

A Service of Love: Papal Primacy, the Eucharist, and Church Unity with a New Postscript. By Paul McPartlan. Washington: Catholic University of America, 2016. Pp. x + 108. \$16.95.

Since the Second Vatican Council numerous ecumenical dialogues, both bilateral and multilateral, have occurred and statements have been published. The difficulty, however, remains on how to get these documents widely distributed, read, discussed, and hopefully implemented. In brief, this is the process of reception that can be from above—where ecclesial authorities adopt the statement, or from below—where there is grassroots acceptance. With this in mind, McPartlan turns his attention to two bilateral dialogues produced by the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church. The first dates to 1982, the so-called Munich document, and it is entitled “The Mystery of the Church and the Eucharist in the Light of the Mystery of the Trinity.” The second dates to 2007, frequently referred to as the Ravenna document, and is entitled “Ecclesiological and Canonical Consequences of the Sacramental Nature of the Church: Ecclesial Communion, Conciliarity, and Authority.” At stake in these discussions are primacy and conciliarity, mutually interdependent ideas. Furthermore, primacy involves local, regional as well as universal dimensions of consideration alongside of, and within, the context of conciliarity, and vice versa.

The author examines this topic in three succinct and well-written chapters. In the first chapter he looks in broad strokes at the early church to Vatican II, from Ignatius of Antioch and *The Apostolic Tradition* to *Lumen Gentium* and beyond. Chapter 2 focuses on the second millennium taking into consideration the Great Schism of 1054 and the eleventh-century Gregorian Reform (Gregory VII; 1073–85) in the West in which a strong juridical understanding of the papacy developed. In this context the link between the Eucharist and the church was neglected and forgotten. In the third chapter the author returns to the first millennium in search of a solution to the theological and ecclesial problems brought about in the second millennium. Spoiler alert: the reader will have to discover what solutions are proposed to bring about greater church unity.

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A group of us invited by Enda McDonagh were gathered in his “rooms” for the second bicentenary of Maynooth—as Irish love to celebrate—when a Texas voice blared out: “Herbert, when is the big book on Aquinas coming out?” “Stanley,” was the answer: “you don’t do that; your students do.” This is that book, named for Herbert yet replete with Aquinas, as Herbert himself was. Now readers of this generation will be able to