

*Biblical Essays in Honor of Daniel J. Harrington, SJ, and Richard J. Clifford, SJ: Opportunity for No Little Instruction.* Edited by Christopher G. Frechette, Christopher R. Matthews, and Thomas D. Stegman, S.J. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 2014. Pp. xxii + 323. \$29.95.

This collection of essays pays tribute to the outstanding careers of two men whose scholarship, teaching, and pastoral influence impacted the lives of colleagues, students, and lay faithful for more than 50 years. As colleagues first at Weston Jesuit School of Theology, then at its new incarnation as Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry, Harrington and Clifford both made significant contributions in research, training students for ministry, and the profession of biblical studies. The editors note that their scholarly interests intersect in wisdom literature and have therefore subtitled the Festschrift with a phrase from the prologue to the Book of Sirach, "opportunity for no little instruction." The underlying themes through which the essays of the volume coalesce include Harrington and Clifford's shared concern for the Jewish world of the New Testament and the reappropriation of texts and traditions in new faith contexts.

The volume consists of essays from 18 fine scholars, both former students and colleagues; the contributions are grouped into four sections: Portrayals of God, Second Temple Recastings of Scripture and Tradition, New Testament Deployments of Scripture and Tradition, and Early Reception of New Testament Texts. Due to the rather large number of contributors, the essays are fairly brief, the bulk of them devoted to the third category, New Testament Recasting of Jewish Scripture. The content focuses on all aspects of biblical and extracanonical writings of the First and Second Temple Periods and into the martyrology of the early centuries of the Christian era. Several contributors acknowledge their personal gratitude to the honorees (e.g., Mark Smith, John Endres, Christopher Matthews, Donald Senior, PHEME Perkins, Carolyn Osiek), while others are more formal in their approach. The essays that fall into the former category tend to be more engaging, balancing scholarly interpretation with a personal approach toward collegiality. Nonetheless, the more implicit homage of other friends, colleagues, and former students (e.g., Thomas Stegman, Christopher Frechette, John Collins) likewise offer solid contributions to the field.

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*Ordination of Women to the Diaconate in the Eastern Churches: Essays by Cipriano Vagaggini.* Edited by Phyllis Zagano. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical, 2013. Pp. xiv + 64. \$9.95.

This slim volume presents translations of two seminal essays by Vagaggini on the history and theology of female deacons in the East. The first essay is brief, consisting of the text of Vagaggini's intervention at the 1987 Synod of Bishops on the Laity. It is a