

Living on the Border of the Holy: Renewing the Priesthood of All

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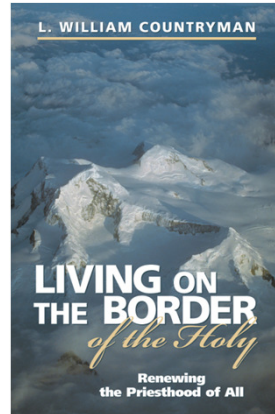
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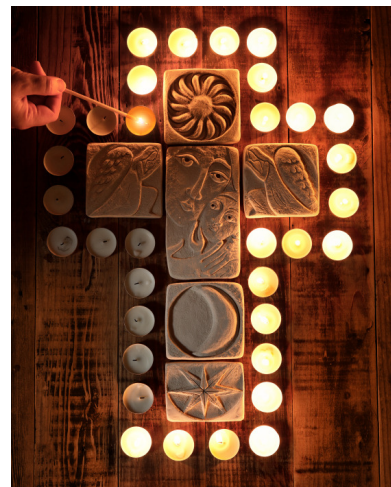
Overview of tonight's discussion

- Purpose of ECF book club
- A note about the author
- Donald's five takeaways
- Your favorite takeaways and critiques
- Discussion on an excerpt on leadership formation
- Some next steps



Five takeaways

1. Fundamental priesthood introduces others to "the border country"
2. Sacramental priesthood reminds us of the fundamental priesthood of all believers
3. Jesus disrupted religious systems to remind us of fundamental priesthood
4. Joint theological education of lay and clergy
5. Disrupt tendency to think of lay and clergy as opposites: one good, one bad



What are your questions,
takeaways and critiques?



A passage on leadership formation

“[The Church] wants not only sacramental rites and an icon of the universal priesthood; it also wants church leaders, business managers, experts in public relations, competent counselors, teachers, missionaries, people skilled in facilitating the work of volunteers, spiritual directors, and so forth... If we load the seminary curriculum up with things to learn rather than with the central desideratum of growth in priesthood, the danger arises that the center comes to be lost in the maze of added material. Our problem today is how to locate the center anew and reaffirm its centrality.” Location 2825 and 2829

What do you think?



Some next steps

- Remember the 'fundamental priesthood' of all people when thinking about your own vocation
- Encourage joint lay and clergy theological education opportunities. Everyone needs to reflect theologically on their lives.
- Avoid the clergy vs. lay opposites game, recalling the role of sacramental priesthood as a symbol/reminder of the priesthood of all