



Fr. Richard P. McBrien

Richard P. McBrien was the Crowley-O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, and former Chairman of its Department of Theology (1980-91), past President of the Catholic Theological Society of America (1973-74), and the 1976 recipient of its John Courtney Murray Award for distinguished achievement in Theology. He also formerly served as Professor of Theology at Boston College (1970-80) and as Director of its Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (1975-80), and was the first Visiting Fellow in the John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University during the 1975-1976 academic year. Father McBrien has served in the past as an on-air commentator on Catholic events for CBS television, and offered regular commentary on all the major television networks. He was a consultant for ABC News.

He was a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut (ordained in 1962), and had experience as a parish assistant and college chaplain. He obtained his Doctorate in Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1967). He was a professor of Theology at Pope John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, and served as the seminary's Dean of Studies (1965-70).

Father McBrien passed away at his home in Farmington, CT on January 25th, 2015 after a long illness with cancer.

He has published twenty-four books, with another, **THE CHURCH: THE EVOLUTION OF CATHOLICISM** (HarperOne), to appear in summer 2008:

THE CHURCH IN THE THOUGHT OF BISHOP JOHN ROBINSON (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1966.) This book has been translated into French and Spanish.

DO WE NEED THE CHURCH? (New York: Harper & Row, 1969.)

WHAT DO WE REALLY BELIEVE? (Dayton: Pflaum Press, 1969; 2nd rev. ed., Dimension Books, 1977.)

CHURCH: THE CONTINUING QUEST (New York: Newman Press, 1970.)

WHO IS A CATHOLIC? (Denville, NJ: Dimension Books, 1971.)

FOR THE INQUIRING CATHOLIC: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE 1970s (Denville, NJ: Dimension Books, 1973.)

THE REMAKING OF THE CHURCH: AN AGENDA FOR REFORM, with a preface by Cardinal Suenens (New York: Harper & Row, 1973.)

HAS THE CHURCH SURRENDERED? (Denville, NJ: Dimension Books, 1974.)

ROMAN CATHOLICISM (Royal Oak, MI: Cathedral Publishers, 1975.)

IN SEARCH OF GOD (Denville, NJ: Dimension Books, 1977.)

BASIC QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (Winona, MN: St. Mary's College Press, 1977.)

CATHOLICISM (Minneapolis: Winston Press, 1980; 2 vols.) This book received a Christopher Award in 1981 and has been translated into German, French, Danish, and Chinese. See below for new edition.

CAESAR'S COIN: RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AMERICA (New York: Macmillan, 1987.)

MINISTRY: A THEOLOGICAL, PASTORAL HANDBOOK (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1987.)

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION, assoc. ed. (New York: Macmillan/Free Press, 1987; 16 vols.)

REPORT ON THE CHURCH: CATHOLICISM AFTER VATICAN II (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992.)

CATHOLICISM has been reissued in 1994 in a completely revised and updated edition, which received a first-place award from the Catholic Press Association in 1995.

HARPERCOLLINS ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CATHOLICISM, gen. ed. (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995.) This volume received a First Place Award from the Catholic Press Association in 1996.

INSIDE CATHOLICISM: RITUALS AND SYMBOLS REVEALED (San Francisco: Collins, 1996)

RESPONSES TO 101 QUESTIONS ON THE CHURCH (New York: Paulist Press, 1996).
This book has been translated into Indonesian and Italian.

LIVES OF THE POPES: THE PONTIFFS FROM ST. PETER TO JOHN PAUL II (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1997).

LIVES OF THE SAINTS: FROM MARY AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI TO JOHN XXIII AND MOTHER TERESA (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2001).

THE POCKET GUIDE TO THE SAINTS (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006).

THE POCKET GUIDE TO THE POPES (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006).

THE CHURCH: THE EVOLUTION OF CATHOLICISM (HarperOne 2008).

He has also published articles and reviews in various professional and popular journals and has written a syndicated theology column for the Catholic press since July 1966. These columns have won awards several times from the Catholic Press Association as the best column in its field

