministry of Jesus Christ is a primary task of the Church. This work describes the healing ministry of the Church as it is expressed in Scripture, Tradition, and the liturgical life, focusing particularly on the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The author discusses both the history and theology of this sacrament, which has its roots in the Tradition of the Church as expressed in James 5.14(-) 15: "Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven." The theology of this rite embraces the whole person and addresses the connection between sin and sickness, and the disintegrating power of illness on a person and the reintegrating power of grace. A new translation of the rite is appended, as well as an abbreviated version for use in a hospital or home setting.

Based on an exacting investigation into the history of the rite, the author makes compelling proposals for recapturing its original spirit in Orthodox Church parishes, at a time when the care of the sick a matter of grave concern.

V. Rev. Fr. M Daniel Findikyan Ph.D., St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

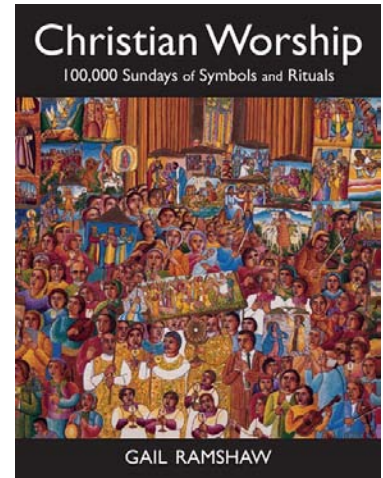
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Gail Ramshaw. *Christian Worship: 100,000 Sundays of Symbols and Rituals.* (Fortress Press, 2009)

This unique textbook not only lays out the religious-studies framework of a contemporary understanding of worship, it also offers a full history of Christian worship in each historical period, including the American experience. In light of this history of experiences, Ramshaw finally addresses ongoing issues in our understanding of Christian Worship (gender, authority, ethics, skepticism) and places them into an explicitly cross-religious framework with Islam, Judaism, and other religions.

Gail Ramshaw is one of today's most important and influential thinkers about liturgy, is also a dedicated college professor with a keen sense for how to approach the full array of Christian worship experience in light of the contemporary study of religion.

I will be enthusiastically adopting this text for my undergraduate course in the history and theology of worship. Using well-chosen moments in worship history as windows into meaning and practice is wonderful. The engaging text, drawings, photographs (including color!) and text boxes/highlighting in the margins are most helpful. I believe that this text will capture more of the imagination of my students this fall. All this is to say that the structure, content and format of Ramshaw's text will be an effective catalyst for our exploration of Christian worship in the classroom. Thank you for providing this excellent resource.
Mark A. Torgerson, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Worship Studies Judson University



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Mark Your Calendar

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| June 15, 2009 | Send suggestions for future annual meetings to Courtney Murtaugh |
| October 1, 2010 | Deadline for submitting Seminar Agenda and AV Needs |
| October 15, 2010 | Deadline for applying for visitor's status
Deadline for applying for a scholarship |

January 7-10, 2010 NAAL Annual Meeting in Milwaukee

Promotional materials and further information about the 2010 Milwaukee Annual Meeting will be sent via a separate email soon. [\[top\]](#)
