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EMMAUS ROAD RELEASES COLLECTION OF BISHOPS' ESSAYS

Emmaus Road Publishing announces the publication of its newest book, *Servants of the Gospel*, a collection of essays by American bishops on their role in the Catholic Church.

In *Servants of the Gospel*, nine bishops examine the unique and challenging task of the apostles' successors in the Church today. This timely work is designed to foster effective lay collaboration with the bishops as the Church continues Christ's mission into the third Christian millennium.

The articles, which were originally published as a ten-part series in *Lay Witness* magazine, will help the reader understand the bishops' mission and role in the Church as it will be examined in the Synod of Bishops to be held at the Vatican sometime in the next two years.

Each essay addresses part of the *lineamenta*, or preparatory document, released in 1998 in anticipation of the Synod. Essay topics include the authority of the bishop, the call to service, and the ministry of the bishop in relation to the laity.

Servants of the Gospel, available for \$6.95 plus shipping and handling, can be ordered by calling (800) 398-5470.

Bishop Joseph A. Fiorenza, the President of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, praised the volume: "The bishops who have contributed their reflections to this volume speak from their profound pastoral experience," he said. "All who read them will be better prepared to understand the significance of the Synod."

Bishops who submitted articles include Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I. (Chicago, IL); Archbishops Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. (Denver, CO) and James P. Keleher (Kansas City, KS); and Bishops Robert J. Carlson (Sioux Falls, SD), Thomas J. Tobin (Youngstown, OH), John J. Myers (Peoria, IL), James S. Sullivan (Fargo, ND), Raymond L. Burke (La Crosse, WI), and Fabian W. Bruskewitz (Lincoln, NE).

The editor of *Servants of the Gospel*, Leon J. Suprenant, Jr., is president of Catholics United for the Faith. He co-authored *FAITH FACTS*, a collection of apologetics essays, with Philip Gray, director of Information Services at Catholics United for the Faith. He also co-edited with Dr. Scott Hahn a book of essays by Catholic apologists, *Catholic for a Reason*.

The Synod of Bishops, originally scheduled for the Jubilee Year 2000, was postponed for a later date.