

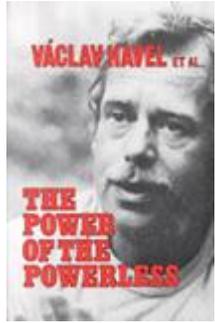
WORTH READING

Fr. Carron Assembly with Students Graduating High School

Notes from the Assembly of Fr. Julián Carrón with the Members of Student Youth (GS) who are graduating from high school in Milan May 24, 2013. [Click here>>](#).

Use this as an opportunity to share something with young people.

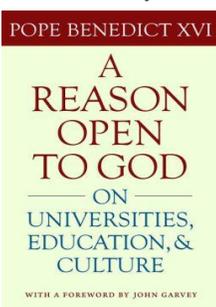
Book of the month: The Power of the Powerless



Books of great political insight and novelty always outlive their time of birth and this reissued work, initially published in 1985, is no exception. Written shortly after the formation of Charter 77, the essays in this collection are among the most original and compelling pieces of political writing to have emerged from central and Eastern Europe during the whole of the post-war period. **Václav Havel's** essay provides the title for the book. It was read by all the contributors who in turn responded to the many questions which Havel raises about the potential power of the powerless.

The essays explain the anti-democratic features and limits of Soviet-type totalitarian systems of power. They discuss such concepts as ideology, democracy, civil liberty, law and the state from a perspective which is radically different from that of people living in liberal western democracies. The authors also discuss the prospects for democratic change under totalitarian conditions. Steven Lukes' introduction provides an invaluable political and historical context for these writings. The authors represent a very broad spectrum of democratic opinion, including liberal, conservative and socialist. For more information [Click here>>](#)

A Reason Open to God: Pope Benedict XVI on Universities, Education, and Culture



The pope's most important statements on the nature of the university and its cultural and educative tasks are brought together in this volume. Featured are the various speeches he has given to university audiences since his pontificate began. Also included are select addresses on education and culture, themes that go to the heart of the mission of the university. Throughout these addresses, the pope presents 2,000 years of lived tradition with a striking freshness. His response to the contemporary challenges in Catholic higher education will have an enduring historical impact.

John Garvey, president of the Catholic University of America, provides a foreword in which he reflects on the themes of the pope's speeches. **J. Steven Brown**, professor of mechanical engineering at The Catholic University of America, edited the volume.

IN THE PUBLIC ARENA

Pope Francis and "The Religious Sense"

Check out the video, Pope Francis and "The Religious Sense". It is a commentary by Fr. Barron. Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian. Fr. Barron is the creator and host of **Catholicism**, a groundbreaking ten-part documentary series and study program about the Catholic faith. You can see the video [here>>](#).

SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY

We will continue working on the Saturday morning lesson of the Fraternity Exercises.

We will start working on the Saturday afternoon lesson the week of July 1st.

Fr. Carron's June 19th School of Community is now available online, [here>>](#). Use it as a help in your work.

To download the booklet of the Spiritual Exercises [click here>>](#). If you would like a physical copy of the booklet, please contact the CL Office.

TRACES



Issue #6 of 2013 contains the Spiritual Exercises booklet and a number of articles exploring the meaning and fruit of life in the CL Fraternity. And the aspect of mission and the necessity of what the Pope calls "going out", the fruit of true fraternity – is examined in depth.

To see the full contents of issue #6, please click [here>>](#). To subscribe to Traces please click [here>>](#).

Debunking the Myths of a Good Death

June 20, 2013 - New York, NY

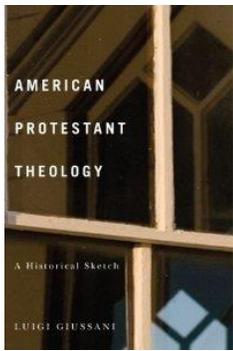
This event is dedicated to the ongoing debate about the possible legalization of assisted suicide or, in some cases, even euthanasia. End-of-life issues are not easy to discuss because they involve very fundamental questions, such as the meaning and scope of individual freedom, the very value of human life and the nature of the medical profession. For this event, we have asked our speakers to help us understand better two very basic questions.

The first question is: what motivates the current push towards assisted suicide? What cultural forces are at work and how should we respond to them? Contemporary culture places a disproportionate emphasis on individual autonomy, but is that the only criterion? Is our death really just our own? Or does the idea of legal euthanasia ignore that fact that how we live and die has profound consequences on the lives of people around us?

This last question leads us to second theme that we would like to discuss tonight, namely the apparent inability of our culture to attribute any value to the unavoidable suffering that is associated with dying. Nothing makes suffering more unbearable than the perception that it is utterly meaningless. But is it really so? Is it possible to discover a possibility of good even in suffering? For more information [click here>>](#)

Msgr. Luigi Giussani on Protestant Theology

October 2, 2013 – New York, NY



A presentation of by Crossroads Cultural Center and American Bible Society [American Protestant Theology: A Historical Sketch](#), the latest book published by the founder of Communion and Liberation, **Msgr. Luigi Giussani**. with Dr. Margaret Harper McCarthy, Assistant Professor of Theological Anthropology, John Paul II Institute at The Catholic University of America, and Dr. Archie Spencer, Associate Professor of Theology, Northwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Canada.

In *American Protestant Theology*, Luigi Giussani traces the history of the most meaningful theological expressions and the cultural significance of American Protestantism, from its origins in seventeenth-century Puritanism to the 1950s. Giussani clarifies and assesses elements of Protestantism such as the democratic approach to Church-State relations, "The Great Awakening," Calvinism and Trinitarianism, and liberalism. His rich references and analytical descriptions reconstruct an overview of the development of a religion that has great importance in the context of spiritual life and American culture. He also displays full respect for the religious depth from which Protestantism was born and where it can reach, and expresses great admiration for its most prominent thinkers and spiritual leaders, including Jonathan Edwards, Horace Bushnell, Walter Rauschenbusch, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich. Further testament to Giussani's clear-minded and comprehensive knowledge of Christianity, *American Protestant Theology* makes the work of a master theologian available in English for the first time.

Our first guest speaker, Dr. Archie Spencer, wrote the introduction to *American Protestant Theology: A Historical Sketchbook*. Our second guest, Dr. Margaret McCarthy, will speak about the influence of *American Protestant Theology* on the formation of Fr. Giussani's thought and experience. For more information [click here>>](#)

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITIES

Please share your witness with the CL office; it is helpful for the growth of all of us.

A new community has started in **Auburn, AL**. Michael DiChiara met a group of CL people at his parish in Montgomery. After moving to Auburn he started a group at St. Michaels Parish and there is now a School of Community of seven people.

Summer Vacations

The theme of this year's summer vacations will be the same as the Fraternity Exercises, "Who Will Separate Us from the Love of Christ?" CL summer vacations are taking place in the following places:

Miami, FL – June 26-30, 2013

Bellingham, WA (Northwest) – July 3-7, 2013

Claysburg, PA, (Washington, DC) – July 3-7, 2013

Colorado – July 3-7, 2013

Ellenville, NY (East Coast) – July 3-7, 2013

Boone, NC (Southeast) – July 4-7, 2013

Mammoth Lakes, CA – July 5-9, 2013

Nashville, IN (Lower Midwest) – July 24-28, 2013

Osceola, WI (Upper Midwest) – July 24-28, 2013