

and empathetic volume is an insightful addition to the growing literature on Newman and his milieu.

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*Evangelization in China: Challenges and Prospects.* By Kin Cheung Chiaretto Yan. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2014. Pp. xiv + 178. \$30.

Even though the Vatican–China relation has warmed up since 1980, the current impasse between the Holy See and the government of China on the appointment of bishops has left Chinese Catholics in a stagnant relationship. This contentious and sensitive issue displays differing views—often politicized and with vested interests—of the Catholic presence in China since the 1950s. Much has been written about the “two” Chinese Catholic Churches, one officially recognized by the government (the so-called “Patriotic Church”), the other often labeled as the “underground” Church.

China observers in recent years reject this simple classification of Chinese Catholics and seek a more comprehensive picture. In this book—a revision of his dissertation in missiology—Yan attempts to give an insider’s view of the complex reality of the Catholic Church in China. He is a Western-trained Chinese scholar and layman who examines the challenges and prospects of Catholic evangelization in China.

Y. divides his material into three parts: Part I provides both the historical and current context for the evangelization in China; Part II discusses the writings of John Paul II and Benedict XVI on China; and Part III analyzes the opportunities and challenges for the Church in China from both ecclesial and Chinese government points of view, and offers a way to move beyond the current impasse.

The book’s most valuable contribution is its historical account of the government’s policy on religion in China (chap. 3) and the present-day situation of the Catholic Church in China (chap. 4). Y. concludes by reflecting on what he sees as points of contention to help both the government and the Catholic Church resume dialogue.

While one might disagree with Y. on some specific points regarding his analysis or solutions, his book is certainly a welcome addition to the current discussion on how Chinese Catholics can move into the future with confidence.

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*John XXIII: The Medicine of Mercy.* By Massimo Faggioli. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 2014. Pp. xiv + 150. \$12.95.

This slim volume provides an accessible introduction to the remarkable life of Angelo Roncalli. Given his audience and the book’s brevity, Faggioli had to be selective in