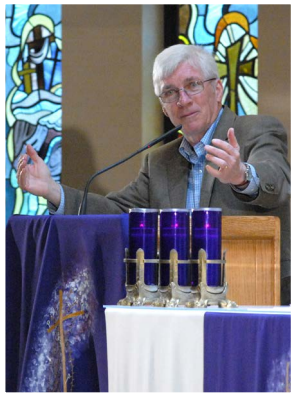




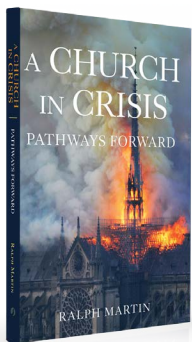
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Dear Friends in the Battle,

It's pretty clear we're in a battle, isn't it? The virus continues to have a devastating effect, not just for those who are immediately impacted by it, but for all of us. And in a special way, the Church is being severely affected.

I just finished teaching two online courses for priests from all over the world for our Licentiate of Sacred Theology program at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Normally the priests love to come here for five weeks each summer, but this year we had to do the whole thing on Zoom. To my great surprise, it worked out very, very well. It's almost as if the crisis of the virus and the shutting down of churches drew the priests together in even greater solidarity and an openness of sharing, even through Zoom, that might not have happened if we had been having classes in person.

One of the things the priests told me is that even though churches have reopened for limited-capacity attendance, many people are not coming back. The priests are troubled by this, and rightfully so.

But the virus and its impact on the churches are not the only elements of the battle we are in. The other battle we see is being played out by an aggressive "cancel culture" that seeks to eliminate from the public square anyone who disagrees with the dominant passion to fix the world ourselves through a socialist revolution that overthrows both nature and revealed Truth. It's almost as if new and powerful life has been given to the lie: "You shall be as gods." And those who believe the lie—in great numbers—see anyone who disagrees as worthy of contempt, being fired, sued, vilified, and cut off from "woke" society.

Our leaders are reeling from both aspects of this battle, and we need to fervently pray for them, our Church, and our countries. We need to ask God to raise up courageous and

wise leaders who are not afraid to confront the lies and protect the sheep from the many wolves today.

This month, my new book, *A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward*, begins shipping. I feel very strongly that the Lord gave me the time to write it when all my travel was cancelled as one of the "goods" that can come out of what is an objective evil. Please pray for its mission. I think it can help many people understand the confusion we are seeing on all sides and respond to it in a positive and effective way. I think this book has the potential to strengthen our leaders, and I would encourage you to consider giving a copy to any deacons, priests, or bishops you know.

We have received many requests for additional copies of the August and September newsletters, which communicate both a prophetic word that Fr. Michael Scanlan gave in 1976 (you also can read about a prophecy he shared in 1980, on pages four through seven of this newsletter) and a message I shared in 1975. All of these messages speak remarkably well to what we are experiencing today. If you want extra copies to share with family or friends, send an email to Laura Gurta, at lgurta@renewalministries.net

As we get closer to the US election, let's pray that God has mercy on our country and raises up leaders who can effectively resist the evil that is bearing down on us.

In Christ, our Hope and our Joy,

Ralph Martin



Wisdom is sharing in God's ability to see and judge things as they really are. We cannot possess it unless we are united with God. Only if we let ourselves be cleansed of the corruptibility of the 'I' and come to live and be united with God, do we come to a fearless independence of thinking, no longer caring about the approval or disapproval of others. Then and only then can we cling to truth.”

//Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Please Pray...

For all those facing mental illness, depression, or other similar suffering, that the Lord would bring them healing, peace, and strength.

For those living in increased isolation during the pandemic, that “the Father of mercies and God of all comfort” (2 Cor 1:3) would remain very close in this time.

That the Lord opens many doors for Ralph’s new book, *A Church in Crisis: Pathways Forward*, to find a wide audience, set many captives free, and give hope to the discouraged.

For the prayer intentions of all our supporters and their family members, especially as they face the challenges of illness and economic uncertainty.



Encouragement

FROM SR. ANN SHIELDS, SGL

The following article was taken from a message Sr. Ann Shields recorded for Renewal Ministries’ YouTube channel (www.YouTube.com/renewalministriesrm).

I’ve been asking God to touch your hearts and bring Himself closer to you. These are very challenging times, and perhaps they’re orchestrated by the Lord to bring us to a place where we can really hear his Word—not just a nice, pious thought, but his Word—to have a relationship with Him, to love Him.

Sometimes we think, “I know God,” but do you really know Jesus Christ, who the Lord, the Father, sent to this earth to teach us the way we need to go? God wants a personal relationship with you—to be the One you love, the One you want to serve.

God wants to encourage you, especially in this time, when everyone is confused, or bewildered, and wondering what’s next on the list, what’s going to get worse, and whether anything is going to get better.

We all have those kinds of thoughts, and what we need to do is to take this time to say to the Lord,

“I want to draw closer to You.

I want to belong to You.

Help me sit quietly every day, even if for just a few moments.

I love You, and I want to follow You.

Please help me.”

He will be only too glad to help you, but you’ve got to be attentive to what God is doing.

Recently, I was reading Robert Cardinal Sarah’s book *God or Nothing*. He says,

“It is important to give individuals the opportunity for the experience of close encounters with Christ. Without such a heart-to-heart conversation, we are fooling ourselves if we think people will follow the Lord in the long term.”

God wants a personal relationship with each of us, and I want to encourage you to draw near to Him now. For whatever reason, He has allowed this pandemic. Many people have died from it. Please don’t miss this opportunity to say, “Lord, teach me how to love You. Teach me how to follow You.”

Give Him, at least in the morning, some moments before you go to work. Offer your day to Him. Ask Him to help You. At the end of the day, take some time to thank God. Read the Scripture passages of the day. Ponder them: How do they apply to me? You say you don’t have time—you don’t have time for God? Something’s not right in the order there. Ask the Lord to help you, and count on the fact that I am praying for you all every day.

God sees you, 24/7. God sees you, and He knows what you’re doing. He wants to relate to you. Each of us has a slightly different relationship with God, and different gifts, different abilities, but He wants a relationship with us all. Cardinal Sarah also shared a story with the following moral:

“Only those whose eyes are fixed on the person of Christ on the cross persevere to the end.”

He died for you—not for billions. He died for you—for each and every one of us.

He knows us. He gives us the promise of everlasting life if we follow Him, draw close to Him. Give God time. The more you share with Him, the more you talk to Him, the more that you ask Him for help, the more that you thank Him for what He has given you, the nearer and deeper your relationship with God will become.

May God abundantly bless you and lead you closer to Him.



WALK ON WATER

BY PETE BURAK | Director of id

The following article was taken from an episode of The Hour. You can access The Hour on Spotify or Apple Podcasts by searching "The Hour Renewal Ministries."



One of my favorite New Testament stories is Matthew 14:13-33, because it gives us an image of what it looks like to follow Jesus.

Jesus feeds people with the loaves and fishes, He sends his disciples off in a boat, and He goes away to pray. Jesus' ministry starts with solitude and silence, but it's also a regular part of his life—as it should be for us.

The apostles get into the boat, and it's late at night—so Jesus has been praying a long time. The apostles are being beaten by the waves, and the wind is against them. Doesn't it feel like the wind is against us right now—that we're being beaten by the waves in our lives?

There are seasons in this. Sometimes you're on the mountaintop with Jesus, watching Him perform miracles, and the next moment, you're alone at sea, being beaten by wind and waves, wondering where He is.

Then, to make matters worse, they saw Jesus walking on the water, they didn't recognize Him right away, and they were terrified. They said, "It's a ghost!" They cried out in fear.

Immediately, He spoke: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." Peter answered, "Lord, if it is You, bid me come out to you on the water."

What a ridiculous thing to say! The apostles were probably accustomed to Peter's ability to put his foot in his mouth. He regularly says something brilliant and then something not-so-brilliant. He says, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God" (Mt 16:16), and a few verses later, Jesus tells him, "Get behind me, Satan!" (Mt 16:23)

However, one thing you can count on is that as Peter's heart is transformed with the love of Jesus, he wants to be around

Him. In this incident, he's saying, "Lord, I want to be with You." The other disciples were probably thinking, "Just hang in there. He'll be here any second." But Jesus doesn't say that Peter can't do it, or to wait. Jesus says, "Come."

All of us as disciples have to encounter this moment—where Jesus looks us in the eye and says, "Come. Step out of the boat. Step out of your comfort. Come, be with Me."

Now Peter must decide whether he's going to get out of the boat—as do we all. Like Peter, we have to get on the edge of the boat and look down. You can imagine he sat there for a minute, maybe testing the water, thinking about it. Then, he makes eye contact with Jesus, and he steps, and it works, and he walks on water.

Many of us have been in that position. We are walking on the water with Jesus, and we are amazed by what life looks like. But then, like Peter, we see the wind and become afraid. We see our friends, our sin, the future, financial crisis, pandemic, and we become anxious—and we begin to sink.

This is the most critical part of the story. Saying yes to Jesus, getting out of the boat, is fundamental. But as disciples, when we begin to walk on water toward Jesus, we are guaranteed to face wind, waves, and times we don't respond the way we should, and we will begin to sink. In that moment, Peter doesn't start swimming or call for a rope: "Immediately, he called out, 'Lord, save me!'" That is the posture of a disciple:

"I can't do it on my own. I want to be with You. I want to walk on water. I messed up. Save me!"

Jesus *immediately* reached out his hand and caught Peter, saying:

"Oh man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Sometimes we think Jesus means something like, "I really wanted you to be the first pope, but now I'll have to find someone else." No, He stretches out his hand immediately. Jesus says, "Oh, man of little faith, why did you doubt?"—but He also says, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move a mountain" (Mt 17:20). So a little faith is a lot, and a little faith got Peter out of the boat. Jesus is saying, "Why did you doubt? You had sufficient faith for this!"

Then Jesus led Peter back to the boat, back to normal life and their mission, community, culture, and people. Jesus calls us out of the boat so we can be united with Him and put our faith and trust in Him, so He can lead us back to our normal lives, but here's the thing: for Peter, life was never normal after that.

There is no such thing as normal after you've walked on water with Jesus.

My encouragement to you is to find some time to be alone with God, like Jesus did at the beginning of the storm. And when you find yourself being tossed about by the wind and the waves, recognize that Jesus is coming toward you, and that when He comes, He is going to call to you and say, "Follow Me." And when you begin to sink, when that sin you thought you had conquered rises up within you, when the fears and anxieties of the world buffet in you and distract you, let your first instinct be to cry out to Jesus. Let Him save you and speak truth into your life, and let Him lead you back to the boat.

"NOT EASY, BUT NECESSARY"

RALPH MARTIN REFLECTS ON
FR. MICHAEL SCANLAN'S
1980 PROPHECY



An Angel Comforting Jesus Before His Arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane,
by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834–1890)



DEAR BROTHERS & SISTERS,

There has been a tremendous response to my video commenting on a 1976 prophecy given by Fr. Michael Scanlan. It's literally going around the world helping people understand what they're feeling, experiencing, and seeing, understanding the response that we're being called to make, and also that the Lord has his hand on this. He foreknew this, and He's got a plan to bring good out of it, but we've got to get into the relationship with Him and with each other that He's calling us to, and that's what I emphasized in the video.

I've had some questions come up from people about things I said in that video:

What is prophecy?

What do you mean that Fr. Mike has a prophetic gift?

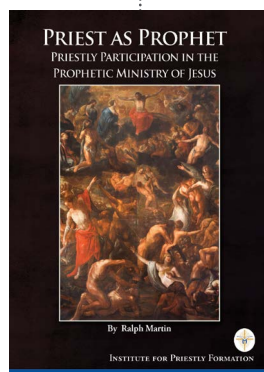
There are Old Testament prophets that we're very familiar with: Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, and the lesser prophets. There are also New Testament prophets. In Ephesians 4, Paul says that the ascended Christ, who has gone back to the Father, is now bestowing leadership gifts on the Church—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists—not to do the whole work of the Church themselves, but to equip the saints for the work of ministry to help us, the baptized. That's what they called Christians in the early days—the saints, the holy ones—because we've been made holy by the waters of baptism, and the Lord Himself is dwelling in us, and we're one spirit and one body in Christ. We're temples of the Holy Spirit, so there is a basic holiness that all of us have.

These leadership gifts are supposed to function in the Church in a really significant way, but we haven't paid that much attention to some of them, particularly the apostles, the prophets. There are the official apostles, the hier-

archy of the bishops, and there are the official teachers, pastors, and evangelists, which are the pastors of parishes, but one of the most neglected charisms is that of the prophet. The main way in which Jesus self-identified, and the main way in which He was thought of by other people during his earthly ministry was as a prophet. I can't go into all of this right now, but I've just written a fifty-page booklet called *Priest as Prophet*, which discusses our conformity to Jesus. Relevant for all of the baptized, it's particularly geared toward priests. The priestly role of a prophet isn't just giving short, good, orthodox homilies. There's something more to it. There's fire to it.

So, there are New Testament prophets.

It says in the Church at Antioch that there were prophets there, Barnabas and Paul and others—teachers and prophets. And then there was a prophetic word that came when they were praying and fasting, saying to set aside Barnabas and Paul, to send them on a mission. So, there were people in the New Testament in the early Church who had the prophetic gift, which isn't primarily about telling the future. It's primarily giving insight into God's plan and Word, calling us back to what's been revealed in public revelation.



One way to test prophecy is to ask,

“Is it in accord with the revealed Word of God as it comes to us in Scripture, Tradition, and the Catechism?”

Fr. Mike’s 1976 prophecy is simply what Jesus asks of us all the time in the Scriptures. Jesus said,

“Unless you renounce all you have, you can’t be my disciple”

(Lk 14:33).

He said,

“Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it just remains a single grain”

(Jn 12:24).

Now I’ll discuss another question from my last video:

What do you mean by house churches?

Fr. Michael’s prophecy said we may not be able to rely on these structures like we have been. Parishes and schools that we know are closing, and who could have guessed our churches themselves would close for maybe three months, across the world? What if that comes back again—what are we going to do? For the first three-hundred years of the early Church’s existence, they met in homes, they met in courtyards, in bigger homes, in smaller homes, and that’s where the life of the Church was nourished, fed, taught, and that’s where the Eucharist took place too.

Also, in various times, in places like Japan and Korea, where priests were expelled and horrible persecution broke out, for two-hundred years sometimes, no priest was able to come, no Eucharist was able to be celebrated, but the lay faithful, because of their relationship with each other, because of their faithfulness to Christ, because of them holding on to what they were taught, kept the Church alive until missionaries were able to return. I hope it doesn’t come to that, but we’ve just been through maybe a little warning, that maybe it could come to that, and that we’ve got to be prepared. We’ve got to know that our relationship with the Lord doesn’t depend on a building, and that—as important as the Eucharist is—even if we’re deprived of the



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Eucharist, we’re not deprived of Jesus. He’s dwelling in us, and He’s coming to us in his Word.

I’d like to share another thing about Fr. Mike’s 1976 prophecy. Remember how the questions came,

“Are you willing to see your money worthless? Are you willing to see the country that you love no longer be a country? Are you willing to see your churches closed?”

Want to know my answer? No, I’m not willing. I like the United States’ financial prosperity. I like our churches. I love our parishes. I love the church buildings. I love frequent and easy access to the Sacraments. I love that we have a stable city. I love that when people call 911, the police show up. I love that when crime breaks out, someone protects innocent citizens and their businesses, and I don’t want to see lawlessness break out. I don’t want to see the police be afraid to answer calls because they’re not going to be supported by the political powers that be. I don’t want any of those things—I’m not willing for any of those things—just like Jesus in the Agony in the Garden. He said, “Father, if there could be some other way, I’d like it.” But then He said, “Not as I will, but as You will.”

So that’s where I end up. I hope these things don’t happen, but if they need to for the sake of the purification of the Church, for the world being given a shock and saying, “wake up and turn away from your idolatry, turn away from all the things you are attached to that aren’t the Lord, turn away from your unbelief,” I’m willing, because it’s about the salvation of souls. **No measure is too extreme to save one soul, and for the Church to be like the Lord wants it to be.**

I’ve discovered another prophecy from Fr. Mike that I think also is important that we pay attention to. He gave this in 1980. It’s rather long; I’m not going to go through every part of it, but there are certain parts of it that are really relevant. Here’s how it goes:

“The Lord God says, ‘Hear My Word: The time that has been marked by My blessings and gifts is being replaced now by the period to be marked by my judgment and purification. What I have not accomplished by blessings and gifts, I will accomplish by judgment and purification. My people, My Church is desperately in need of this judgment. They have continued in an adulterous relationship with the spirit of the world.’”

For those of us in developed countries, especially North America or Europe, no generation in history has been so blessed. We’ve basically had peace since the end of World War II. We’ve had tremendous advances in medical and other technology. We’ve had prosperity and stability, by and large, in our countries. We have been so blessed. We have abundant food. We’ve been blessed beyond measure.

It’s strange, but with the more education Catholics have had, the less they believe. The more prosperity Catholic countries like Ireland have had, the less they believe, and the less they follow Jesus. Our prosperity has been a tremendous blessing from the Lord,

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but many of us have responded to it by saying, “We’ve got things under control. We don’t need God.”

Rather than thanking Him for the blessings, we’ve taken them for granted. Many of us have drifted away into lukewarmness and compromise with the world, just like the prophecy says,

“An adulterous relationship with the spirit of the world.”

It goes on to say,

“Satan goes where he will and infects whom he will. He has free access throughout my people—and I will not stand for this.”

I’ve been aware of this for a long time. Ephesians discusses the spiritual battle we’re in, and Paul says our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities and the dark places (Eph 6:12).

To counter the spiritual darkness and the spiritual warfare, and the spiritual attack, we need to put on the whole armor of God: the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of holiness and righteousness (Eph 6:11-14). We particularly need the shield of faith, which extinguishes the fiery darts of the evil one (Eph 6:16). Brothers and sisters, the evil one is firing fiery darts at every single person on the face of the earth. Without the shield of faith, we’re sitting ducks for deception. Satan’s going to run unrestrained over our lives, minds, souls, emotions, and actions, if we’re not firmly grounded in the shield of faith.

What’s the shield of faith?

Jesus Himself—trust in Him and in a knowledge of his Word. Jesus is the source of salvation for those who obey Him (Heb 5:9). If we don’t know his Word, we don’t know what to do, how to act, or what to believe in. A lot of people today say they’re following Jesus, but they don’t pay attention to what Jesus is saying.

Fr. Mike’s 1976 prophecy said, “Are you willing to let go of all these things? Will you be willing to not have them?” And it sounds so radical. Yet it’s the same thing that Jesus says in the Gospel to everyone. He says, “Unless you renounce all you have, you’re not worthy to be my disciple” (Lk 14:33).

Radical, shocking. He’s trying to shock us into reality. He’s trying to shock us into health. He’s trying to shock us into holiness, love, and eternal life. If we don’t pay attention to his Word, we’re not following the real Jesus. Prophecy reminds us of the Gospel and the heart of Christianity. It’s always a call to repentance, to return to our first love and faithfulness to the covenant. These prophecies don’t add anything, other than to say, “Right now is a critical time, and we need to pay attention to Jesus right now, because things are hanging in the balance.”



The prophecy goes on—this is from Fr. Mike in 1980:

“They are more determined by fear of what others will think of them—fears of failure and rejection in the world, loss of respect of neighbors and superiors and those around them—than they are determined by fear of me and fear of infidelity to my word. Therefore, your situation is very, very weak. Your power is so limited. You cannot be considered at this point in the center of the battle and the conflict that is going on.”

If you don’t know there’s a war going on, if you don’t have your spiritual armor on, you’ve probably been captured by the enemy and may already have been enlisted in his campaign of deception, lies, deceit, and rebellion—without knowing it. It’s time to wake up and examine our life according to the Word of God, and be delivered from the kingdom of darkness, if we’ve drifted into the kingdom of darkness, and come back into the Kingdom of his Beloved Son. It’s called repentance.

The prophecy continues,

“This time is now come upon all of you: a time of judgment and of purification. Sin will be called sin. Satan will be unmasked. Fidelity will be held up for what it is and should be. My faithful servants will be seen and will come together. They will not be many in number. It will be a difficult and a necessary time.”

God’s always worked through a small number of people who’ve awakened to his call. Remember Gideon? The Lord said, “Gideon, I want you to defeat the enemy.” And Gideon said, “I’m the lowest family in the lowest clan of Israel.” And the Lord said, “Well, I’m calling you to do this.” (See Jgs 6:14-16.) Then Gideon gathered an army, and the Lord said, “It’s too big; you’re going to think you did it—so send many people home; I want you to see what I’m going to do, so the glory goes to Me.” (See Jgs 7:2-8.)

Sometimes people like Elijah said, “I’m trying to follow your commandments. It’s hard to call Israel back, but I’m the only voice left.” And the Lord said, “There are actually seven-thousand people now who also haven’t gone over to idols, haven’t bowed the knee to Baal.” (See 1 Kgs 19:14-18.) Sometimes we feel like it’s just a few of us, but it’s more than enough for the Lord to work through. Don’t worry about numbers—worry about being

in tune with the Lord and putting on spiritual armor.

“It will be a difficult and a necessary time. There will be collapse, difficulties throughout the world. . . . There will be purification and persecution among my people.”

And here’s a key line,

“You will have to choose what word you will follow and whom you will respect.”

The prophet Elijah once said to the Israelites, “Stop straddling the issue. Who you will follow: the Lord or Baal?” (See 1 Kgs 18:21.)

The Lord is asking us the same questions:

Who will we follow?

Who will we believe?

Who will we respect?

Is it people communicating God’s Word as it is taught to us by the Catholic Church and the Catechism? Are we going to pick and choose from what the Church teaches and from what Jesus says in Scripture, only picking parts we like? That’s rebellion. That’s infidelity. That’s creating our own religion. That’s creating a god in our own image.

Jesus says challenging things, and I’m challenged as much as anyone. I don’t want terrible things to happen, but if they need to happen to purify us and save more souls, I’m willing. Once I was talking about some things Jesus said about the division of the human race, between the saved and the lost, the grain and the chaff, and heaven and hell, and a lady came up to me afterward and said, “My Jesus would never say that.”

That was hard to hear, because she was creating a Jesus in her own image. She was creating an idol. Maybe none of us create idols, maybe we all bow before the one true God and repent



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of any picking and choosing we’ve done amongst his teachings, and embrace them. But for what we don’t understand, let’s ask God to give us understanding. What we don’t think we can live, ask God to give us the power to live.

“You will have to choose what word you will follow and whom you will respect. And in that choice, what has not been accomplished by the time of blessing and gifts will be accomplished. What has not been accomplished in the baptism and the flooding of gifts of my Spirit will be accomplished in a baptism of fire. The fire will move among you and it will burn out what is chaff.”

This is the Gospel. This is what John the Baptist says when he introduces Jesus: “His winnowing fork is in his hand. I am not worthy to carry his sandals” (Mt 3:11-12). He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. He will gather his wheat into the granary. But his chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.

The fire of God’s love, judgment, and purification—it’s all for the good. He’s trying to draw us to Himself. But He needs to use tough love in order to get our attention and save us.

“I will not tolerate the mixture and the adulterous treating of gifts and graces and blessings with infidelity, sin, and prostitution. My time is now among you. What you need to do is to come before Me in total submission to My Word. . . . (This is the hour to do it.) For there will be casualties. It will not be easy, but it is necessary.”

It’s necessary for the salvation of souls and the purification of the Church. It’s necessary for us to be delivered from deception and bondage, and set into that glorious freedom of sons of God. God loves us so much, He’s reminding us of what Jesus said in the Scripture and what the Church teaches in the Catechism. Let’s respond. Let’s ask God to help us.

This article is an abridged version of a video Ralph Martin shared on Renewal Ministries’ YouTube channel, “Another Prophecy from Fr. Scanlan.” To view the video in its entirety, please visit:

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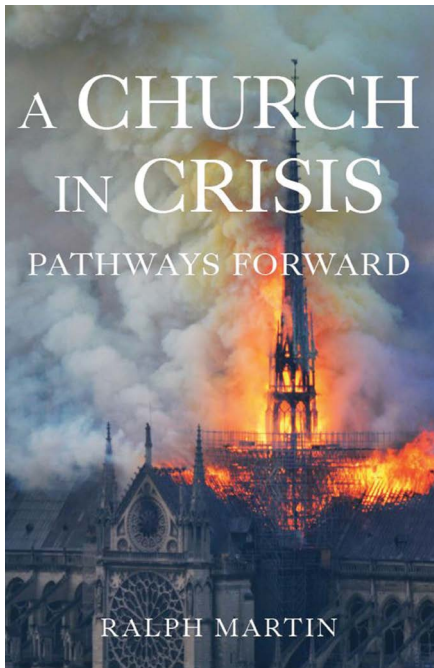
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