

The New Evangelization: Faith, People, Context and Practice. Edited by Paul Grogan and Kirsteen Kim. T. and T. Clark Theology. New York: Bloomsbury T. & T. Clark, 2015. Pp. xii + 296. \$112.

This collection of essays grew out of a 2012 conference on the “New Evangelization” hosted by Leeds Trinity University in the UK which drew academics, churchmen, and pastoral leaders from the UK, the US, Belgium, the Vatican, Australia, and Africa. Each of the contributors to the volume provides a perspective on the character, history, and challenges of the church’s 50 years of evangelizing effort after the opening of Vatican II. While the church is still actively engaged in *Missio ad gentes*, new situations, especially the secularization of “territories of Christian traditions” and the loss of Christian identity, call for a reassessment of the evangelistic approach of the church.

The first set of essays situate the new evangelization within its historical setting—from Vatican II (Lamberigts) to the 1983 Latin American Bishops’ Conference (Gorski), and through the reigns of Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI (Rowman). The second part of the book explores the impacts of the new evangelization on the church’s self-understanding and on her mission: as a call to communion and solidarity (Wood), and as an instrument of conversion of a whole culture to the Gospel values (George); the challenges of ecumenism (Murray) and globalization of the church (Linden) are also duly noted.

The essays in the third and fourth parts of the volume address the challenges of the new evangelization in specific contexts: the situation of the younger churches in Global South (Filoni), and in Africa (Baawobr), the challenges of other world religions (D’Costa), and religious pluralism (Mayer) in the effort to re-evangelize Europe. Examples of the new evangelization effort in the UK are also discussed: the role of the magisterium (Willey), the “heart-to-heart” approach of John Henry Newman (Morgan), the need to learn the “truth about Jesus” (Brooks), and the encounter with God in inter-religious dialogue and collaboration (Smith-Muller).

At the heart of the new evangelization, which can be seen as *Missio inter gentes*, is the conversion and commitment to Christ, as various authors have shown. The book provides an excellent overview of the current status of mission and evangelization and, as such, can be used in a graduate level course on ecclesiology or missiology.

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The Anthem Companion to Hannah Arendt. Edited by Peter Baehr and Philip Walsh. London: Anthem Press, 2017. pp. viii + 284. \$115.

As Peter Baehr and Philip Walsh note in their introduction, 20 years ago Hannah Arendt was regarded as an esoteric author and now is considered worthy of interest by scholars from a wide range of disciplines. All of the contributors to this collection of essays are sociologists and for the most part they successfully tackle the difficulty of