

VOTFNJ presents

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***The Origins and Development of Priesthood
in the First and Second Millenniums***

*Who presided at the Eucharistic celebrations in the early church? Did women preside? Did Jesus ordain anyone? How did priesthood in Christianity originate? Were women ordained? Can Melchizedek's priesthood still serve as the model for priesthood today? How did the concept of a permanent spiritual character/ontological difference in the ordained develop? How did the power to forgive sin evolve? Is not every Christian baptized priest, prophet and king?
Is priesthood necessary?*

Anthony T. Padovano holds doctorates and professorships in theology and literature. He is the author of 29 books, including 3 award-winning plays, translated into nine languages. A visiting professor at 25 American colleges and universities, he lectures world-wide and appears in the media on both sides of the Atlantic. His personal and professional papers are in the permanent archives of the University of Notre Dame.

A founding member and a distinguished professor emeritus, he taught literature and philosophy for 45 years at Ramapo College in New Jersey. He served for 30 years as the pastor of The Inclusive Community, where Catholics and Protestants worship together; and as the first elected president of CORPUS, served in that capacity for ten years.

The *Padovano Peace Pavilion* on the campus of Ramapo College serves as a gathering place for worship and reflection. The vision of Dr. Padovano, modeled after the United Nations Meditation Room, the center is open to all people of good will for tranquility and reflection.

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Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 3:30 PM

Liturgy to Follow

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 100 Harter Road, Morristown, NJ 07960

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