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## Columnists

### Jesus promises to return

By Cindy Bassett

Jesus appeared to his followers on many occasions after his resurrection. But one day, when the apostles had gathered with Jesus on the Mount of Olives, he said goodbye to each one of them, and then disappeared into a cloud. They were stunned. As they waited there, looking at the sky, two angels suddenly stood among them.

"Men of Galilee, why do you delay here? Jesus has gone for now to heaven," the two white-robed men said. "Someday, just as he promised, he will return the same way he left." As the apostles walked the short distance back to Jerusalem, their hearts were heavy. It would not be the same without Jesus right there with them.

"I wonder when Jesus will come back?" Thomas lamented, echoing the thoughts of the others.

"Thomas, don't you remember what Jesus said?" John asked. "It is not for us to know. The important thing is to be ready always for his return."

"Yes, there is much work to be done," Bartholomew agreed. "What shall we do first?"

"I think we should baptize the new followers in the Jordan River," Andrew suggested.

"Jesus himself came to be baptized by John there," Philip reflected, recalling his first encounter with Jesus.

"Jesus said if we truly believe and have faith, we will be able to cast out demons, heal the sick — all of the same miracles that he did while he was still with us," Peter stated.

"But Jesus also told us to go out and preach about the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life to the people of all nations," Thomas offered. "We should leave Jerusalem soon?"

"How shall we live? What will we do for money?" Philip asked.

"We can sell our possessions and share everything," Andrew said. "After all that has happened, I could never go back to being a fisherman!"

"Wait a minute, all of you!" shouted Simon,

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who was known as the Zealot. "If you think that I am leaving Jerusalem without confronting the Jewish leaders after what they did to Jesus, you can go without me! In fact, I think it's time to overthrow the Roman government, too, if we are going to bring about the new kingdom of Jesus!"

No one made any reply to Simon's fiery statements. But then John asked all of them pointedly, "Are you prepared to die for Jesus?"

"I think all of us are prepared to do everything that Jesus commanded now that we know the truth," Matthew said. "If we die, so be it. At least it will be an honorable death. And since we don't know when Jesus will return to us, I am going to make sure that no one ever forgets all that happened while we were together with Jesus. We were the eyewitnesses to his miracles, his preaching, and most of all, to his death and resurrection."

"And so, Matthew, what will you do?" Philip asked.

"I'm going to write everything down," Matthew replied. "It will be called the 'good news.'"

"You are all right, but there is something even more important to do first," John said. "We must go back and wait for the Holy Spirit to come as Jesus promised. The Spirit will help each of us to use our talents to bring about the new kingdom. Then we will be ready for Jesus' second coming."

Scripture reference: Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:9-13.

Meditation: How can I use my own talents to help bring about the Kingdom of God?

### Theologians and theology

By Father Richard P. McBrien

I have just finished doing a review of a new collection of essays entitled "Vatican Authority and American Catholic Dissent: The Curran Case and its Consequences."

As collections go, this one is better than most. The contributors — Richard McCormick, Martin Marty, Margaret Farley, Lisa Cahill and others — are, with few exceptions, recognized experts in their fields. The book itself is extremely well edited by William W. May, a professor at the University of California.

It was at USC in October, 1986, just two months after the Vatican action removing Father Charles E. Curran's canonical mission, that a public exchange was held between Curran and Los Angeles Archbishop Roger Mahony. Both of their papers introduce this collection and provide points of reference for the rest of the essays.

The book provides a substantive and generally balanced appraisal of the controversy. There are chapters by such Curran critics as Michael Novak, James Hitchcock, and William E. May — the latter unrelated to the editor.

Nevertheless, one takes up and finally lays down a volume like this with a sense of regret. The title reminds us of the frequency with which articles and books continue to appear on authority, dissent, and related issues.

When scholars of the caliber of McCormick, Farley, Cahill, and Joseph Komonchak have to invest so much time and energy explaining how theology works, or the scope and limits of the Church's teaching authority, or the possibility and propriety of dissent from noninfallible doctrines, it means that there is less time and energy left for actually doing theology.

Instead of constantly reviewing and debating "the rules of the game," theologians should be encouraged to get on with "the game" itself. The great theological questions are not questions about the magisterium or dissent or the distinction between infallible and noninfallible teaching authority or the nature of the canonical mission.

The great theological questions are about the meaning and purpose of human life on this planet, about human love and friendship, about the possibility of building communities based on justice and charity in a world of

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clashing interests, about the mystery of suffering and death, about wonder and celebration, about the hope that is in us for redemption and eternal life.

Every book written about authority and dissent in the Church is one less book written about the Trinity or the moral and spiritual implications of our baptism into Christ.

Every panel discussion of some new Vatican document on the authority of national episcopal conferences is one less panel discussion of the relationship between compassion and justice in society's and the Church's outreach to its most marginalized members.

Theology is not meant to be a tavern discipline — something you argue about late at night over a few beers.

Priests in Catholic schools used to get telephone calls at all hours to settle an argument about papal infallibility or some "rule" of the Church, usually concerning marriage.

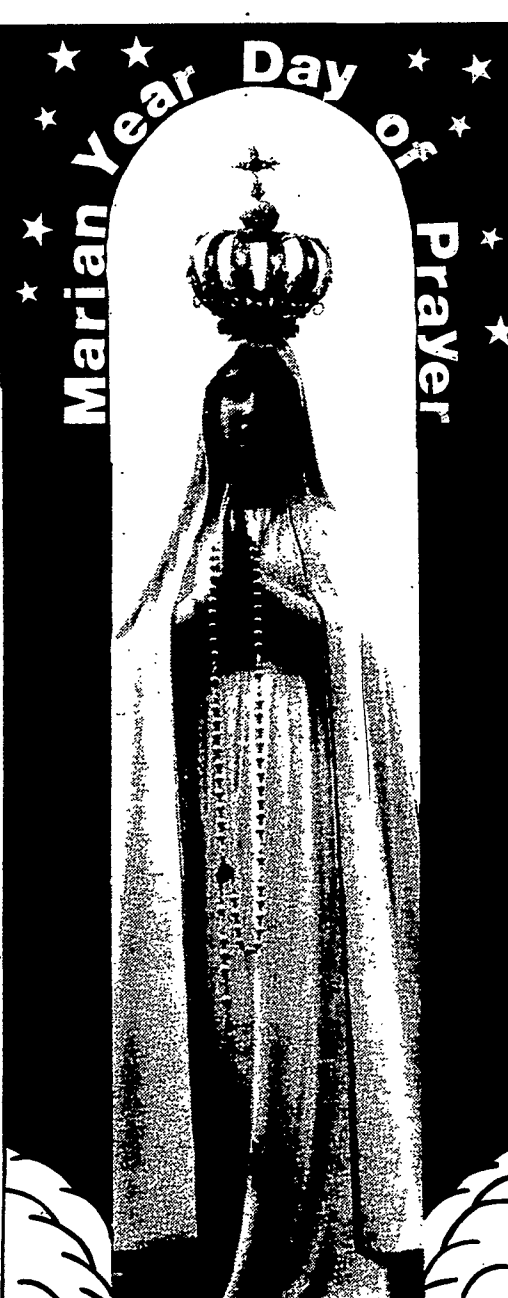
Theology isn't meant to be a form of verbal arm-wrestling, even though its history has often been marked by sharp and bitter conflict.

Theology is faith seeking understanding — a definition proposed some 900 years ago by St. Anselm. The only proper object of faith is God. Theology, therefore, is about God, about reality in its deepest sense. Theology is about meaning, about hope, about love, about sorrow, about community, about history, about life itself — life as we know it and life everlasting.

If, as Archbishop Mahony writes, theologians sometimes usurp the role of pastor, so pastors sometimes usurp the role of theologian. Each side has to respect the competence and the distinctive ministry of the other.

Lately, that hasn't always been the case. One hopes that books like "Vatican Authority and American Catholic Dissent" are a vanishing breed.

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