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**GREGORY BAUM** is professor emeritus at McGill University and the founding editor of *The Ecumenist*. He is the author of a number of books, including *Signs of the Times*, *Amazing Churches*, and *Religion and Alienation* (all Novalis).

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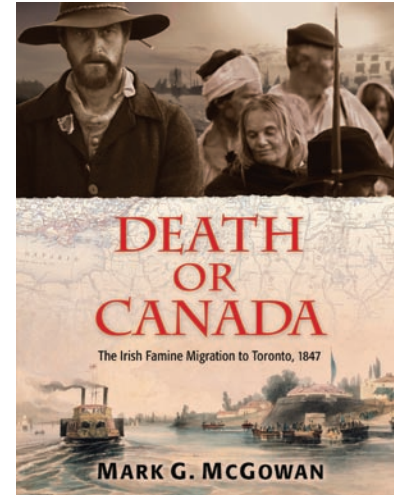
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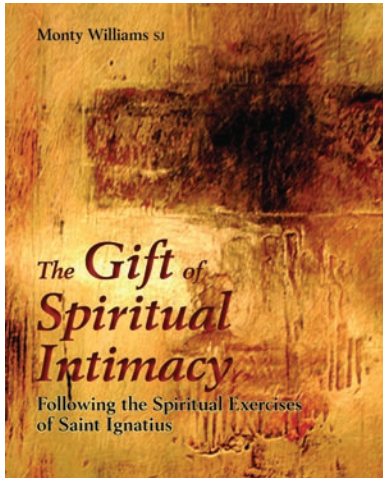
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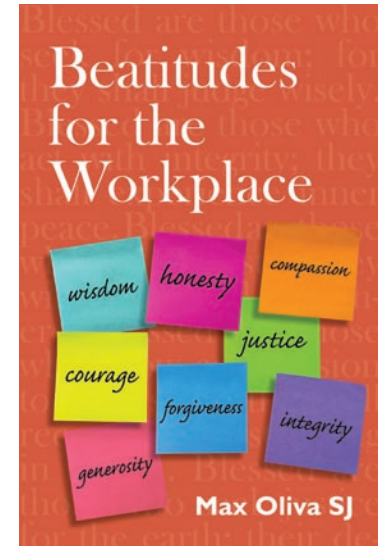
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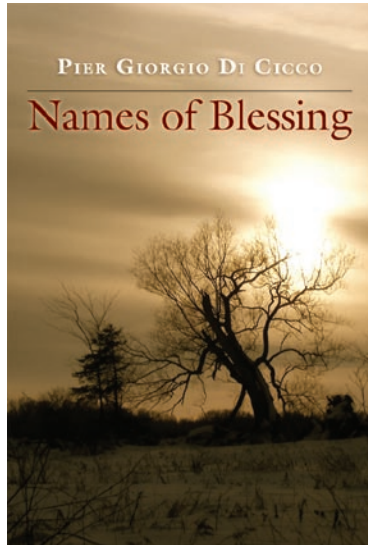
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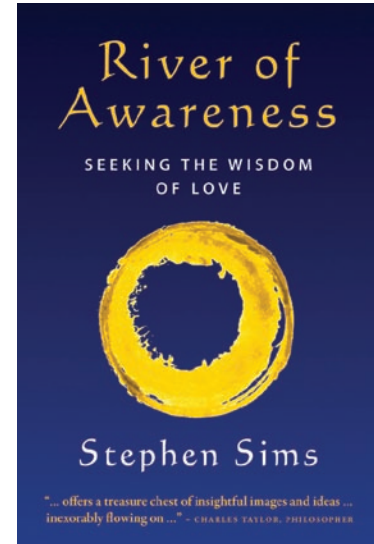
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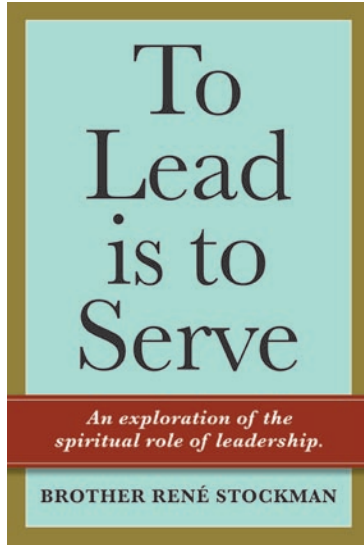
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A Memoir

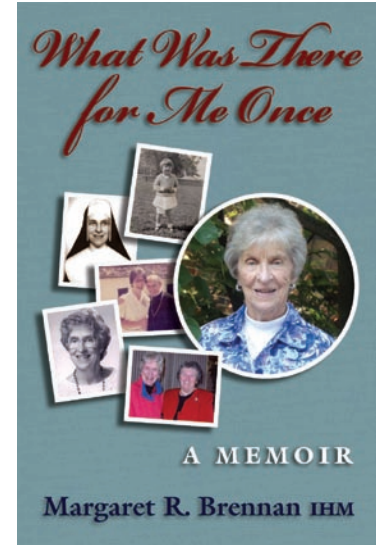
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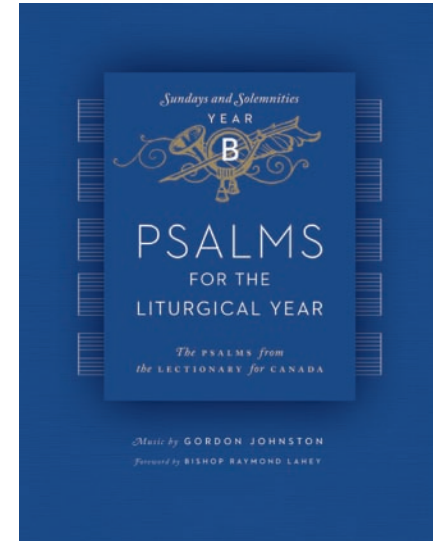
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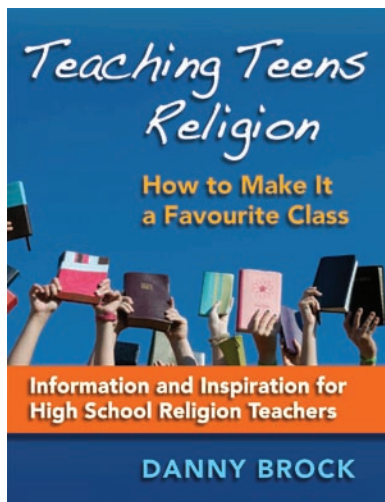
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**DANNY BROCK** has taught high school Religion for over 20 years and directed many youth retreats in Canada and the United States. He has a Master’s in Pastoral Ministry and is currently director of Religious Education at St. Andrew’s Regional Catholic High School in Victoria, British Columbia.

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LEAH PERRAULT & BRETT SALKELD

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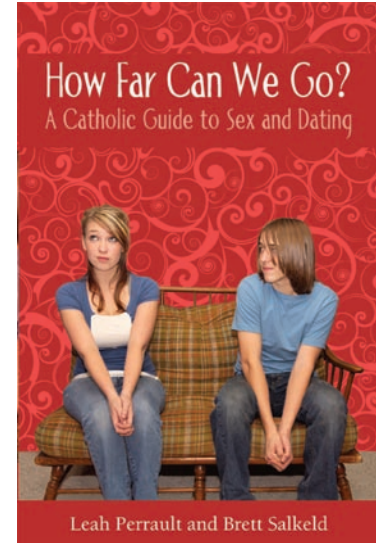
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**LEAH PERRAULT** is currently completing a Master of Art in Pastoral Theology at the University of St. Michael’s College, in addition to being the Director of Pastoral Services in the Diocese of Saskatoon.

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