



Charles Curran Honored with PROSE Award

WASHINGTON D.C. — Georgetown University Press is pleased to announce that Charles E. Curran's *Catholic Moral Theology in the United States: A History* has won the 2008 American Publishers Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (the PROSE Awards) in Theology and Religious Studies. Presented by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers since 1976, the PROSE awards represent one of the highest honors the publishing community can bestow upon academic authors. This year the awards were more competitive than ever, with a record number of nominations and participating publishers.

This is the first time in its history that a Georgetown University Press book has received a PROSE award.

For nearly 50 years, Charles E. Curran has been a major influence on the development of Catholic moral theology. A Catholic priest, he was the first recipient of the John Courtney Murray Award for Theology and has served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the Society of Christian Ethics, and the American Theological Society. In 2003, Curran received the Presidential Award of the College Theology Society for a lifetime of scholarly achievements in moral theology, and in 2005, the progressive Catholic organization Call to Action presented him with its leadership award. A prolific author, with over thirty-five books to his credit, he is currently Elizabeth Scurlock University Professor of Human Values at Southern Methodist University.

Curran has published five other books with Georgetown University Press, including *Loyal Dissent*, his memoir, and *Catholic Social Teaching, 1891-Present*. *Catholic Moral Theology in the United States* examines key figures, movements, and transitions in the field from its 19th century roots to the present day, covering a wide range of issues: the evolution of scholarship and official Vatican positions in the field, papal condemnations of artificial contraception, fundamental moral theology, sexuality and marriage, bioethics, and social ethics. The Catholic periodical *America* praised the book, writing, "Curran covers a tremendous amount of ground in these chapters, over complex and controversial territory. . . [H]e is to be given high marks for the way he summarizes carefully and fairly the theological arguments with which he has disagreed. As a 'participant observer,' Charles Curran has chronicled history fairly and clearly—no small accomplishment for someone whose own voice has been such an important part of the story."

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