

MEDIA MESSAGES

What's New?

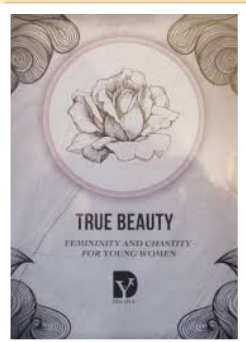
Many people enjoyed the August 2015 Sarah Swafford presentation on chastity. If you wish to hear more from Sarah she has done a presentation



on **“Sisterhood”** as part of the **“True Beauty”** series which explores the topics of chastity and femininity for young women. Sarah unpacks the meaning of true sisterhood through her

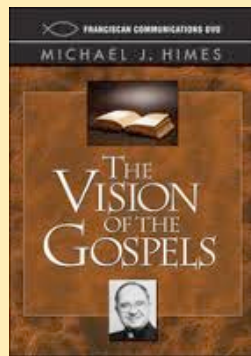
personal story, biblical exploration and thought provoking questions. To counter the influence of a culture that focuses so much on outward appearance Sarah offers

insights on finding true and transparent



friendships between women. Click [here](#) for a four minute talk by Sarah about building true sisterhood.

The Church anticipates a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent (November 29, 2015) and the Jubilee of Mercy (December 8, 2015). Liturgical Year C turns to the Gospel of Luke for the Sunday readings during ordinary



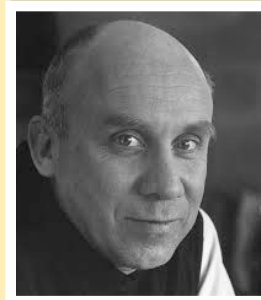
time. In **“The Vision of the Gospels”**, [Fr. Michael Himes](#),

proposes that the main theme of Luke’s Gospel is “strong

compassion” - a theme which flows through the parables, miracles and events of Jesus’ life. In Jesus, God’s Spirit is let loose in the world and its first effects are the breaking down of barriers. This 28 minute overview is a good way to prepare one’s heart mind to fully celebrate where the Church is calling us.

In his talk before Congress Pope Francis highlighted two important figures in American Catholicism, Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton.

Many people may know little about their respective faith journeys and their



contributions to the life of the Church. For those who are asking to know more, Fr. James

Martin gives a brief biographical sketch of [Day](#) and [Merton](#) and shares about their influence on his own spirituality in these clips



from his longer program, “Who Cares About the Saints?”



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AUTHORITATIVE TEACHING

FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ ON THE TOP TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT POPE FRANCIS’ LAUDATO SI’



POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

A LOVELY VISUAL REFLECTION ON THE WONDERS OF THE EARTH FEATURING QUOTES FROM [THE ENCYCLICAL](#).

A FRANCISCAN EXPLAINS [LAUDATO SI'](#).

