

*The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology* provides a one-volume introduction to all the major aspects of Catholic theology. Part I considers the nature of theological thinking and the major topics of Catholic teaching, including the Triune God, the Creation, and the mission of the Incarnate Word. It also covers the character of the Christian sacramental life and the major themes of Catholic moral teaching. The treatments in the first part of the *Handbook* offer personal syntheses of Catholic teaching, but each provides an account in accord with Catholic magisterial teaching, especially as expressed in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. Part II focuses on the historical development of Catholic theology. An initial section offers chapters on some of Catholic theology's most important sources between AD 200 and 1870, and the final section of the collection considers all the main movements and developments in Catholic theology across the world since 1870.

This comprehensive volume features fifty-six original contributions by some of the best-known names in current Catholic theology from the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa. The chapters are written in an engaging and easily comprehensible style, and they will function both as a scholarly reference and as a survey of the field. There are no comparable studies available in one volume and the book will be an indispensable reference for students of Catholic theology at all levels and in all contexts.

**Lewis Ayres** is Professor of Catholic and Historical Theology at Durham University and Professorial Fellow at Australian Catholic University, Melbourne.

**Medi Ann Volpe** is Lecturer in Theology and Ethics at Durham University.

*Oxford Handbooks* offer authoritative and up-to-date surveys of original research in a particular subject area. Specially commissioned chapters from leading figures in the discipline give critical examinations of the progress and direction of debates, as well as a foundation for future research. *Oxford Handbooks* provide scholars and graduate students with compelling new perspectives on a wide range of subjects in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences.

Also published by  
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

**The Oxford Handbook of Christology**  
Edited by Francesca Aran Murphy

**The Oxford Handbook of  
Sacramental Theology**  
Edited by Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering

**The Oxford Handbook of the Trinity**  
Edited by Gilles Emery OP  
and Matthew Levering