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Yours,

Vanda Neradová

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Cover picture: Book cover of this year's new title Papal Coats of Arms by Zdirad Čech (see page 1)

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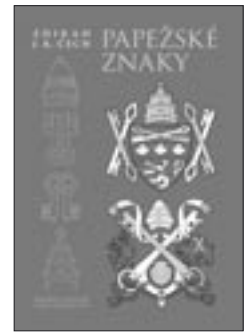
ZDIRAD ČECH

## Papal Coats of Arms

Hard cover, 498 pages

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This publication is divided into four sections and is introduced by Prof. František X. Halas who explains the development and importance of papal titles.

The first section 'The Development of Papal Coats of Arms' consists of twenty five chapters, enabling the author to follow the development of pre-heraldic symbolism from the beginning of ecclesiastical art (with a specific emphasis on an emblem coming from the original Constantin's Basilica of Saint Peter = a cross accompanied by two upside down keys, this symbol is considered to be a model of coats of arms of Church) and to trace the development of individual parts of papal coats of arms up to the present. Legends to the numerous illustrations comment and complete the basic propositions of the text.

The second section 'Armorial' brings one hundred colored drawings of papal coats of arms from Innocent III to the present pontiff Benedict XVI. The introductory part sums up sources needed to acquire information on the papal coats of arms. The author follows their occurrence on architecture or on art, summarizes variations of their appearance on coins and notes the development of armorials from the Middle Ages up to the contemporary literature. He adds other drawings of variations of the papal coats of arms. In the third section 'Context', the author brings a definition of heraldry and explains its beginnings. Using a great amount of images, he shows that the most important and widespread of these pre-heraldic symbols was a cross. He also names officials and institutions which used and still use separate elements of the papal coats of arms, their surroundings parts, charges or the whole shields or complete achievements. He

supports his states with illustrations of coats of arms originated from different countries; he covers a long time period.

In the fourth section 'Appendix', the author brings a collection of pre-heraldic (attributed) papal coats of arms from St. Peter to Celestine III, he adds examples of their personal symbols on coins or other artefacts from the pre-heraldic period. In the introductory part, he explains this term, he distinguishes individual categories of these coats of arms and summes up their occurrence and importance.

The book is accompanied with more then 1800 original illustrations – paraphrases of older works. These original author's drawings enable to identify them with concrete monuments or with the individual realisation of the coat of arms.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Born in 1949, and since 1990 a Knight of Magisterial Grace of the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Malta and herald of its Grand Priory in the Czech Republic. For over 30 years he has produced graphics for use by the clergy, drawings of saints for books and magazines (almost 1,000 works, often with original biographies), illustrations for liturgical readings, and paintings on heraldic themes or of saints that hang in churches, chateaux and public spaces. For more than 40 years he has published heraldic drawings: he has provided heraldic or documentary (original) illustrations for several dozen books. In 2009 he received an honourable mention of thanks from the Czech Episcopal Conference.

VOJTĚCH KODET

## On discipleship

Paperback, 91 pages

Collection: Just a Minute with..., volume 13

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**A**gainst the background of Biblical texts, the author considers what it means to be a disciple of Christ today. His short commentaries are arranged into five sections, defining the essence of discipleship: relationship to Christ, life from God's Word, life from the Holy Spirit, life from the Eucharist... and the spiritual life of the Mother of Christ, our Lord's first and greatest disciple.

### EXCERPT

The miracle of the fishes

"Children, you have no fish, have you? ... Cast the net to the right side of the boat..."

John 21, 5-6

When Jesus found his disciples early in the morning on the sea, he demonstrated his own power, yet also made use of theirs. He does not even sympathise much with the soaking wet, exhausted and hungry disciples. Above all, he doesn't provide an "instant miracle", saying "Come ashore quickly, I have 153 fish here for you, already cooked - they jumped out of the water themselves!" Things were very different. Rather, Jesus exhorted the apostles so that they were able to continue fishing by casting out their nets once more, however much they wished to give up. As with the dividing of the loaves, He did not magically summon up a pile of food, but rather made use of the little that was already available - which he "just" blessed.

This is generally God's way. Miracles do not replace our efforts, and He does not do things for us, but despite us. He simply leads us to listen to Him.

He invigorates us so that we do not give in, most especially in the most weighty of matters: calling, life, deciding for Christ - love, faith and hope.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Vojtěch Kodet, O. Carm. is a respected and sought-after leader of spiritual exercises in the Czech Republic, a popular spiritual director, a writer and a photographer. Born in 1956, he has been a Carmelite since 1978 and a priest since 1982.

During the totalitarian Czechoslovak regime, he worked in various areas of the Brno diocese as a parish priest. Beginning in 1990, he was the prior of the Carmelite monastery in Kostelní Vydří for 10 years. Since July 2003 he has been the provincial of the Carmelites in the Czech Republic. In 2005 he received doctorate in spirituality from the Theresianum University in Rome. Among his successful titles, published by Karmelitánské nakladatelství, are *Novene to the Holy Spirit* (2001), *On the Eucharist* (2005), *Martha and Mary somewhat differently* (2007) and *Through His wounds we are healed* (2008).

KATEŘINA LACHMANOVÁ

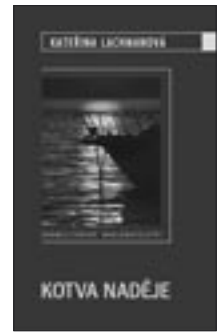
## The Anchor of Hope

Paperback, 71 pages

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Sometimes, hope seems to be something “unnatural”, something alien to our sceptical mentality. The Church environment is no exception in this sense. Life without hope, however, belongs to the pagan way of life. If we have lost all hope, then our Christianity is ailing, and something is amiss. If, however, hope is God’s gift, then why do we run short of it? Or under certain circumstances, do we have some sort of dispensation for Christian hope? Where and how can we seek hope in a time of scepticism, fear and bad moods? What is authentic Christian hope, and what are merely caricatures of it? These are the burning questions that the author tackles in ‘The Anchor of Hope’.

**EXCERPT:**

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection...”

1 Peter 1,3

This is an extract that I had previously read many times. As happens with *lectio divina*, something drew my attention to it as if I heard the words for the first time. Why does Peter say “a living hope”? It seems tautologous: could Christian hope ever be dead? Or half dead, ailing, wasting away? Perhaps it can. After all, Peter is writing to Christians, yet it is evident that he seeks to awaken that living hope. Ever since, I have taken more notice of how I deal with my own moods, and those of the people around me. It will perhaps come as no surprise if I express the results of several years of such study thus: in Bohemia, at least, hope is something that seems “unnatural”, something alien to our

sceptical mentality; the Church environment is no exception in this sense. “Not to complain is not to be Czech”, stated a pamphlet of commentary on the atmosphere among the Czech public after the Velvet Revolution – and, clearly, before it. Everyone must have realised that there were plenty of reasons to complain then. And don’t we have plenty today, asks the observant reader? Well, it seems that we have more than enough, and perhaps always will have. Of course, this might be the root of the problem: does this give us some kind of dispensation from Christian hope?

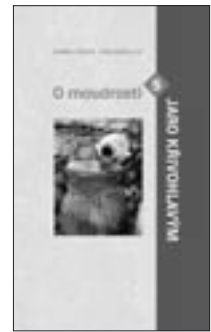
**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:****PhLic. Kateřina**

**Lachmanová, ThD**, received a licentiate in theological anthropology from the Teresianum in 2000 and doctorate in spiritual theology in 2003. In 2004, she received licentiate in psychology from

the Gregorian University in Rom. Since 2005 she has been working for the Pastoral Center of the Prague Archdiocese where she leads spiritual exercises, retreats, and similar programs. At the same time, she is engaged in part-time lecturing at the Theological Faculty of the Universities of Prague and Olomouc. She is author of popular books of Christian spirituality: *The Prison with Key Inside* (2. edition KNA, 2001), *Double Face of Laziness* (KNA, 2000), *On Mercy* (KNA, 2000), *Lay Spirituality of Madeleine Delbr el* (KNA, 2004) and *The power of intercessory prayer* (KNA, 2007).

## JARO KŘIVOHLAVÝ On Wisdom

Hard cover, 89 pages  
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**W**hat is wisdom, and why do we regard it as one of Man's strongest characteristics, when we often have conflicting views? Wisdom contains inquisitiveness, an open mind, a love of learning, and both creative and prospective thinking. Here too lies the ability to transcend the narrow and fragmented criteria, through which we see ourselves, others and the world around us. Jaro Křivohlavý reflects on the content, expression and aims of true wisdom, on the questions of where we might seek it, and how to grow in wisdom ourselves. It is not by chance that this virtue is the one that most people place in the first place on their ladder of values, and greatly value it in others.

### EXCERPT:

The Stairway of Values

"We live in an age of perfect means and confused ends" Albert Einstein

"But strive first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" Matthew 6,33

...What, though, does it mean to turn my heart towards where love reigns? It means to master oneself and display love even in situations involving someone I don't like, or whom I hate, or who is even my enemy, whom I would naturally wish to destroy. It leads me to act towards him with respect, to forgive him, and even to help him if he so requires. Is that all? Far from it. From Jesus Christ we hear something far more difficult still: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me... and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their

life will lose it and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10, 37-39). In more modern terms: to seek the Kingdom of Heaven means to grant Jesus Christ and his way of life absolute priority – at every step, at every decision as to the road of life.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jaro Křivohlavý was born in 1925 and today, more than 80 later, both his loves – psychology and Christian message - still dominate his life and studies.

When he left the Nazi concentration camp and finished his 3 years in Communist coal mines, he became PhD at the philosophical faculty of the Charles University, Prague and worked for 25 years as a clinical psychologist.

Currently he is teaching as an emeritus professor of psychology on the Faculty of Humanitarian Sciences of the Charles University. With his associates he has founded the Department of Psychology of Health. His current studies concern the problems of the quality and meaningfulness of life.

He has published 10 books on stress management, conflict resolution, health psychology, the psychology of the sick person, Christian pastoral care and care for the dying patients, positive psychology (hope, joy and forgiveness), social communication, burn out and depression.

He has been married to wife Martha for 56 years and is an active Christian responsible for education and lay activities in the Evangelical Church.

HANA PINKNEROVÁ

## On Gifts

Hard cover, 87 pages

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**A** gift, a present – what shades of meaning, taste and scents are hidden behind these words... What is linked to the giving of gifts? Each of us is placed in the position of giver and receiver of gifts many times during our lives with no great effort. To give and to receive gifts is a great art.

### EXCERPT

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.”  
1 Corinthians 12, 1

“... and thus I must admit that I envy the believers; I was not given the gift of faith,” said the famous television and film actor, turning his head and youthfully slightly smiling into the camera. Then he sipped a little water, sat back on the uncomfortable chair, and turned his face towards the show’s presenter, waiting for the next question.

I switched off – his answer had surprised me. The gift of faith? What did he mean? Was it even possible?

Scripture speaks of the gift of faith, but in contexts where faith is something extraordinary and above average. XXL faith. Yet faith of a normal size – faith that God is good, is interested in me, loves me and showed this in Christ – is also a gift of God, but one that is for absolutely everyone.

It would be nonsensical for a God who desired that all be saved not to give people faith – without it, salvation would not be possible! Without faith, we could not love Him. This is not God; He is not contradictory. He certainly distributes faith generously, even profligately.

Does the difficulty lie, then, with the recipient of the gift? Isn’t the problem that they have decided

to refuse the gift of faith? What is going on? It is an excuse, I decided definitively. Coming to believe doesn’t mean that all of a sudden there is a light, and I realise that I believe. Coming to believe means that I decided to believe, and to act in accordance with my faith. If I decide to believe, then there are clear consequences for my life: I behave differently, consider differently, have different values. Some positions and acts do not go together with faith, whilst others are required by it. Life as a whole takes on a different perspective, an eternal perspective.

I didn’t switch the television on again...



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Hana Pinknerová is a Christian-oriented writer. She studied Czech and Musical Education and has been editor of the musical periodical *Opus musicum*, a theatrical répétiteuse, a window cleaner, an archivist, a teacher, a publishing editor and a private tutor. She has written and recorded various items for the radio, including the ‘For Women’ programme. In the 1990s she organised the ‘*Play Well and Melodiously*’ conference for Christian artists. At present she is editor of the *Moje-rodina* (‘My Family’) web portal, a correspondent for the family magazine *Marinka.cz*, as well as a regular contributor to different magazines. She is married with two daughters.

EDUARD MARTIN

## Book of Joy

Paperback, 135 pages

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Eduard Martin takes life as an opportunity to be happy, to laugh, to please others, and to comment on what he sees and his message. As a collector and archivist, he here draws together short tales drawn from his observation of the happy and sad moments in the lives of those around him. The Book of Joy has been prepared as a sequel to his earlier work, Angel Seconds.

### EXCERPT:

Two boys are playing in a sandpit when one suddenly stands up, slowly and deliberately walking away from the other. The second boy is astonished; putting down his spade, he watches his friend. Finally, he runs after him.

“Are you leaving?”

The departing boy swerves – and continues on his way, concentrating intensely and not even looking at the other.

“You don’t want to play with me?”

A terrible expression crosses the second boy’s face, a look of melancholy, and he doesn’t understand what he could have done to end their friendship so suddenly...

“Aren’t we going to play any more?”

The departing boy turns his head away.

The other lad, who still doesn’t know what has come between them, goes around and, at a loss, waves a sand mould in front of the other. He doesn’t understand at all...

Who knows how many people will yet leave him during his life? Who knows how much unhappiness he will yet experience? So many betrayals... This is perhaps his first encounter with abandonment, and thus the most deeply affecting.

“Aren’t we friends any more?” he cries, hopelessly.

“We are,” returns the first boy. “We are friends. But I need to poop”.

The world is full of disappointments, departures and misunderstandings – not all of which need be as simple as this. Obviously.

There are so many other reasons... reasons that, were they but spoken, would alter the misunderstanding – so many reasons more complex than that which appears to be on the surface.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Dr. Eduard Martin, son of the Czech poet Eduard Petiška, lectured on theatre and Bohemian studies on Charles University and acted as a link between Czech priests in exile as a ‘Vatican courier’ during the period of communist normalisation.

Worthy of mention among his works published to date is, for example, the novel Prophet, with an introduction by cardinal Tomáš Špidlík, who also wrote a foreword to his book of reflections titled Words into the Silence. Cardinal Špidlík also dedicated one of his poems to him as a foreword to a collection of verse prepared for publication, Paths Toward Light.

Dr. Martin has written continuations of Sherlock Holmes stories and many other works for children and young people, some of which have also been published in English. He devotes himself to writing short stories, essays on heraldry and plays for radio and theatre.

He works in the Czech Rotarian movement and was the first chief editor of the Rotarian magazine Good News. Also, his Rotarian essays have been published in English.

JAROSLAV MAX KAŠPARŮ

## Thirty cases... or, small, white, round

Paperback, 129 pages

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These short, sensitive stories not only help the reader to understand the changes that have taken place in psychiatric care over the last thirty years, but also to understand the author's view of the political, economic and social changes that have taken place over the same period.

This thin volume, with its humorous illustrations, is equally convenient for reading on public transport or in doctors' waiting rooms. In this, though, the book is something of a paper feint – many of the true stories recalled by the author are not especially cheery, or even, in the strict sense, easy. While humour and lightness are present, there are also some bitter pills, the taste of which we recognise only having set the book aside, or even later.

This book by Max Kašparů is recommended to all for whom the psychological, psychiatric, social or religious fields are not entirely foreign, but particularly to those whose own stresses, commotions and problems have caused them to lose the joy in life, and the ability to laugh from the heart.

The author gently, and with an eye to his own character, persuades us that nothing is ever so bad that it isn't possible to see the situation from a different, more cheerful and perhaps rather (self-) ironic point of view.

**EXCERPT:**

"Where are you now?" the head of the men's ward in the psychiatric clinic asked a newly-arrived patient.

"In a madhouse," replied the patient.

"You are mistaken," said the doctor, and pointed out of the window of his office. "The madhouse is beyond these walls. The madhouse is where you

have been brought from. Here in the clinic, there is complete calm and peace".

I remember this incident from the first week of my residence in a large hospital whenever I hear the word 'mad' or 'madhouse'. I don't like these words at all – and nor did the doctor under whom I began my own, now 31-year, medical career...

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Significant Czech author of spiritual literature, Czech psychiatrist Jaroslav Max Kašparů (b. 1950) studied stomatology, medicine, pedagogy, ethics and religion at renowned Czech and Slovak universities. Each of these

disciplines gives him a different view of human life. He is a member of Premonstratensian third order and since 1990 a deacon. His deacon motto is „Faith and knowledge oblige“. After his ordination he worked for two years as the president of the Czech Catholic Charity organisation. In 1997 he founded „Norbertinum – The First Centre of Pastoral Medicine in the Czech Republic“, where he works as a psychiatrist and children psychiatrist. He also lectures Pastoral Medicine at the Theological Faculty in South Bohemia. He frequently publishes articles in different Czech Catholic and psychological magazines and has also written about 15 books which you may find in Italian, Polish and Slovak translations.

Max Kašparů is married and has got two children.



## Desert Fathers

ANSELM GRÜN

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One of the best-known authors of spiritual literature reflects on the ideas of the Greek Church Fathers on timeless topics in Christian life. His short reflections are deep, deriving from knowledge of human problems, which are the same today as they were centuries ago.



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TOMÁŠ CARD. ŠPIDLÍK

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In this book, this Czech authority on Eastern spirituality, a professor of the Lateran University in Rome, reflects on Russian theology and traces its expressions in Russian philosophy, art and culture in the form of aphorisms, adding explanations to help understand the circumstances they arose out of and the ideals of a nation at a time when Europe and the entire world are striving to unite.



## On Mercy

KATEŘINA LACHMANOVÁ

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In this book, this successful Czech author of spiritual literature seeks to find the true substance of Christian mercy in this collection of forty short reflections on the meaning of mercy in spiritual life. As an inspiration she used the texts not only of famous people of previous centuries, but above all those of the twentieth century.



## About the Joys of the Human Soul

MAX KAŠPARŮ

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Meditations on everyday joys by a popular Czech author. "Everything's been said, but not by everyone." J. S. Lec added: "Nor to everybody, every time, everywhere, or every way." This confirms the old saw, "There's nothing

new under the sun." I don't know how old that one is, but I'm sure the future will bring new views on old things and events which will shed new light on old, well-known truths."



## On Fatherhood

JÓZEF AUGUSTYN

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This well-known Polish author brings us short meditations which approach fatherhood from the traditional and psychological as well as from the spiritual point of view.



## Mother Teresa

DANA NĚMCOVÁ

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This book contains forty reflections by the famous Czech dissident from the '70s and '80s, psychologist Dana Němcová, based on selected thoughts of Mother Teresa. The missionary from Calcutta is the source of permanent inspiration for the author, not only in her humanitarian work at the Refugee Counselling Centre, but also through Mother Teresa's thought, which serves as a basis for reflecting on our everyday "toils" and the quest for the sources of true inner happiness.



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A collection of Short Meditations dedicated to prayer by the author, who is seeking a way to fulfil it in the spiritual life.

"This is the best guide—both practical and mystical—I've read in the past few years as a leader of spiritual exercises, publisher, author and Christian for those who long to learn how to pray." (P.R. Paiva SJ, Sao Paulo, Brazil)



## About the Angels

ZENON ZIOŁKOWSKI

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This book by Zenon Ziołkowski, author of the successful *The Most Difficult Pages of the Bible*, could be a good introduction to the mysterious “world of the angels.” It comprises 40 Short Meditations on angels as they have appeared in the history of salvation, brought closer to us through excerpts from the Old and New Testaments and the Church liturgy.



## On Friendship

JÓZEF AUGUSTYN

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Modern people, busy with career and consumerism, often push friendship aside. Also, people burdened with eroticism do not believe in the possibility of deep selfless friendship with those of the same or even opposite sex. Józef Augustyn stands up for friendship and challenges readers to devote attention, time and will to it. The author shows that the friendship can spice up our life – as in an old saying “friendship is the salt of life”.



## On Hope

MARIE SVATOŠOVÁ

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As the saying goes, hope is the last to die. Marie Svatošová knows a lot about this. After the fall of communism in the Czech Republic, she founded a hospice movement and, under her patronage, new hospices are still being founded. Svatošová seeks her hope in faith and in the understanding of other people. Her book is not only full of deep spirituality and empathy, but it is also full of humour.



## Edith Stein

AMATA NEYER

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This book is a collection of Short Meditations based on writings of Edith Stein. In this publication the author makes good use of her lifetime experience not only with the Carmelite spirituality, but also especially of her long-term interest with the personality of this great saint of modern times.



## The Lay Spirituality of Madeleine Delbrêl

KATEŘINA LACHMANOVÁ

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“Together with a few other friends Madeleine Delbrêl moved to the working-class, communist outskirts of Paris and spent her life there, humbly serving the poor. She became a pioneer of a lay spirituality which until then had usually been derived from religious spirituality. Her beatification process is almost completed”, says the author in the foreword to the book.



## Chance Events, Large and Small

MARIE SVATOŠOVÁ

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It would be worthwhile, just for the sake of interest, to keep track of how many times we pronounce the apparently innocent word “chance” in a single day. Or chance event. We might be surprised at how frequent the word is in our vocabularies. Has it always been this way? How many times do we find this word in the Gospels and in the New Testament? Have you ever stopped to think about it? Or even decided to find out for you?



## On Forgiveness

JAROSLAV KŘIVOHLAVÝ

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As I look back on my life in my eighties, I see it has gone by quickly, with many misunderstandings, conflicts and crises. It would be a pity to dishonour it with unforgiveness, blaming those who have caused hurt. In 40 short chapters I gather age-old wisdom and my professional knowledge of psychology to show how to creatively resolve misunderstandings and achieve reconciliations.



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These forty meditations, written by Indonesian theologian, are inspired by the New Testament. It would be appreciated by a wide circle of readers due to their simple and yet well-founded character.



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“These pages are intended in the first place for those who are prepared to be addressed by St Benedict’s rules and be inspired in their lives outside the monastery. For I am convinced that St Benedict’s rules regarding the quest for communion with God are meant for all good-willed people without distinction,” says the author, prior of the oldest Benedictine Monastery in the country.



## On the Eucharist

VOJTĚCH KODET

Hard cover, 95 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 19  
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This book by the Carmelite Superior of the Czech Republic, Vojtěch Kodet, hopes to prevent the immeasurable gift represented by the sacrament of the Eucharist from becoming a commonplace occurrence.

Forty meditations bring readers closer to the ideas contained in papal encyclicals, the reflections of leading theologians, the meditations of church fathers and the thought of saints.



## On a Happy Marriage

JARO KŘIVOHLAVÝ

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Karmelitánské nakladatelství has already published succesfull book *On Forgiveness* with prof. Jaro Krivohlavý, which he now follows up on with forty short and wise reflections *On a Happy Marriage*. The chapter titles speak for themselves: “How to Properly Cut Diamonds,” “Budgeting,” “My Home, My Castle,” “Humor in a Marriage,” “Communication,” “Can One Change,” “Intimacy,” “Please and Thank You,” and “A Woman’s Glory and a Man’s Happiness.”



## On the Guidance of God

KAREL HERBST

Hard cover, 89 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 21  
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This little book penned by Czech Salesian and Bishop Karel Herbst (\*1943) deals with the presence of God through examples. In it, we see the guidance of God concretely, in each stage of Herbst’s life. The saints have said that life with God tends to be adventurous. Bishop Karel Herbst life confirms this.



## Thomas Aquinas

GEORG SCHERER

Hard cover, 92 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 22  
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Review copy available in German

Professor Scherer has the amazing God-given gift of being able to communicate philosophical ideas understandably. We can see so for ourselves in this book: in its 40 chapters, the author reflects on issues such as goodness, beauty, being, virtue, peace, conscience, love, the dignity of the individual, the soul and the body, communion with God, God’s providence, and more. His thinking is accessible even to readers who have no formal background in philosophy.



## On Globalisation

RADIM PALOUŠ

Hard cover, 92 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations; volume 23  
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In forty brief philosophical meditations, professor Palouš reflects on various aspects of globalisation. The author is particularly concerned with the themes of home, human progress and our roots. Each chapter is both introduced and closed by a Biblical quotation, often seen from a very original angle, allowing us to interpret the Word of God in new connections.



## Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola

JOSEPH TETLOW

Hard cover, 90 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 24  
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The forty chapters of this book express how ignatian spirituality is being applied around the world. They are not a commentary on the Spiritual Exercises, though they address ignatian topics such as discernment and the search for the greater glory of God. Rather, the book presents a contemplative realization of the faith and hope in Jesus of Nazareth that animates this spirituality.



## On Mary

CHRISTOPHER O'DONNELL

Hard cover, 90 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 25  
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*We can never say enough about the wonder and beauty of her role in God's plan; we will never praise God sufficiently for her. When we have said all we can, we will only have begun.*

In this book Christoph O'Donnell, O.Carm., who is a Senior Lecturer at the Pontifical Milltown Institute in Dublin, Ireland, presents a short introduction to the teaching of the Church about Virgin Mary, including dogmas, her life and various aspects of people's devotion to her. The book also includes notes about ecumenism and Mary's place in Protestant churches.



## Church Fathers

TOMÁŠ CARD. ŠPIDLÍK

Hard cover, 103 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 26  
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In forty short reflections, Tomáš card. Špidlík meditates about fundamental aspects of Christian life. The author refers to famous patristic authorities, cites modern Russian authors and also enjoys evoking Czech poets and realities; this all for priests and theology students, but also for the spiritual journey of those who are not particularly interested in Patristics.



## On Gratitude

JARO KŘIVOHLAVÝ

Hard cover, 88 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 27  
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In his book, professor Křivohlavý presents the stories of people who have gained an understanding of the way gratitude enriches our lives. In addition, he illustrates this by means of experiments which show that acting gratefully improves not only our emotional state, but our overall health and feelings of happiness, as well. He also offers ways to practise being grateful.



## Questions and Answers

40 Questions and Answers  
Dealing with Christian Faith  
and the Life that Follows from It  
ANSELM GRÜN

Hard cover, 89 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 28  
**Rights sold to IT, NL, GE, SP.LAM, PL, SI**  
Review copy available in German

This book is intended for readers who have come to enjoy the writing of Anselm Grün on a wide variety of topics, for example on prayer, the church, hope, relationships, illnesses, personal problems, fear and sexuality.

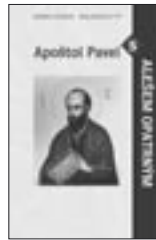


## Morning Reflections

PROKOP SIOSTRZONEK

Hard cover, 89 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 31  
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In Morning Reflections Prokop Siostrzonek writes light-heartedly and seriously about how we can make use of our everyday and holiday time properly, for one day and for the whole year. 40 short chapters of his Reflections are intended for everyone who wants to start the day "on the right foot", and who wants to spread peace around them and not an unpleasant mood.



## Saint Paul

ALEŠ OPATRNÝ

Hard cover, 96 pages  
Collection: 40 Short Meditations, volume 33  
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In his 40 short reflections, Aleš Opatrný attempts to help his readers to reflect on selected passages from Paul's letters. The passages are selected and classified in eight small thematic groups, relating to the main themes dealt with by the Apostle (the Gospel, faith, prayer, resurrection, the Holy Spirit for human beings, God's faithfulness, Jesus Christ, and the Christian in Jesus Christ).

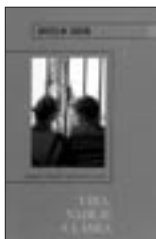


## Two Sides of Laziness A Mirror for Confirmed and Notoriously Overworked Lazybones

KATEŘINA LACHMANOVÁ

Paperback, 141 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 2  
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Review copy available in Italian

The subject of this book is laziness in a wider sense of the word. Monks would use the word „acedie“ that manifests itself by one person's negligence and inactivity. The opposite would be hyperactive and the inner energy of one's heart. Therefore it is not meant only for those who do little or nothing, but also for those who do too much and are moved everything but the Spirit.



## Faith, Hope, Love

ANSELM GRÜN

Paperback, 111 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 64  
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LAM and GE**  
Review copy available in German

A meditation on the most important of human relationships, values and virtues: faith, hope and love. "Most of the time, people become sceptical when someone talks about love, though they might not let on what they are thinking. That's why I hope I don't write and talk about love in this book, but enable readers to feel it in the words I use at least a little." (Anselm Grün)  
**Trilogy:** This book has also been published in a three-volume gift set with illustrations and has been sold to many foreign publishers with great success.



## Hearing God in the Morning Breeze

TOMÁŠ CARD. ŠPIDLÍK

Paperback, 156 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 70  
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Review copy available in Italian

Originally Tomáš card. Špidlík's inspired many priests' Sunday sermons. This book is a selection of recent reflections. Despite covering years, they don't contain threadbare religious phrases, but exude vigour, wit and openness. In them, the author meditates on Biblical texts, own life and the everyday lives of us all. Above all, his thinking reflects the wisdom of a well-tempered heart.



## The Power of Intercessory Prayer

KATEŘINA LACHANOVÁ

Paperback, 125 pages  
Collection: Spiritual life, volume 95  
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Review copy available Italian

This book deals with the prayer of intercession, about the ways how to intercede and how not to do it - i.e. about our inner attitudes which could increase infinitely the power of our prayer for others and, on the contrary, about the false attitudes that undermine its power and deprive us of the fruit of intercession. The book is aimed for readers of the series "Spiritual Life", Christians of all states of life and of all Christian denominations.



## Martha and Mary Somewhat Differently

VOJTĚCH KODET

Paperback, 136 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 93  
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Review copy available in Italian

Many of us often ask ourselves questions like: How can I be inwardly connected to God in a noisy city, surrounded by so many people at work? Is there room for God in all this? Isn't spiritual life a luxury, accessible only to monks and religious sisters in monasteries? The author proves that Martha and Mary can be "reconciled" in one person, and in every vocation to which God has called us.



## On Temptations

KRZYSZTOF WONS

Paperback, 91 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 74  
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Temptation is something that accompanies us every single day. How do we deal with this fact? The author grounds himself in the word of God, particularly in three books of Genesis that thoroughly reveal the faces of temptation. In forty meditations which are based on the mystery of original sin, he shows how the spiral of temptation works.



## Dear Sister

VLADIMÍR KOUDELKA

Paperback, 105 pages  
Collection: Spiritual Life  
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The letters of father Vladimír Koudelka, O.P., an eminent historian and expert on St Dominic, to sister Růžena are part of the Dominican tradition. Despite the great distance, brother Vladimír uses his profound spiritual experience to guide, in her own language, an inexperienced sister who sets out on the reflective life of the Dominicans following November 1989



## The Prison with Key Inside

KATEŘINA LACHMANOVÁ

Paperback, pages 123  
Collection: Spiritual Life, volume 18  
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Review copy available in English

The book is about forgiveness as a central requirement in the development of a healthy spiritual life. The author tracks the matter both on the level of personal spirituality and on that of whole church groups. Plenty of examples from pastoral practice have put the title among the bestsellers of Carmelite Publishers.

## Faith, Hope, Love

ANSELM GRÜN

Hard cover, 40 pages  
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Review copy available in German, Dutch, Korean, Italian, Portuguese



A meditation on the most important of human relationships and values, on the highest of virtues: faith, hope and love. "...I hope I don't write and talk about love in this book, but enable readers to feel it in the words I use at least a little..." (Anselm Grün)  
Text of these three books has also been published in one book without illustrations and has been sold to many foreign publishers with great success.



## Photographs and texts

DANIEL REYNEK  
BOHUSLAV REYNEK, SUZANNE  
RENAUD, JIŘÍ REYNEK

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In this quarto format gift publication, with photographs by D. Reynek and texts by his parents B. Reynek and S. Renaud and his brother J. Reynek, the Reynek family presents itself for the first time in one volume. Daniel's pictures accompany selected poems, prose poems and translations and the work will unquestionably captivate lovers of good photography and a wide spectrum of intellectuals and Catholics.



## The Stations of the Cross

RENÁTA ŠTOLBOVÁ

Hard cover, 40 pages  
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Review copy available in English

A visual adaptation of the Stations of the Cross accompanied by the texts of remarkable personalities of spiritual life in the Czech Republic.



## Your Name

ANSELM GRÜN

Hard cover, 48 pages,  
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Review copy available in German

This renowned German author reflects on the importance of a name in spiritual life. The Israelites viewed a person without a name as “worthless”, as someone of no importance. They would slight him. In the Old Testament a name indicates person’s capabilities. It is God who prepares a name for everyone and adds gifts and talents that can be developed during one’s life.



## On Friendship

ANSELM GRÜN

Hard cover, 48 pages  
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Review copy available in German

Short Meditations and reflections about friendship as one of the most important values of human life. Deep and meditative, Grün’s reflections show friendship as one of the basic human feelings – feelings that only an open and desiring heart is able to share. After all, even Jesus calls his disciples friends. This gift book can become a close friend to every reader.



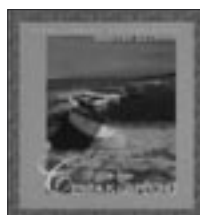
## There Must Be Something Above Us

MARIE SVATOŠOVÁ

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*Medical care of the soul lies between two realms. Thus, it is a border territory. As a border territory, it is a no man’s land. And yet, what a promised land it is!*  
Viktor E. Frankl

In five meditations, Marie Svatošová reflects on the problem of how to provide spiritual aid to people who are suffering and have lost hope and how to spread the hope that Christianity brings.



## The Way To Success

KNUD EIKE BUCHMANN

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Surely nobody thinks that one may achieve success simply on a base of studying a book. However, this book contains a very ordered and clear list of a few basic types of behaviour and attitudes that may hinder a person on a way to success, and provides precious advises from a psychologist on how to overcome these obstacles.



## The Voice of Nature

VÍTĚZSLAVA KLIMTOVÁ, JIŘÍ HELLER

Hard cover, 48 pages  
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Someone once told me, “I only believe what I see with my own eyes and hear with my own ears—reality!” How sad and yet how ridiculous! Many animals have sharper eyes and ears. Although our eyes see but a small part of the world around us, we call our deficiencies common sense. And yet, despite it all earth sings to us about the water in its depths...

Let us listen to the quiet Voice of Nature!



## Baptism

FRANTIŠEK VÁCLAV LOBKOWICZ

Hard cover, 40 pages  
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In baptism, the pouring of water on the head of the baptised one signifies that God is truly cleansing him from sin and giving his life a new quality – the capacity of intimate contact with God. This publication about baptism offers basic information compiled by the Bishop of Ostrava-Opava Diocese, Mgr F.V. Lobkowicz. The text is generously illustrated with photos, making the book a suitable gift.



## Confirmation

JOSEF HRDLIČKA

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To those who receive it, the sacrament of confirmation gives strength for ordinary day-to-day life in the family, at work and at school. This publication about the sacrament of confirmation presents basic information compiled by the Auxiliary Bishop of Olomouc, Mgr J. Hrdlička. The text is generously illustrated with photos, making the book suitable as a gift.



## The Eucharist

VOJTECH CIKRLE

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The Eucharist is the centre of Catholic Church worship and Jesus' desire is that people may keep this love always present in their minds, and that they may be able to receive and to meet it all the time. This publication about the Eucharist presents basic information compiled by the Bishop of Brno, Mgr V. Cikrle. The text is generously illustrated with photos, making the book suitable as a gift.



## The Sacrament of Marriage

JAN GRAUBNER

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The strength of this sacrament enables spouses to help each other to attain holiness in marital life, and in the acceptance and rearing of children. This publication about the sacrament of marriage presents basic information compiled by the Archbishop of Olomouc, Mgr J. Graubner. The text is generously illustrated with photos, making the book suitable as a gift.



## Victory of Christ

MILOSLAV CARD. VLK

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Easter reflections by Prague archbishop Miloslav card. Vlk, inspired by the greatest of Czech Gothic paintings.



## Sojourn at Bethlehem

JAN GRAUBNER

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The crèches at Strážnice and the Church of St John in Kroměříž inspired these reflections, illustrated with photos, by Archbishop Graubner on the Strážnice crèche he knew as a boy, brought to life by his mother's stories, and the one at Kroměříž — both by the same sculptor, Charvát. The author asks, provocatively, "Couldn't a mommy be included?" and thus reviving an ancient story.



## Freedom for New Friendship

MARION AND WERNER  
KÜSTENMACHER

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Why do some friendships break up? Why do some live on, apparently forever? It hurts when a friendship breaks down. The authors show how this pain can become one of the most precious and most helpful experiences in our lives.



## Awake, O Harp and Lyre!

JOSEF HRDLIČKA

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This book is a collection of reflections and meditations based on excerpts from several psalms for those who pray the breviary and are looking for both motivation so as not to stagnate and a way to discover the depths of the church's daily prayer. The text is accompanied and brought to life with particularly valuable pictures.



## Paul, Adventurer of Faith

OLDŘICH SELUCKÝ

Hard cover, 88 pages

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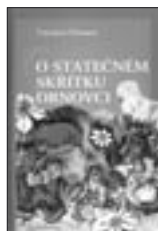
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**AWARDED 1. PLACE OF CHILDREN BOOKS BY CATHOLIC PRESS ASSOCIATION, USA, 2009**

This book keeps children on the edge of their seats by recounting the most dramatic stories the apostle Paul experienced during his eventful life. Following his birth in Tarsus, we follow him to Jerusalem, where he becomes a fervent persecutor of the first Christians. After his conversion we set out with the Apostle on his adventure-filled apostolic journeys.

This book is wonderfully illustrated by the famous Czech illustrator Zdeňka Krejčová.



## About the Brave Sprite Drnovec TRILOGY

VÍTĚZSLAVA KLIMTOVÁ

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## About the Brave Sprite Drnovec

Sprites come above ground once a year, early on May 1; if their mothers find them in time, they can stay. That's how Holubinka found Drnovec, Špulda and Bukvínek. Father Drnovec looks after his family, cousin Buk, and the rabbit Long-Ears. Then there's the white-haired Babí, who lives in a hut nearby and Ťapka, the dog, who's mixed up in everything. Read all about them!

## Bukvínek's Magic Whistle Or More Adventures with the Brave Sprite Drnovec

It's autumn, Holubinka has just finished little fur coats for Drnůvka, Špulda and Bukvínek, and father Drnovec is preparing for winter. They look up at the clouds and ask, "Is it that time already?" Time to return to Babí's hut to wait out the harsh winter? It is, but the arrival of a gray-haired sprite, on the run from the enraged Queen of Winter, changes all that.

## An Ordinary Sprite Or Another Adventure with the Family of the Brave Sprite Drnovec

Drnůvka, Špulda and Bukvínek have grown up and their adventures with Babí, Ťapka and the Winter Queen are but memories. Špulda, who's got a moustache now, was listless and bored with work, so he started loitering about with his friend Veverák. Seeking to escape his mother's badgering and giving in to Veverák's bad influence, Špulda ventures into the world of people.



## The Lives of St. Wenceslas, St. Ludmila and St. Adalbert

AUTHOR: EDUARD PETIŠKA

Hard cover, 78 pages

Collection: Illustrated Children's Books

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This book tells the story of the lives of three Czech saints - Duke Wenceslas (Václav), his grandmother St. Ludmila and St. Adalbert (Vojtěch). The description of the beginnings of Christianity in the Czech lands is based on ancient legends and captures the spirit of these stories in a way that is comprehensible for modern perceptions and ways of thinking. The text is accompanied by illustrations from the old books.



## The little shepherd Asaf

A fairytale from the hills around Bethlehem

AUTHOR: IVAN RENČ

ILLUSTRATOR: ZDEŇKA KREJČOVÁ

Hard cover, 100 pages

Collection: Illustrated Children's Books

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Spending the night together with shepherds tending their flocks on the hills around Bethlehem, when the shining star announces the birth of God's Son to the whole world, we - eventually children aged over four - become witnesses of the search for and persecution of the child Jesus. A magical olive branch, which an angel gives to little Asaf, leads the hero of our story unscathed through all kinds of snares.



## Six Stone Jars

AUTHOR: IVAN RENČ,  
ILLUSTRATOR: ZDEŇKA KREJČOVÁ

Hard cover, 110 pages  
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A charming and wise story about Abshay and his wife Finesse from Cana in Galilee. Maybe you know them and you just cannot remember – it was precisely their wedding where Jesus turned water into wine. This book is wonderfully illustrated with pictures by the renowned painter Zdeňka Krejčová.



## The Mystery of the Last Supper

AUTHOR: IVAN RENČ  
ILLUSTRATOR: ZDEŇKA KREJČOVÁ

Hard cover, 104 pages  
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During Easter, Jesus and His Apostles sat down to a special dinner. Afterwards, they went into the garden on that warm night. Many things awaited Jesus, the Apostles and all of humanity. At such moments, the best one can do is pray. Jesus took three Apostles to pray with Him. As Peter, James and John sat on the grass, dreams came to them—dreams that lead us back to when the Apostles were children.

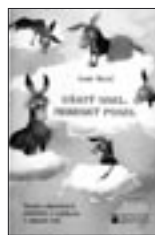


## The Three of Us – Crazy Together

HANA BOŘKOVÁ  
(2ND EDITION)

Hard cover, 144 pages  
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*Crazy Together* is about three siblings: Marjánka, Danka and Filip. They have a lot of fun and they don't spoil anyone else's fun, either. But it's not just fun and games. They make a good team and know how to be good friends, too. And they know how to put their heads together it was thanks to them that the case of the stolen bicycle was solved. It was like a detective story...



## The Long Eared Donkey– A Messenger from Heaven

Seven Christmas-Time Stories with Donkeys in the Leading Roles

AUTHOR: IVAN RENČ,  
ILLUSTRATOR: ZDEŇKA KREJČOVÁ

Hard cover, 104 pages  
Collection: Illustrated Children's Books  
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Eight New Testament tales featuring an endearing donkey. The crowd cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the Lord's name!" Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem was triumphal, so Mary had to smile when she saw Him on a donkey. A donkey bringing Him as king? How had it earned the honor? Mary wasn't thinking of all they had done for the Holy Family. Ever since His birth, a donkey had never been far.



## A Bouquet from the Royal Garden

A Story about the Old Patron Saints of Bohemia and Moravia

AUTHOR: IVAN RENČ  
ILLUSTRATOR: ZDEŇKA KREJČOVÁ

Hard cover, 114 pages  
Collection: Illustrated Children's Books  
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Review copy available in Czech

This very successful publication captivates the hearts of young readers. By means of short stories they are introduced to the lives of some Czech Saints such as St Agnes of Bohemia, St Adalbert, St Cyril and Methodius, St Ludmila, St John of Nepomuk, St Wenceslas and others. It is a book about heroes of the battlefields of faith and love.

The book is beautifully illustrated by Zdenka Krejčová.

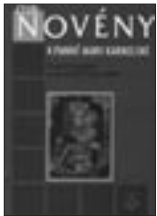


## Through His Wounds We Are Healed The Way of the Cross

VOJTĚCH KODET

Paperback, 71 pages  
Collection: Prayers  
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Review copy available in Italian

The prayer of the Way of the Cross is primarily a unique way of consciously connecting what is difficult in our life with Christ and, with the help of his love of realising and experiencing that we are not alone with our difficulties. Because for him “the darkness will not be dark; the night will shine like the day, and darkness be like light” (Ps 139:12).



## Four Novenas to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

GORAZD CETKOVSKÝ

Booklet, 39 pages  
Collection: Prayers  
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These four novenas draw us to reflect on the Virgin Mary and the scapular—a time-honored symbol of the desire to live under the protection of the Virgin Mary and according to her example. The core of each of the nine days is a meditation on a quote from the Bible. Even though novenas do not demand much of our time, they bring us spiritual encouragement and new strength in the Holy Spirit.

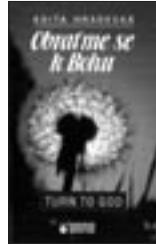


## Novena to the Holy Spirit

VOJTĚCH KODET

Booklet, 47 pages  
Collection: Prayers  
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PORT.EU, IT**  
Review copy available in German, Spanish

Novena can serve as an inspiration to private and common prayer. Every day of the Novena has three main parts: a reading of God’s word, a meditation that can be supported precisely by the reflections in this book, and a prayer, which one can lead in thanks to the same book.



## Turn to God

EDITA HRADECKÁ

Paperback, 39 pages  
Collection: Prayers  
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*Turn to God* is a collection of 21 prayers in Czech and English, rich in expressions with humility and simplicity. These meditations in the form of prayers are open to everybody; both believers and unbelievers. Some examples are: A prayer of waiting, Repentance as a prayer, Breathing as a prayer, Relaxation as a prayer, Listening to God as a prayer and Living as a prayer.



## The Stations of the Cross

MILOSLAV CARD. VLK

Paperback, 32 pages  
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Miloslav card. Vlk, the archbishop of Prague, prepared a series of meditations on the death and resurrection of Christ, who is the centre of church life and the source of hope for all Christians. In his reflections on each station of Jesus’ route, the author leads the reader to a deeper awareness of God’s infinite love. Meditative illustrations by Ms. Jindra Hubková.



## Basic Phenomena of Human Life in the Light of Philosophy

GEORG SCHERER

Paperback, 168 pages

Collection: Philosophy

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In this book, Georg Scherer deals with universal topics (such as boredom, fear, grief, hope, growing old, death, beauty and ugliness) from a philosophical angle. Based on a series of lectures given at the University of Essen with a medical colleague, it is a compact introduction to philosophy, ideal for university students whose main focus of study is not necessarily philosophy.



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GEORG SCHERER

Paperback, 225 pages

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## Medieval Philosophy The Development of Medieval Philosophy

**Issues in Medieval Philosophy  
The Development of Medieval  
Thought**

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This appealing introduction to medieval philosophy holds interest for all readers—even those familiar with the field. Professor Scherer tries to awaken the readers' interest in the issues of medieval thought by describing general trends in the thought and culture of the time, letting the reader decide which ideas are still relevant for us today and how. Much attention is devoted to Thomas Aquinas.

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## What Resurrection Means

GEORG SCHERER

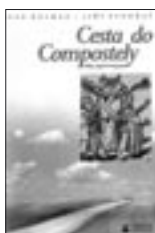
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The lecture by prof. Scherer, published in the collection titled *Texelgespräche 1*, aims to answer the question regarding whether human reason can accept faith in the resurrection.

Rather than a philosophical essay, the lecture is more of a theological essay for theologians and advanced students of theology.



## Journey to Compostella Across Europe on Foot

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## The Will of God: A Pious Phrase?

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## I Was Not a Hero Memories of totalitarianism 1950 - 1989

BENEDIKT V. HOLOTA

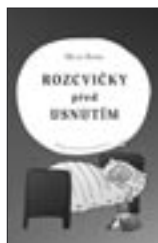
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Milan Badal

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Some short reflections on the ordinary cares and joys of human life, where everything depends on the way we look at them; they can turn into very unusual stories. A certain degree of spiritual guidance is balanced out by a wealth of humour. The text is accompanied by illustrations by Helena Filčíková.



## Good luck? Bad luck? Who Knows?

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RENÁTA HOLČÁKOVÁ

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A collection of short stories inspired by real human stories from young author readers may already be familiar with from her writings in the *Katolický týdeník* (Catholic Weekly) for some years.



## Angel Seconds Eduard Martin

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Collection: Stories

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Czech prose writer and poet Eduard Martin chose the short story form for his book, with the clear intention of pleasing his reader. The stories illustrate situations anyone can get into, uncovering at the same time their deeper meaning and arousing us toward faith and joy.



## Bad Priest Run over Good Dog

JIŘÍ BARHOŇ

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## Father, I'm Going to Have to Kill You

JIŘÍ BARHOŇ

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Father, I'm Going to Have to Kill You follows the author's successful Bad Priest Run over Good Dog. Each of these two books contains 25 humorous stories inspired by church life and divided into three sections: priestly life, life in general and fairy tales. The author is a Catholic priest who, already as a seminary student, would write to bring joy to his fellow theologians through a wide variety of stories. Books, accompanied with illustrations by Helena Filčíková, are the result of his many years of creativity.



## To the Height I Choose to Fall

MAX KAŠPARŮ IN AN INTERVIEW  
WITH JAN PAULAS

Hard cover, 281 pages

Collection: Interviews

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Both an earthy and a contemplative man, countryman and intellectual, psychiatrist and deacon - such is the picture of Max Kašparů sketched in this first book-long interview with this successful Czech writer. Kašparů set up his psychiatric office in a small town right in the choir of its baroque church, giving rise to the title of the book ("To the Height I Choose to Fall").



## They Created Us

JÓZEF AUGUSTYN IN AN INTERVIEW  
WITH JAN PAULAS AND CEZARY  
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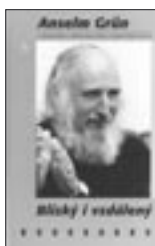
Hard cover, 280 pages

Collection: Interviews

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Review copy available in Polish

*They Created Us* introduces readers to this Polish author, whose books we have gotten used to seeing in book-stores over the past few years. The fact that they deal with topical issues is borne out by the high demand for Józef Augustyn's titles, which draw from his rich experience as spiritual leader, counselor, confessor and guide to spiritual exercises.



## Close and Distant

ANSELM GRÜN IN AN INTERVIEW  
WITH JAN PAULAS AND JAROSLAV  
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This book-length interview with the well-known German author Anselm Grün, conducted by Czech journalists, is an original project of Karmelitánské nakladatelství. It allows readers to better acquaint themselves with the life story of this interesting personality.



## Private Conversation

HANA BOŘKOVICOVÁ

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Mum, dad, and two children - a family like any other. Except that little David, who turns 3 when Hitler takes power, has but 10 years to live. His older sister survives and reminisces in old age on those who shared her past, but were denied a future. In the book, the old woman converses with the child she once was, vindicating her life and faith, but fails in the face of the disconcerted girl.



## Molokai - the Holy Land

PETER ŽALOUDEK

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Collection: Memoirs

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English

The life and vocation of the Belgian priest, Fr Damien de Veuster, missionary to the island of Molokai, the history of the colony and its members before and after his activities. Holy Father Benedikt XVI has acknowledged the second miracle on Fr. Damien de Veuster's intention and announced his sanctification, most likely in February 2009. More than 300 coloured photos.



## In Africa They Called Me Siphó

The Life Story of a Czech  
Missionary

ZDENĚK ČÍŽKOVSKÝ

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The memoirs of Zdeněk Čížkovský are a great testimony to a life full of adventure. After the Communists take over in February 1948, the young man escapes the regime and finds himself on the other side of the world. And that's where he discovers his calling. A few decades spent amongst the native tribes provide him with a number of adventures.



## The Soul of a Pilgrim

TOMÁŠ CARD. ŠPIDLÍK IN AN  
INTERVIEW WITH JAN PAULAS

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This is the first time father Špidlík has decided to speak about his personal life as well. *In The Soul of a Pilgrim*, he talked with Jan Paulas, representing the deputy chief editor of *Katolický týdeník* (Catholic Weekly). The reader is guided through Špidlík's life from his childhood, through the years he studied in Holland and the years spent in Rome, to when he was appointed cardinal.



## In Other Words

MAX KAŠPARŮ

Paperback, 111 pages  
Collection: Just a Minute with...  
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This little book kicks off our new pocket collection titled Just a Minute with, meant to bring well-needed spiritual inspiration to people who are sensitive and open-minded—and yet often overworked and spiritually parched as well. On each page of this book, the reader will find two short paragraphs containing: 1. a short meditation providing commentary on some ordinary situation in our life; 2. a pithy paraphrase of the problem (hence the title In Other Words...) with a little message. You can read this little book on your way to work or when you have a free moment at home.



## Light up?

LADISLAV KUBÍČEK

Paperback, 112 pages  
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The 100 thoughts of popular priest and doctor Ladislav Kubíček, covering three main themes which he deals with in his other books - freedom, fulfilling God's will, marriage and relationships in general, taken from his spiritual exercises were put together and selected by the writer and founder of the Czech hospice movement, Marie Svatošová.



## Devils at One's Heels and Angels at One's Side

ANTONÍN RANDA

Paperback, 110 pages  
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This book provides, in edited form, the most popular texts published in the editorial section of *Katolický týdeník* (Catholic Weekly). The kind-spirited and poetic short stories entertain the reader, soothe the soul and even sadden gently at times. This book is aimed at all people who like short, engaging stories, regardless of age.

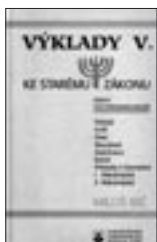


## What Is Important in life

JÓZEF AUGUSTYN

Paperback, 111 pages  
Collection: Just a Minute with...  
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Most of the items in the book are reflections, for example on matters of spiritual and everyday life or on important events. This book is suitable for people of all ages and levels of education, virtually right across the readership spectrum. It appeals particularly to those who like it if a text goes directly to the heart of the matter without unnecessary detours.



## Commentary on the Old Testament

MILOŠ BIČ

Hard cover, 327 pages  
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This is the best Czech commentary of the deuterocanonical books written by Miloš Bič, Professor of the Biblical Studies of the Evangelical Theology of the Charles University in Prague.



## Mary – The Face of the Ineffable

CTIRAD VÁCLAV POSPÍŠIL

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The answers to the rather provocative questions “What does the figure of Mary of Nazareth tell us about ourselves?” and “What revelatory value does the Woman

of Nazareth have?” condition the real theological value of all Mariology. Author rethinks all the fundamental themes of Christian Mariology and supports the idea that their common denominator is the very mystery of the Trinity.



## Martha and Mary Action and contemplation in the apostolic life. The historical development and its implications for today

VOJTĚCH KODET

Paperback, about 440 pages  
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This book is an in-depth study of the ever-topical problem of finding harmony between action and spiritual life (in the narrow sense of the apostolate and prayer). In the second half of the book, the author relates the dramatic events leading up to the Second Vatican Council, the Council itself, and other developments relevant to the book's subject matter in the wake of the Council.



## The Faithmeter

MAX KAŠPARŮ

Paperback, 68 pages  
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In a light, slightly exaggerated and for some readers even provocative style, the author looks at the formalism and routine that sometimes masquerade as faith. However, *The Faithmeter* was not intended to offend readers. Perhaps in an unconventional way, *The Faithmeter* is meant to wake up “pew sleepers” and to encourage those who take their Christianity at least a little seriously.



## Small Compass of Faith

MAX KAŠPARŮ

Paperback, 104 pages, 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition  
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An attractive guide through the truths of faith, prayer, sacraments and the Ten Commandments. The book makes it easier to orient ourselves in our everyday lives with regard to our faith.



## Seven Keyhole Visits

AUTHOR: MAX KAŠPARŮ

ILLUSTRATOR: JAN HERALECKÝ

Paperback, 66 pages  
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The publication allows us to have a look into the surgery room of a psychiatrist and a member of the Premonstratensian 3rd order Max Kašparů reflecting over questions and problems that sometimes everybody or a couple have to deal with while choosing the right partner.