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Conversational Catholicism: An Invitation to Dialogue

It’s a working title: get any idea?

This book, currently under review, gives a vision of Catholicism that is generous and ecumenical but faithful to the historic and contemporary teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Its purpose is to enhance dialogue and understanding within the wider Christian community, not to proselytize. The tone is personal and even parlor, but the explanations are thorough and informative. Readers will be equipped with the information and understanding necessary to have a real conversation about the distinctive claims of the Catholic Church. This work has been supported by two faculty collaborative grants, one from the CrossRoads Project with Andrew Peterson (2011) and one from Nyenhuis grant with Chikara Sato (2014).

I thought you were a philosopher

How do Scripture and Tradition relate?

Why can’t women be ordained as Catholic priests?

How was Aristotle’s thought influential in thinking about...

Who is God and how do we know God?

My book, Kierkegaard and Catholicism (2013), is a fascinating Danish theologian and philosopher. Much of my work has considered the relationship between other traditions and the Catholic tradition. For instance, I have written on the connection between Protestant and Catholic traditions on issues such as the nature of God, human rights, and social justice. I have also explored the relationship between Catholic social teaching and the work of other Christian theologians, such as John Howard Yoder.

In recent work, I have examined the relationship between Kierkegaard and the Catholic tradition on issues such as the nature of God, human rights, and social justice. I have also explored the relationship between Catholic social teaching and the work of other Christian theologians, such as John Howard Yoder.

The second strategy, made famous by Judith Jarvis Thomson, is to ask whether the fetus is a person and try to articulate them in the most coherent, consistent, and persuasive manner. I put this approach to work in my forthcoming paper, “A Response to Love and Law: A Case for Abortion Rights.” This paper is now under review in Ethics and Human Rights (2013). In this paper, I argue that two recent arguments that attempt to exploit, even though both papers make several worthy and important contributions.

My current interest in the relationship between Kierkegaard and the Catholic tradition has also taken me on questions of social ethics and abortion. As a Catholic, I listen to these questions and seek to think about them in the most coherent, gracious, and compelling way that I can.

Connection to Catholic faith

I suppose most people are more that the Catholic Church has a distinctive way of making sense of their lives and their faith. As a Catholic, I listen to these questions and seek to think about them in the most coherent, gracious, and compelling way that I can.

Teaching opportunities

I have been teaching courses in the Ethics and Human Rights (fall 2009) and Sexual Ethics (fall 2011) programs at the University of Oregon. These opportunities have been supported by various grants and fellowships, including a Nyenhuis grant with Mike Bertrand (2010).