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EXPERIENCE THE SEASON OF HOPEFUL WAITING THROUGH IGNATIAN PRAYER

NOTRE DAME, Ind.—This hopeful seasonal prayer book from the Apostleship of Prayer (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network) inspires readers with the Church's daily scripture readings from the beginning of Advent to Epiphany, introducing Catholics and other Christians to the traditional spiritual devotion known as *lectio divina*, or "sacred reading," in a new way.

Advent and Christmas are the seasons of expectant waiting for the joyful arrival of the Christ Child, but the days are often filled with hectic preparation for the holidays. The imaginative, six-step process of *lectio divina* creates moments of peace during busy days so readers can listen to God's Word, prayerfully respond, and explore ways the gospel reading can be applied to daily life.

Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas 2017–2018 is inspired by Ignatian spirituality and becomes a guide through the Church's daily gospel readings as well as readings for solemnities and feast days, asking readers to:

- know that God is present;
- read the gospel;
- carefully note thoughts and feelings;
- pray for oneself and others;
- listen to Jesus; and
- ask God to show the best way to live today.

Beginning with Advent and encompassing the Christmas season, this book is a catalyst for an intimate encounter with Christ by reading, reflecting, praying, and responding to the Word of God in a way that is both familiar and fresh.

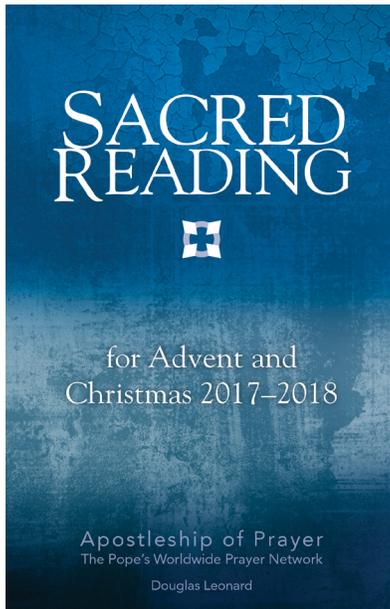


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The Apostleship of Prayer (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network) is an international pontifical prayer ministry served by the Jesuits that reaches more than 35 million members worldwide through its popular website, *ApostleshipofPrayer.org*, and through talks, conferences, publications, and retreats.

Douglas Leonard, who compiles the Sacred Reading series, served as its executive director in the United States from 2006 to 2016.



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"For Advent 2016 and Lent 2017, we sent a copy of the Sacred Reading books to our parishioners' homes. Sacred Reading helps parishioners to establish a prayer practice they can continue on their own, past the seasons of Advent and Lent."

Very Rev. Stephen D. Parkes, V.F.

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