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Signs of The Times: Our World Through The Lens of Vatican II / (Eds) Lourdes Didith Mendoza-Rivera & Eleanor R. Dionisio

Institute on Church and Social Issues, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City, 2021

xii, 163p.; 22.86cm. 9789719277439 \$ 28.00 / null 270 gm.

This book is a collection of essays from esteemed men and women from the Church and civil society. These writers share how our lives and our collective history were shaped and influenced by Vatican II and its related Catholic social teachings. They remind us that while the world goes through transformative change, the Church walks with us, shining a much needed light on our path.

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40 Personal Prayers in Time of Pandemic / Ruperto Cruz Santos Claretian Communicatios Foundation, Inc., Quezon City, Philippines. 2021 78p.

9786214261413 \$ 10.00 / null 100 gm.

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Churches of Christ: A History of the Restoration Movement in Malawi 1906 - 1981 / Mark Thiesen

Mzuni Press, Zomba, Malawi 2021

664p.; 210x140mm. 9789996060342 \$ 55.00 / null

While a significant amount of scholars research has been on the history and theology of the mainline denominations in Malawi, and more recently on smaller groups like the Seventh-day Adventists, Baptists, and Charismatic, little research exists in print on Church(es) of Christ. Yet these churches are ubiquitous across the country, their place of worship dotting the rural landscape north to south and standing alongside other faith communities in every sizable township. Where did these churches come from? What do they believe? How did they spread so widely? This book attempts to answer these questions and in doing so it describes how historical circumstances have shaped the Church(es) of Christ into a family of diverse churches that share a common history, but whole divergent understandings of how to restore the New Testament church have kept them from being a unified body.

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The Role of Shrines in View of New Evangelization: Pope Francis' Theology on Shrines and Pilgrimages Applied in the Philippine Context / Kendrick Ivan B. Panganiban

Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc., Quezon City, Philippines 2021 xxiv, 304p.

9786214261390

\$ 45.00 / null

480 gm.

Shrines are sacred places found all around the world as sites where God's grace could be experienced by pilgrims who come from different places. Even in the modern age, these places are not only seen as venues for prayer and discernment, but also as centers for evangelization where the Church could truly be felt - a Church where devotion thrives and where mission is held in the shrine's pastoral programs. Author Kendrick Ivan B. Panganiban here presents his research, which forms a reference to theology on shrines and pilgrimages as well as a pastoral manual on the development of shrine administration. This is inspired by Pope Francis' instruction on developing shrines in the New Evangelization of the Church. It also presents a first-time comprehensive documentation of the many declared shrines in the Philippines.

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Paul's Gender Theology and the Ordained Women's Ministry in the CCAP in Zambia / Lazarus Chilenje

Mzuni Press, Zomba, Malawi 2021

162p.; 210x148mm.

9789996060922

\$ 30.00 / null

The Ministry of Women in the church for has for a long time attracted scholarly attention. This book investigates Paul's Gender Theology in the book of Galatians in the light of understanding contentious biblical texts and on the background of the position of women in the Greco-Roman World. The results attained are then related to wides issues about the role of women, particularly in CCAP Zambia, and divergent positions are noted. A historical critical reading of these texts, especially Gal 3:28, provides an alternative Pauline Gender Theology to achieve respect, equal opportunities and equal roles for all.

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Setting the Record Straight : Essays on Ecclesiology, Missiology and Evangelism / Hany Longwe

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2021

334p.; 210x148mm.

9789996066429

\$ 40.00 / null

"Kusadziwa Nkufa Komwe"(Łąck of Knowledge is as Being Dead) is a Nyanja maxim, African Philosophy that is true the world over. A person who lacks knowledge is as good as dead, inactive and insensitive. A dead person does not contribute to good life. Lack of knowledge leads to destruction, but having knowledge leads to informed decisions and freedom. Setting the Record Straight is about correction wrong understanding and replacing it with liberating knowledge, to the benefit of both church and society.

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Theology in Malawi: Prospects for the 2020s / Kenneth R. Ross and Mzee Hermann Yokoniah Mvula

Kachere Series, Zomba, Malawi 2021

310p.; 210x148mm. 9789996053320

\$ 40.00 / null

A small piece of academic history was enacted when a National Theology Conference convened at Nkhoma Mission from 24 to 26 September 2020. Despite the challenging conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the conference attracted some 50 theologians, coming from at least 12 different institutions. This book offers the results of their deliberations to a wider audience. With a particular orientation to biblical studies, faith and culture, and faith and society, they have set the tone for theology in Malawi in the 2020s. One result of the conference was a fresh appreciation of the benefits of working together and the creation of the Theological Society.

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Companions!: XJ Narratives / Gemino H. Abad, Ruben L. F. Habito and Ed Garcia

San Anselmo Press, Philippines 2021

404p.

9786218230057

\$ 50.00 / null

680 gm.

The book contains essays by former Jesuits and their families reflecting on how their lives unfolded after leaving the Society of Jesus.

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Accidental Monk: A Chronicle of Struggle, Faith, and Surrender / Will Hernandez Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc., Quezon City, Philippines 2021 xxiv, 288p.

9786214261451

\$ 30.00 / null

420 gm.

In mid-March 2020—as the Covid-19 pandemic was beginning to spread—Wil Hernandez unexpectedly found himself stranded in an unlikely place: a Benedictine Abbey in the southern Philippines that was destined to be his home for the next two and a half months. There, in the company of twelve monks, he became immersed in the rhythm of monastic life, which challenged and sustained him amidst the uncertainties of the time. This diary chronicles his experiences during an interlude that forced him to face his evolving perspectives on spirituality, theology, ministry, and community.

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