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Father James Bacik has been a priest of the Diocese of Toledo since 1962 and is currently the pastor of Corpus Christi University Parish at the University of Toledo. He has his doctorate in theology from the University of Oxford and has published many articles and books, including *Contemporary Theologians*, and most recently, *A Light Unto My Path: Crafting Effective Homilies*. Father Bacik is interested in combining the academic study of theology with the pastoral work which he has been involved in for many years.

BOOKS

- *A Light Unto My Path: Crafting Effective Homilies* (Paulist Press, 2006) ISBN 0-8091-4376-3
- *Catholic Spirituality, Its History and Challenge* (Paulist Press, 2002) ISBN 0-8091-4060-8
- *Spirituality in Action* (Sheed and Ward, 1997) ISBN 1-55612-958-0
- *Spirituality in Transition* (Sheed and Ward, 1996) ISBN 1-55612-857-6
- *Tensions in the Church* (Sheed and Ward, 1993) ISBN 1-55612-624-7
- *Contemporary Theologians* (Thomas More Press, 1989; Triumph Books, 1991; Mercier Press Dublin, 1992)
- *The Gracious Mystery: Finding God in Ordinary Experience* (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 1987)
- *Apologetics and the Eclipse of Mystery* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1980)

CHAPTERS

- "The Practice of Priesthood: Working Through Today's Tensions," in *Priesthood in the Modern World*, ed. by Karen Sue Smith (Wisconsin: Sheed & Ward, 1999) pp. 51-65.
- "Hans Kung," in *A New Handbook of Christian Theologians*, ed. by Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996) pp. 261-270.
- "The Challenge of Christian Maturity," in *Educating for Christian Maturity*, ed. by Neil Parent (Washington, DC: USCC, 1990).
- "Peer Ministry: Leadership and Services on Campus," in *Community and Social Support for College Students*, ed. by Norman S. Giddan, Ph.D. (Charles C. Thomas, 1988).

- "A Spirituality for the Future: Situational and Systematic," in *Rising from History: U.S. Catholic Theology Looks to the Future*, ed. by Robert J. Daly (University Press of America, 1987).
- "Rahner's Anthropology: The Basis for a Dialectical Spirituality," in *Being and Truth*, ed. by Alistar Kee and Eugene Thomas (SCM Press, 1986).
- "Empowered by the Spirit: A Theological Commentary," in *Empowered by the Spirit: Campus Ministry Faces the Future*, ed. by P. Gerard Shaw (Merrimack Press, 1986).
- "Campus Ministry: Theological Reflection from a Catholic View," in *Invitation to Dialogue: The Theology of College Chaplaincy and Campus Ministry*, (Education in the Society, 1986) pp. 81-82.
- "The Ministry of Communications: Theological Reflections," in *A Vision All Can Share, Report on the Conference at Marquette University*, ed. by William J. Thorn, Ph.D. (Washington, DC: USCC, 1985).

COLUMNS

- Columnist for "National Catholic Reporter," 1980-87.
- Columnist for "The Catholic Chronicle," 1971-73.

PASTORAL LETTER

Writer for the editorial committee which prepared the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry "Empowered by the Spirit: Campus Ministry Faces the Future" (Washington, DC: USCC, 1985).

BROADCASTS AND TAPES

Radio Programs

- 1) Weekly half-hour radio program called "Reflections" on WSPD in Toledo, 1370 AM, Sundays at 10:30 p.m. from 1980-1993.

Audio Cassettes

- 1) "Cultivating Dynamic Spirituality" (two talks on time and transition)
- 2) "A Spirituality for Busy People" (four 30-minute presentations)
- 3) "A Spirituality for the 80s" (eight one-half hour lectures on spirituality)
- 4) "Religious Self-Awareness" (six 45-minute talks on great religious questions)
- 5) "Understanding the Faith" (seven 90-minute talks on Contemporary Theology)
- 6) "Help for Preachers: A Theology of Proclamation" (six 30-minute talks)

- 7) "Knowing Jesus Christ" (four 45-minute talks)

Video Cassettes

- 1) "Theological Conversations" (20 one-half hour programs discussing famous 20th century religious thinkers such as Rahner, Kung, Ruether and Tillich), Paulist Press.
- 2) "Exploring the Faith: Practical Theology for Collegians" (25 one-half hour programs on major theological topics), Video with Values: St. Louis.

AWARDS

The Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Award

- Presented January 5, 1995 in recognition of Father Bacik's "extraordinary support for campus ministry through his writing, teaching, creative programming and unwavering dedication." The Hallinan Award has been given to only three other individuals in the 25-year history of the Catholic Campus Ministry Association.

Honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Siena Heights University, May 5, 1996.

Lourdes College Newman Award, 2001.

Honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, Neumann College, April 27, 2007

Richard P. McBrien, Crowley-O'Brien Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame has written: "James Bacik is one of North America's finest, most insightful theologians, with a remarkable capacity for clear writing and effective teaching."