

## 1: SeanPaulMurphyVille: Religion and Politics: An Uneasy Mix

*Uneasy States of Grace is a love story set in the post-Vatican II era when gale-force winds of change were blowing recklessly across the landscapes of life, rendering everything fair game for personal re-evaluation.*

Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Preface This book is a study of the process of reading difference in an Italian social setting in which the arrival of strangers has posed the peculiar problem of the increasing heterogeneity of this society. The distances across understandings traversed by Italians and Senegalese in the process of coming to terms with various forms of displacement—from that of Turin, a post-Fordist city, to that of the declining economic fortunes of the Senegalese state—are perhaps indicative of the emergent world of travelers, migrants, and workers over the fragments of industrial societies and the uneasy reformulation of the nation-state. Indeterminacy is probably the most characteristic feature of this passage between more or less bounded capsules of knowledge. These new indeterminate spaces may be the "fluid sociocultural constellations" of a new social order, as some now suggest, or the tired retracing of routes half-remembered or untold parts of greater narratives Olwig , 6. Whether we are witnessing the articulation of a new social dynamics of diaspora, displacement , and dislocation or the continuation of ancient and to us unknown migratory dreaming or wanderings just now entering the realm of social practice, we can no longer assume that migrants arrive in quite the same type of nation-state they once did—since our notion of the state in late capitalism has found it to be as multifarious as we once thought it to be stable. In when I set out to conduct research on the new phenomenon of immigration in Italy, I found that explaining the relationship between the arrival of postcolonial Senegalese Muslims in a deindustrializing European country that was not for them the former metropolitan center required going back to an articulation of Europe and Africa as conceptual entities and as projects in the process of the emergence of the nation-state. I found that many Italians spoke of the arrival of Senegalese and other groups as if it were localized in parts of major cities, around train stations, in airports, and local parks—all sites that had become contested, that people often wish to free of the encounter with the "Other. The attempt to recapture the golden age of the absence of the Other helped me to understand that the "new migrant" was being thought of within a language of culture similar to that of the southern Italian migrant of the past. In a complex interplay of notions of nation, class, race, and gender, the newcomer was being recycled through the conceptual framework of years of representations that contributed to the "making of Italians," and the sense of inhabiting particular urbanscapes out of the backdrop of rural society. Often, thinking through the newcomer was a way of revisiting old controversies between the North and the South, and conflicts between the political Left and Right. This book documents a "crisis" in Italian society in which the arrival of groups like the Senegalese has played no small part. The designation of this crisis comes from the way in which these events have been constructed in Italian cultural logic and from the nature of social problems that have come to national awareness through means of the arrival of newcomers, such as housing, health care, and abuses of labor practices. The shifting of political power from traditional postwar parties and the emergence of right-wing politics occurred largely during the course of this study. I include the view of these groups that I formulated during the process of their initial articulation. My aim is to examine racist discourse, past and present, as this relates to conceptions of nation, class, and other distinctions historically constituted in the convergence of classificatory schemes set to capture the contemporary context of increasing European social and cultural heterogeneity. Forms of difference found as representations in the media, in state discourse, and in popular commonsense ideology provide the basis for present and future negotiations over the nature of identity, cultural and political representations, and the contours of an emergent social world. My purpose in States of Grace is to explore the unique circumstance of Italian culture and society in the face of recent events. By using the term states of grace, I mean to draw attention to the encounters X PREFACE of diverse worlds in moments when this new relationship is being negotiated , creating a You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

### 2: Dems Hope for NY Rent Reform, But Cuomo Makes Some Uneasy

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Schools of the Clergy. Having in a former section observed the elevation of the church to the position of the state religion of the Roman empire, and the influence of this great change upon the condition of the clergy and upon public morality, we turn now to the internal organization and the development of the hierarchy under its new circumstances. The step of progress which we here find distinguishing the organization of this third period from the episcopal system of the second and the apostolic supervision of the first, is the rise of the patriarchal constitution and of the system of ecumenical councils closely connected with it. But we must first glance at the character and influence of the teaching order in general. The work of preparation for the clerical office was, on the one hand, materially facilitated by the union of the church with the state, putting her in possession of the treasures, the schools, the learning, and the literature of classic heathendom, and throwing the education of the rising generation into her hands. The numerous doctrinal controversies kept the spirit of investigation awake, and among the fathers and bishops of the fourth and fifth centuries we meet with the greatest theologians of the ancient church. These gave their weighty voices for the great value of a thorough education to the clerical office, and imparted much wholesome instruction respecting the studies proper to this purpose. A law of Justinian, of the year , established a similar test in the East. But on the other hand, a regular and general system of clerical education was still entirely wanting. The steady decay of the classic literature, the gradual cessation of philosophical and artistic production, the growth of monastic prejudice against secular learning and culture, the great want of ministers in the suddenly expanded field of the church, the uneasy state of the empire, and the barbarian invasions, were so many hinderances to thorough theological preparation. Many candidates trusted to the magical virtue of ordination. Others, without inward call, were attracted to the holy office by the wealth and power of the church. Others had no time or opportunity for preparation, and passed, at the instance of the popular voice or of circumstances, immediately from the service of the state to that of the church, even to the episcopal office; though several councils prescribed a previous test of their capacity in the lower degrees of reader, deacon, and presbyter. Often, however, this irregularity turned to the advantage of the church, and gave her a highly gifted man, like Ambrose, whom the acclamation of the people called to the episcopal see of Milan even before he was baptized. Gregory Nazianzen laments that many priests and bishops came in fresh from the counting house, sunburnt from the plow, from the oar, from the army, or even from the theatre, so that the most holy order of all was in danger of becoming the most ridiculous. The opportunities which this period offered for literary and theological preparation for the ministry, were the following: The East had four or five theological schools, which, however, were far from supplying its wants. The oldest and most celebrated was the catechetical school of Alexandria. Favored by the great literary treasures, the extensive commercial relations, and the ecclesiastical importance of the Egyptian metropolis, as well as by a succession of distinguished teachers, it flourished from the middle of the second century to the end of the fourth, when, amidst the Origenistic, Nestorian, and Monophysite confusion, it withered and died. Its last ornament was the blind, but learned and pious Didymus " From the Alexandrian school proceeded the smaller institution of Caesarea in Palestine, which was founded by Origen, after his banishment from Alexandria, and received a new but temporary impulse in the beginning of the fourth century from his admirer, the presbyter Pamphilus, and from his friend Eusebius. It possessed the theological library which Eusebius used in the preparation of his learned works. Far more important was the theological school of Antioch, founded about by the presbyters Dorotheus and Lucian. It developed in the course of the fourth century a severe grammatico-historical exegesis, counter to the Origenistic allegorical method of the Alexandrians; now in connection with the church doctrine, as in Chrysostom; now in a rationalizing spirit, as in Theodore of Mopsuestia and Nestorius. The Nestorians, at the close of the fifth century, founded a seminary at Nisibis in Mesopotamia, which was organized into several classes and based upon a definite plan of instruction. The West had no such institutions for theological instruction, but supplied itself chiefly from cloisters and private

schools of the bishops. Cassiodorus endeavored to engage Pope Agapetus in founding a learned institution in Rome, but was discouraged by the warlike disquietude of Italy. Jerome spent some time at the Alexandrian school under the direction of Didymus. Many priests and bishops, as we have already observed, emanated from the monasteries, where they enjoyed the advantages of retirement from the world, undisturbed meditation, the intercourse of kindred earnest minds, and a large spiritual experience; but, on the other hand, easily sank into a monkish narrowness, and rarely attained that social culture and comprehensive knowledge of the world and of men, which is necessary, especially in large cities, for a wide field of labor. In the West there were smaller diocesan seminaries, under the direction of the bishops, who trained their own clergy, both in theory and in practice, as they passed through the subordinate classes of reader, sub-deacon, and deacon. Augustine set a good example of this sort, having at Hippo a "monasterium clericorum," which sent forth many good presbyters and bishops for the various dioceses of North Africa. Similar clerical monasteries or episcopal seminaries arose gradually in the southern countries of Europe, and are very common in the Roman Catholic church to this day. Several of the most learned and able fathers of the fourth century received their general scientific education in heathen schools, under the setting sun of the classic culture, and then studied theology either in ascetic retirement or under some distinguished church teacher, or by the private reading of the Scriptures and the earlier church literature. Thus Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen were in the high school of Athens at the same time with the prince Julian the Apostate; Chrysostom attended the lectures of the celebrated rhetorician Libanius in Antioch; Augustine studied at Carthage, Rome, and Milan; and Jerome was introduced to the study of the classics by the grammarian Donatus of Rome. The great and invaluable service of these fathers in the development and defence of the church doctrine, in pulpit eloquence, and especially in the translation and exposition of the Holy Scriptures, is the best evidence of the high value of a classical education. And the church has always, with good reason, acknowledged it. The clergy, according to the precedent of the Old Testament, came to be more and more rigidly distinguished, as a peculiar order, from the body of the laity. The ordination, which was solemnized by the laying on of hands and prayer, with the addition at a later period of an anointing with oil and balsam, marked the formal entrance into the special priesthood, as baptism initiated into the universal priesthood; and, like baptism, it bore an indefeasible character character indelebilis. By degrees the priestly office assumed the additional distinction of celibacy and of external marks, such as tonsure, and sacerdotal vestments worn at first only during official service, then in every-day life. The idea of the universal priesthood of believers retreated in proportion, though it never passed entirely out of sight, but was from time to time asserted even in this age. Augustine, for example, says, that as all are called Christians on account of their baptism, so all believers are priests, because they are members of the one High Priest. The lower clergy were chosen by the bishops, the bishops by their colleagues in the province and by the clergy. The fourth canon of Nice, probably at the instance of the Meletian schism, directed that a bishop should be instituted and consecrated by all, or at least by three, of the bishops of the province. This was not aimed, however, against the rights of the people, but against election by only one bishop—the act of Meletius. For the consent of the people in the choice of presbyters, and especially of bishops, long remained, at least in outward form, in memory of the custom of the apostles and the primitive church. There was either a formal vote, particularly when there were three or more candidates before the people, or the people were thrice required to signify their confirmation or rejection by the formula: The Roman bishop Leo, in spite of his papal absolutism, asserted the thoroughly democratic principle, long since abandoned by his successors: Ambrose of Milan and Nectarius of Constantinople were appointed to the bishopric even before they were baptized; the former by the people, the latter by the emperor Theodosius; though in palpable violation of the eightieth apostolic canon and the second Nicene. Thus there were frequent disturbances and collisions, and even bloody conflicts, as in the election of Damasus in Rome. In short, all the selfish passions and corrupting influences, which had spoiled the freedom of the popular political elections in the Grecian and Roman republics, and which appear also in the republics of modern times, intruded upon the elections of the church. And the clergy likewise often suffered themselves to be guided by impure motives. Chrysostom laments that presbyters, in the choice of a bishop, instead of looking only at spiritual fitness, were led by regard for noble birth, or great wealth, or consanguinity and friendship. Nectarius, who was suddenly

transferred, in , by the emperor Theodosius, from the praetorship to the bishopric of Constantinople, even before he was baptized, wished to ordain his physician Martyrius deacon, and when the latter refused, on the ground of incapacity, he replied: Thus every mode of appointment was evidently exposed to abuse, and could furnish no security against unworthy candidates, if the electors, whoever they might be, were destitute of moral earnestness and the gift of spiritual discernment. Toward the end of the period before us the republican element in the election of bishops entirely disappeared. The Greek church after the eighth century vested the franchise exclusively in the bishops. But in the West, especially in Spain and France, instead of the people, the temporal prince exerted an important influence, in spite of the frequent protest of the church. Even the election of pope, after the downfall of the West Roman empire, came largely under control of the secular authorities of Rome; first, of the Ostrogothic kings; then, of the exarchs of Ravenna in the name of the Byzantine emperor; and, after Charlemagne, of the emperor of Germany; till, in , through the influence of Hildebrand afterward Gregory VII. Yet the papal absolutism of the middle age, like the modern Napoleonic military despotism in the state, found it well, under favorable prospects, to enlist the democratic principle for the advancement of its own interests. Marriage and Celibacy of the Clergy. The progress and influence of monasticism, the general exaltation of the ascetic life above the social, and of celibacy above the married state, together with the increasing sharpness of the distinction between clergy and laity, all tended powerfully toward the celibacy of the clergy. What had been a voluntary, and therefore an honorable exception, now became the rule, and the former rule became the exception. Connubial intercourse appeared incompatible with the dignity and purity of the priestly office and of priestly functions, especially with the service of the altar. The clergy, as the model order, could not remain below the moral ideal of monasticism, extolled by all the fathers of the church, and must exhibit the same unconditional and undivided devotion to the church within the bosom of society, which monasticism exhibited without it. While placed by their calling in unavoidable contact with the world, they must vie with the monks at least in the virtue of sexual purity, and thereby increase their influence over the people. Moreover, the celibate life secured to the clergy greater independence toward the state and civil society, and thus favored the interests of the hierarchy. But, on the other hand, it estranged them more and more from the sympathies and domestic relations of the people, and tempted them to the illicit indulgence of appetite, which, perhaps, did more injury to the cause of Christian morality and to the true influence of the clergy, than the advantage of forced celibacy could compensate. In the practice of clerical celibacy, however, the Greek and the Latin churches diverged in the fourth century, and are to this day divided. The Greek church stopped halfway, and limited the injunction of celibacy to the higher clergy, who were accordingly chosen generally from the monasteries or from the ranks of widower-presbyters; while the Latin church extended the law to the lower clergy, and at the same time carried forward the hierarchical principle to absolute papacy. The Greek church differs from the Latin, not by any higher standard of marriage, but only by a closer adherence to earlier usage and by less consistent application of the ascetic principle. It is in theory as remote from the evangelical Protestant church as the Latin is, and approaches it only in practice. It sets virginity far above marriage, and regards marriage only in its aspect of negative utility. In the single marriage of a priest it sees in a measure a necessary evil, at best only a conditional good, a wholesome concession to the flesh for the prevention of immorality, and requires of its highest office bearers total abstinence from all matrimonial intercourse. It wavers, therefore, between a partial permission and a partial condemnation of priestly marriage. In the East, one marriage was always allowed to the clergy, and at first even to bishops, and celibacy was left optional. Yet certain restrictions were early introduced, such as the prohibition of marriage after ordination except in deacons and subdeacons , as well as of second marriage after baptism; the apostolic direction, that a bishop should be the husband of one wife, being taken as a prohibition of successive polygamy, and at the same time as an allowance of one marriage. Besides second marriage, the marrying of a concubine, a widow, a harlot, a slave, and an actress, was forbidden to the clergy. With these restrictions, the "Apostolic Constitutions" and "Canons" expressly permitted the marriage of priests contracted before ordination, and the continuance of it after ordination. A venerable Egyptian bishop, Paphnutius, though himself a strict ascetic from his youth up, and a confessor who in the last persecution had lost an eye and been crippled in the knee, asserted with impressiveness and success, that too great rigor would injure the church and promote

licentiousness and that marriage and connubial intercourse were honorable and spotless things. Accordingly we not unfrequently find in the Oriental church, so late as the fourth and fifth centuries, not only priests, but even bishops living in wedlock. One example is the father of the celebrated Gregory Nazianzen, who while bishop had two sons, Gregory and the younger Caesarius, and a daughter. Nevertheless, down to the end of the seventh century, many bishops in Africa, Libya, and elsewhere, continued to live in the married state, as is expressly said in the twelfth canon of the Trullan council; but this gave offence and was forbidden. From that time the marriage of bishops gradually disappears, while marriage among the lower clergy continues to be the rule. This Trullan council, which was the sixth ecumenical a. Hereâ€™to anticipate somewhatâ€™the continuance of a first marriage contracted before ordination was prohibited in the case of bishops on pain of deposition, but, in accordance with the Apostolic Constitutions and Canons, allowed in the case of presbyters and deacons contrary to the Roman practice, with the Old Testament restriction, that they abstain from sexual intercourse during the season of official service, because he who administers holy things must be pure. The Western church, starting from the perverted and almost Manichaeian ascetic principle, that the married state is incompatible with clerical dignity and holiness, instituted a vigorous effort at the end of the fourth century, to make celibacy, which had hitherto been left to the option of individuals, the universal law of the priesthood; thus placing itself in direct contradiction to the Levitical law, to which in other respects it made so much account of conforming. The law, however, though repeatedly enacted, could not for a long time be consistently enforced. The canon, already mentioned, of the Spanish council of Elvira in , was only provincial. The first prohibition of clerical marriage, which laid claim to universal ecclesiastical authority, at least in the West, proceeded in from the Roman church in the form of a decretal letter of the bishop Siricius to Himerius, bishop of Tarragona in Spain, who had referred several questions of discipline to the Roman bishop for decision. It is significant of the connection between the celibacy of the clergy and the interest of the hierarchy, that the first properly papal decree, which was issued in the tone of supreme authority, imposed such an unscriptural, unnatural, and morally dangerous restriction. Siricius contested the appeal of dissenting parties to the Mosaic law, on the ground that the Christian priesthood has to stand not merely for a time, but perpetually, in the service of the sanctuary, and that it is not hereditary, like the Jewish; and he ordained that second marriage and marriage with a widow should incapacitate for ordination, and that continuance in the married state after ordination should be punished with deposition. Leo the Great subsequently, extended the requirement of celibacy even to the subdiaconate. The most eminent Latin church fathers, Ambrose, Jerome, and even Augustineâ€™though the last with more moderationâ€™advocated the celibacy of priests. Augustine, with Eusebius of Vercella before him, united their clergy in a cloister life, and gave them a monastic stamp; and Martin of Tours, who was a monk from the first, carried his monastic life into his episcopal office. The synod of Clermont, for example a. He is become the brother of her who was his wife. But since some, inflamed with lust, have rejected the girdle of the warfare [of Christ], and returned to marriage intercourse, it is ordered that such must lose their office forever. In the British and Irish church, isolated as it was from the Roman, the marriage of priests continued to prevail down to the Anglo-Saxon period. But with the disappearance of legitimate marriage in the priesthood, the already prevalent vice of the cohabitation of unmarried ecclesiastics with pious widows and virgins "secretly brought in," became more and more common.

### 3: Christian Assurance and the Uneasy Heart - SLJ Institute

*As gale-force winds of change blow recklessly across the landscapes of life in the s, rendering everything fair game for personal re-evaluation, Monsignor Sam Kennedy begins questioning all he believes about his Church.*

This will be very important for understanding the section that we are turning to today. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things. God is greater than our heart and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God? Now whatsoever we ask we receive of him because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. So to believe the name of his Son Jesus Christ is to believe more than just the name, the moniker that we might attach to someone but has to do with all that Christ is in his person as well as his work. We praise Thee for the grace of God that came to us that enabled us to believe the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ and to love one another. We ask Lord, Thy blessing upon the whole church of Jesus Christ today, not simply this local aspect or manifestation of that body, but we pray that the whole body of Christ wherever its members may be may receive spiritual blessing from Thee. We thank Thee for the hope that we all have together. We look forward to the day when all of us shall be gathered into the presence of the Lord to worship him, to truly love one another in the love of God. We thank Thee and praise Thee for the tasks that Thou has given to us and pray that Thou would help us to proclaim his name in our day to the people who are living with us in this society and on this globe. We pray, Lord, for our country. We ask Thy blessing upon the President and upon the newly elected President and Vice-President, we ask that Thou would prepare them for the tasks that lie before them and may if it please Thee; President-Elect Bush may have a successive presidency of the United States of America. We pray that our freedoms may continue that Christ may be lifted up in the days that lie ahead of us, those that Thou does give us. May it be that the whole body may experience the blessing of God in the weeks and days and months and years that lie ahead. We pray especially for the sick. We pray for them. We ask Thy blessing upon those who have been in the hospital, some of whom are returning home today. We pray for them, such as the Hamets, and we pray for the Wallaces, Thy blessing upon them. May our Lord give them the comfort and the encouragement that they need in these difficult days. Lord, we praise Thee that Thou has allowed us to have a testimony for Jesus Christ and wilt Thou encourage us in the proclamation of the word of God by giving fruit. We thank Thee that Thou has reached down to use sinners, lost sinners, as instruments in the glorification of the name of Jesus Christ. May that transpire today in our meetings and through the days of this week that lie before us. He pointed out that in the way in which most the hymns appear in most of our modern textbooks there is considerable variation between what was originally written and what we sing. After all, he said we must leave the people in the pew with some shreds of respectability. Well, the writer of the hymn understood theology a little bit better than those who have modified his language as being inappropriate. At least you have confessed your sinfulness and that is worthwhile. You see that is where all theology begins. If there is no confession of our worthlessness, our sinfulness, then there is no point in Christianity because Christianity addresses people who do confess just that. It is great to have the assurance that it is true, that we are sinners and that further, that there is a remedy and the remedy is through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and his atoning death. Now we are looking at the passage in which the apostle has again been ringing the changes on the fact that Christians, who are our brethren and sisters in the Lord, are to love one another. The new commandment is referred to more than once to this point. So now he is going to try to give us some assurance. The topic for today is Christian assurance and the uneasy conscience. He just said in the preceding context, the immediately preceding context, that genuine love is not love in word or tongue only. Not in tongue in which we can say things that are very polite, very courteous, but nevertheless not truthful, of which we are all guilty. I speak for all sinners. And so the apostle says that we are to love in word and in deed and it is perfectly alright to love in tongue. We should express our love, but it should be in truthful tongue. Now he stressed this. So to put it in his words, he has just said that genuine love is not in word or tongue only. Last week, well, I take it back. It was a couple of weeks ago, I received a letter from a person who listens to our tapes and who also is close enough to Dallas, to listen to our radio broadcast on Sunday

morning. She sent me a couple of pages in somewhat anguish spirit trying to set forth one of the problems she was having in her church in East Texas. And she sent me the sermon that her pastor had preached. The topic of that sermon, believe it or not my Bible reading friends, was Great Lives of Faith: And she said, when I came out from listening to this man, my pastor speak, and I often have this feeling; I came out wondering if I had been reading the Bible correctly. But will you please look at this sermon and tell me what you think of it. Now you might wonder how a person could come up with a title like that and consider it exposition of the word of God. Great Lives of Faith: He began with a little bit of humor. He said as a kid, his favorite movie hero was Francis, the talking mule. Many years later he learned the story of Balaam and Balak and what could be the first talking story of a talking mule. You know, you really can find a text for almost anything you want to say if you look carefully enough. So here is a text taken by a minister of the word of God out of its context totally to support the title, Great Lives of Faith: He said furthermore, this statement was reminiscent of a statement of the basic beliefs of the church of which he is a part. That statement is still cherished by all who belong to this body of believers and they are very numerous over the country and particularly in the South. Where the Bible is silent, we are silent. In fact, it is not a bad statement. Kurt Daniel expound very well on Wednesday nights. He loved the wages of unrighteousness. He is linked with Cain and Korah and described as those who ran greedily after the error for reward. In other words, they did what they did, said what they did, in order to enlarge their pocketbooks. And finally, the apostle John in the second chapter of the Book of Revelation, in the 14th verse giving the words of our Lord, he interprets the Old Testament too. The apostles, the New Testament, our Lord himself, disagree with that. Later on after giving his magnificent Messianic prophecies, he found opportunity to tell Balak, now if you really want to curse the Israelites what you need to do is to seduce them with false doctrine. So he sought to get Balak to seduce the Israelites so that they would follow another god, Baal Beor and finally, as an ignominious end, by being slain by the children of Israel later on. Now we have been exposed to this expression a whole lot in recent days. In other words, here is what my opponent is saying, the facts are. Have you heard that? If you have been listening to the candidates you have heard it, not once but scores of times. Balaam was a false prophet. It is very plain. Now it is true. God said first, no Balaam, you cannot go. But then when they offered him a little bit more money and more inducements, he went to the Lord again and said can I go? Now he had already made his will known to Balaam. But it is obvious that Balaam is going to do it so God said, alright Balaam, go. That is the text that is referred to by the author. Go, but when you go Balaam you are not going to be able to say anything but what I put in your mouth. So Balaam said to the people who come, if Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold I can not go beyond the word of the Lord my God to do less or more. He loved to go beyond the word of God, but now God has told him you cannot do it. And the result is, here is false prophet and what does he do. He utters great, and they are great, Messianic prophecies. But he has absolutely no real sympathy with what he is saying deep in his heart. As a matter of fact, later on he says he wished he could die the death of the righteous. It was not at all. That is a beautiful illustration of what God is talking about. This Faustian Prophet, who sacrificed spirituality, all of the great values of spirituality for material gain, this Faustian Prophet spoke the word of God. He actually uttered the word of God. And in the case of Balaam the prophet, we are talking about a person who had tongue love for Israel. Great prophecies he spoke, but they were just as deep as his tongue. So a tongue prophet with tongue love for Israel. This is the real thing. Not like Balaam or even those of us who, not even really like Balaam, but like to put on a good appearance and we talk about love, and we talk about being sweet, and we talk about nice, but there is not real love of the brethren in the sense that the apostle is speaking here. Since divine love is impossible apart from the gift of life, its presence conveys assurance. When you see an individual who is truly loving, loving the brethren, that person should have the inner assurance of relationship to the Lord God, because no one can do that naturally. If you see a Christian truly love another in the sense in which our Lord is speaking, you have seen evidence of Christianity. We are not talking about things as I say, in word only or in tongue only.

### 4: thomas\_joseph\_crossword\_puzzle\_answers

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States of Grace" whereas it is assumed that outside of Utah it will be billed as simply "States of Grace". As with prior Dutcher films, this one weaves into it believable, real life characters, believable faith, and a realistic gritty world setting. We have the Missionary who is about to go home who has a closed book past, but carries the literal scars that hint to his background. We have his companion who is neither over the top good or rebellious bad, but just a generally believable regular missionary. You have their neighbor who is a good person has hidden her spiritual scars where no one can see them. You have the homeless street preacher whose at first seems to be just another crazy rambling loon, but has made bad decisions to get to the point he is. And you have the gang member whose past is not as important as his future and his decisions about the path going forward. The film covers a little over a couple of weeks three, almost four perhaps and the events that bring them together. Some events are jarring, others are more subtle. But the lives of these individuals become intertwined with real life reactions. There are no miracles or lights from the skies. No angels or demons. The Goodness portrayed in the film is very real and true. The Evil portrayed is very real and true. What happens to each of the characters and how they respond is very natural. The stories portrayed do and have happened. The film is good. It is well done and the stories are well told and acted out. That being said, the film suffers from the expected. It was done on a very shoestring budget and the creative control and external influences on the making of the film appear very centralized around Dutcher. Also the dialogue, although being very natural, was sometimes TOO natural to the point were it could have used some "spicing up" at the writing level or some "creative editing" in the cutting room to liven them up. It seems like everyone in this film is a "listener" to everything anyone says that they are around. The film could have lost 10 to 15 minutes and it would have helped, rather than hurt it. In classic Dutcher form the film evokes a deep emotional response at the end and does so pretty successfully without feeling too contrived or forced. The ending as always is LIFE with a glimmer of hope that things can get better. For the non-Mormon viewing audience, you should have no problems seeing this film. It really is a good film about real characters and the Mormons could easily be of any faith as archetypes. For the Mormon viewing audience, if you want any portrayal of the church you view to be a mirror image of those produced by the church, then you may have problems with this this film. But be assured the problem is not with the film, but with your belief on what all portrayals of Mormons should be. My hat goes off to Richard Dutcher however as he has tried and succeeded to create an entertaining film that is true to life and itself. Was this review helpful? Sign in to vote.

### 5: Project MUSE - States of Grace

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To experience a spirituality that supports intercultural ministry and reconciliation 2. To focus on the developmental process for ecclesial integration and inclusion, specifically in diverse parish settings, including competencies for Building relationships Effective communication Decision making 3. To identify models for effective pastoral responses, principles, and practices that shape fruitful ministry in intercultural settings Outcomes Demonstrate a clear understanding of the principle of ecclesial integration versus assimilation. Identify different parish models in the context of cultural diversity and a spirituality of mission and reconciliation. This module offers an appropriate spirituality to support intercultural ministries and practical applications. It includes a developmental process for ecclesial integration, intercultural relationships, and stewardship. The process shows how parish members reach a new sense of Catholic identity, belonging, and ownership. The module also explores generational differences among new immigrants and offers pastoral principles to develop effective intercultural ministries. The module is written mostly from the perspective of the new immigrants and the communities that receive them. However, for the purpose of our study of ecclesial integration, where it says "immigrant," it can also be read "newcomer. It may also be the case that the "newcomers" are members of a community that has always "been there," but they were either neglected or ignored and now ask for inclusion. Spirituality for Intercultural Ministry and Reconciliation For intercultural ministry to be effective, it will need a lived spirituality to support it. It is one thing to have knowledge, ability, and skills in the area of intercultural relations, but it is quite another to be motivated to act on what one knows. The Church embodies a spirituality of encounter, conversion, communion, solidarity, and mission. A firm and persevering determination to commit oneself and a whole faith community to the common good. The "Going Fishing" Response A particularly poignant example of how pastoral ministers sometimes remain paralyzed in the face of new challenges like the ones posed by diversity is found in Chapter 21 of St. We read about the encounter of the disciples with Jesus after his Resurrection and learn how he made breakfast for them. Discouraged by the loss of their Master, the disciples try to go back to what they did before they met Jesus. A stranger appears on the shore and asks them about their fishing in a caring and familiar tone. By doing this, Jesus helps them break the cycle of their obsession. Some encounters with Jesus mentioned in the Gospel are clearly personal, as when Jesus summons someone to follow him Mt 9: In these cases, Jesus deals with familiarity with his hearers: Come and see" In other cases, the encounters are communal in nature, as when Jesus spoke to the Twelve: The Church is the place where men and women, by encountering Jesus, can come to know the love of the Father In Conversion It is only when they lower the nets on the other side, when they are free from their obsession, that they are able to recognize who has been standing on the shore. In an intercultural ministry, we turn away from the sins of racism and prejudice. We turn toward the image and likeness of God to be found in each human being, including the "other" and those who are "different. Conversion means both a conversion of our hearts and the conversion of those social structures and biases that perpetuate racism and discrimination. Communion Jesus becomes the gracious host, cooking for them and inviting them to contribute their own newly caught fish. Claimed by Christ and baptized into the Holy Spirit, Catholic people from all generations, cultures, races, immigration statuses, and social situations have become full members of the Church, and all are worthy of the love, the respect, and the support of the entire Christian community. In a society that is increasingly diverse and to some extent divided, we must urgently proclaim with joy and firm faith that through our "communion with Christ. Living out a theology of communion entails creating greater harmony among peoples. It does not call for the erasure of difference; rather, it brings differences into harmony with one another. An intercultural ministry must be one that welcomes the stranger and works out of an understanding of the Church as communion in which collaboration is central to pastoral service what in Hispanic ministry is understood as pastoral de conjunto. As such, it is a manifestation of the

catholicity of the Church. Solidarity Jesus asks Simon, son of John, "Do you love me? Pope John Paul II defines the virtue of solidarity as "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself [and a whole faith community] to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all" *Sollicitudo rei socialis*, no. This understanding of solidarity is based on the belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of every human person, which is deeply rooted in the Gospel and articulated in Catholic social teaching. Solidarity is manifested in a special way in advocacy: Mission Jesus commissions Simon Peter by telling him to feed his sheep. Once again, Peter is the Rock upon which the community is built. The burning desire to invite others to encounter the Living Jesus Christ is the start of the evangelizing mission to which every Catholic is called. This mission is the grace and vocation proper to the Church and her most profound identity see *Ecclesia in America*, no. The entire Church is missionary by its very nature. Each baptized person is called to missionary discipleship of Jesus Christ. This means reaching out and establishing relationships with others, especially those on the margins of society, the poor, and the forgotten. Bringing the Good News to an increasingly culturally diverse population takes us out of the church building, the parish facilities, and the weekly meetings of parish groups. It moves us from pews to shoes to go two by two into the public schools, the neighborhoods, the workplace, the movie theaters, the dance halls, the labor camps, and wherever else Catholic people gather. Reconciliation as Spirituality for Intercultural Contexts We all have been victims and wrongdoers at some point in our lives. Intercultural contexts can sometimes give rise to situations in which people feel they have been wronged, treated unfairly, or dehumanized. That is why reconciliation is an integral part of our identity and well-being of our very lives as Christians. In *The Ministry of Reconciliation: Spirituality and Strategies*, Fr. Schreiter offers the following observation on the nature of reconciliation from a Christian perspective: First of all, reconciliation is the work of God, who initiates and completes in us reconciliation through Christ. Ultimately, reconciliation is not a human achievement, but the work of God. Furthermore, God initiates the work of reconciliation in the lives of the victims. Ordinarily we would expect reconciliation to begin with the repentance of the wrongdoers. But experience shows that wrongdoers are rarely willing to acknowledge what they have done or come forward of their own accord. God begins with the victim, restoring to the victim the humanity which the wrongdoer has tried to wrest away or to destroy. This restoration of humanity might be considered the very heart of reconciliation. Humans are created in the image and likeness of God Gen 1: It is that image by which humanity might mirror divinity, by which humanity comes into communion with divinity, which is restored. That God would begin with the victim, and not the evildoer, is consistent with divine activity in history. God takes the side of the poor, the widowed and the orphaned, the oppressed, the marginal and the imprisoned. In like manner, God begins the process of human reconciliation with the victim. It is through the victim that the wrongdoer is called to repentance and forgiveness. Seen from this perspective, repentance and forgiveness are not the preconditions for reconciliation, but are rather the consequences of it. Models for Ministry in Shared and Intercultural Parishes Parish life provides different approaches for immigrants to adapt to the prevailing culture within the Church and in society. In the Americanizing parish, newcomers are welcome, but they are expected to adapt to the language and culture of the dominant group. Consequently, the parish staff need not gain special language and intercultural communication skills. Newcomers, however, do not feel welcome and experience alienation. In the inclusive parish, newcomers are welcome, and some measure of accommodation is exercised regarding the music, cultural traditions, and celebrations of the immigrant group. In the segmented parish, the parish becomes one of parallel communities, each of which has its own staff. In the mission outreach parish, the predominant group tries to reach out to the other cultural groups, and so it develops some language and intercultural communication skills. In the integrated parish, all cultural groups are equitably and suitably served. There will be residual resentment on the part of the various groups, and some groups will need help embracing such integration. These parish models constitute a developmental continuum rather than separate modalities. This process is propelled by a spirituality of hospitality, reconciliation, and mission, and it presents four major thresholds: Each threshold has movements or steps and requires certain communication competencies. Ministry with new immigrant communities seeks the healthy inclusion or integration of newcomers into the life and mission of the Church, particularly the parish. The shared parish model strives to

achieve a high level of ecclesial integration among its diverse members in a spirit of unity in diversity. Ecclesial Integration and Inclusion versus Assimilation "Integration is not to be confused with assimilation. Through the policy of assimilation, new immigrants are forced to give up their language, culture, values, and traditions. They are to be served in their language when possible, and their cultural values and religious traditions are to be respected. Beyond that, we must work toward mutual enrichment through interaction among all our cultures. Catholic Identity Movement 1: Visit them with the Good News of Christ. Affirm their gifts and contributions. Invite them to the faith community as a home away from home. Give them the ecclesial space to be themselves. Give them room to develop their own sense of identity. Enable them to adapt to a different culture from a position of strength. Organize by Developing Ministries and Ministers Opportunity: They provide for their own ministerial needs and aspirations. Parish staff and leaders work with them to develop a comprehensive ministry. Ministries include the four dimensions of Christian life modeled in the first Christian communities Acts 2: Build Relationships across Cultures and Ministries Community: Share their stories, religious traditions, and cultural richness with one another.

### 6: HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH\*

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No other man-made object holds the same disturbing allure of age-old metal and drivetrain. More emotions are involved with our cars than most relationships. Princess Grace was returning from her Roc Agel holiday home, her car over-packed with belongings, bags and hatboxes, with dresses draped over the rear seat. Grace was reputedly a rather poor driver, having abandoned her desire for automotive self-reliance after an accident in Monaco during the s. Therefore, tackling a challenging, dangerous mountain road in a hurried state highlighted that something was very wrong. As the Rover descended from the Roc Agel, a truck driver was traversing the ascent in the opposite direction. Appearing initially to be mostly in shock with bruises and wounds, Kelly had actually suffered a stroke, falling into a coma before suffering further with a brain haemorrhage. Her husband, Prince Rainier III, made the painful decision to terminate her life support system two days later. She was 52 years old. Watching with a heavy heart was her daughter Stephanie, having escaped the wreckage with little injury at all. Tabloid speculation claimed that Stephanie had been driving and was therefore responsible, but this rumour was quashed when senior officials reported a quote Stephanie had told her sister Caroline: The rumour mill exploded after British Leyland, the Midlands-based British manufacturers of the Rover P6, sent their top engineers to examine the wreckage, hidden away at an undisclosed location after a frenzied clean-up operation. If a fault with the car was found, it remains unpublished to this day. Hurried along by authorities, after the British Leyland crew departed for home, the Rover was then destroyed. Why was she so determined to escape her holiday home with her belongings with such haste? Why was her daughter almost untouched in the crash whereas Kelly suffered the indignity of ending up on life support? Why was the green Rover P6 V8 disposed of in such a manner? Truth be told, the circumstances surrounding the accident are unlikely ever to become public knowledge, but examining the evidence available brings proceedings to a disturbing prospective; was it automotive sabotage? Was the Rover sabotaged? She was reportedly unhappy in her marriage and a fortified member of the incredibly crass, eroticised Domsday cult known as the Solar Temple. Grace, well-known to her peers for a voracious sexual appetite, was seemingly a High Priestess. Could Grace have been a CIA informant? The proposal sounds absurd, but with rumours of Prince Rainier III enjoying the fruits of unscrupulous business contacts, could the Americans have been watching him? As a result, Italy banned secret societies on 24 July 1978 but not before a list of members was published. Had it all gone wrong, and Kelly therefore had to be silenced? For those seeking instant answers, it provides a means to an end. While it remains well documented that Grace was infelicitous in her Royal marriage, the accident could have been a legitimate calamity. However, it did rather spookily occur close by. Her transport in that film had been a blue Sunbeam Alpine.

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The musings of Sean Paul Murphy: Or, Hollywood as seen from an odd little corner of northeast Baltimore, Maryland. An Uneasy Mix A couple of times a week, I drive past this sign. Sometimes it makes me chuckle. Sometimes it makes me sad. Sometimes it makes me angry. Lately, it has been making me angry because I believe it is symptomatic of a major failing of the American Evangelical community. Patriotism ceases to be a virtue when you place your love of country on the same level as your love of God. It is idolatry, and it is becoming rampant as the church becomes increasingly and foolishly political. I try not to get too political or religious on this blog. Its purpose is to discuss the film business and writing in general. However, this absurd "culture war" that we find ourselves engaged in compels me to speak up because I believe the Evangelical community is doing a grave disservice to both itself and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not only have we sold our souls to a partisan political agenda that does nothing to further the gospel, we sold it very cheaply at the expense of our credibility in the eyes of the people who need us most. Christ gave the church a mission. It is called The Great Commission. It can be found in Matthew Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. I think the major mistake comes when well-meaning people try to fulfill it by putting the cart before the horse. We are told to make disciples of all nations, baptize them and then teach them to obey everything Jesus commanded. That process is ultimately counter-productive and doomed to failure. Every law passed in every country of the world is a moral judgement designed to compel its population to abstain from behavior the majority of the people or its leaders find harmful. Such laws are necessary to maintain an orderly society. Not surprisingly, most of the behavior prohibited by civil laws are also described as sins in the Bible. Sin separates human beings from God, and some people seem to believe that if they can stop people from sinning, they can reunite them with God. That, however, is an absurd assumption. Until recently, when the term "hate crimes" entered our lexicon, laws primarily dealt with actions. Sin, however, is a matter of the heart. Jesus said if you hate your brother, you are guilty of murder. God holds us to a much higher standard than the law, and only God can judge us by that standard because only He can see into our hearts. With our endless self-justifications, we cannot even see our own sin without the assistance of the Holy Spirit. However, in doing so, we exceed the mandate given by Christ in the Great Commission. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. It is foolish to think that non-believers would behave like believers. And, even if non-believers obeyed the law, would it save them? We are saved by faith not works. The Apostle Paul teaches that the law itself cannot save. The law can only condemn. We are saved by the grace of the Lord. Would anyone be saved if we managed to codify every commandment of God into the law of land and compelled everyone to obey? Even if the politicians gave us everything we wanted it would not forward the Great Commission one iota. That said, what have the politicians given Evangelicals in return for their votes and hundreds of millions of dollars in donations over the last three decades? After all, a handful of religious leaders get their egos stroked when aspiring politicians come to curry favor every election cycle. That should count for something, I suppose. Has abortion been banned? Has prayer returned to schools? Is Creationism being taught in the schools? Have drugs been stamped out? No, in fact, they are becoming increasingly legal. And we all know how the war against gay marriage turned out. We got nothing from the politicians. What did we sacrifice in return? Wars are fought by enemies. Oh wait, we only hate the sin, not the sinner. Jesus went and ate with sinners. Let me tell you something. No one is going to hell because they are a homosexual. Or because they had an abortion. Or because they became addicted to drugs. Or because they drove sixty-five-miles-an-hour in a forty-mile-an-hour zone. How can I say

that? This is the second death. But have you ever told a lie? I bet you did. If you were being judged solely on your own merits, telling one little white lie will send you to hell just as quickly as a whole lifetime of homosexuality. Yet we still devote so much of our valuable time trying to elect politician to pass laws to force people to do things alien to their hearts. And, may I remind you that the early church flourished under a much more evil and corrupt government than we have now. Perhaps it was because they spent more time seeking God than signing petitions. So why do we spend so much time trying to change the laws? Because it is easier to hate than to love. And it easier to judge than forgive. We want the government to do the work God has given the church. Please vote your conscience in every election. I have worked on dozens of election campaigns around the country. Just try to remember that the gospel is more important than any election or any government or any country. After all, if you a Christian, this world is not your home. We have to keep our priorities straight. And if our angry, partisan political posts on social media are causing people who need the Lord to unfriend us, we are probably not putting the Kingdom first. And not being political persuasive either. As for me, I am going to try not to pick any fights over politics anymore. Call me a sell-out if you must, but I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. Or something to that effect.

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