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### New Book Announcement

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### ***Witnesses of the Messiah: On Acts of the Apostles 1-15***

**Stephen Pimentel**

Foreword by Tim Gray

### **A new Bible study on Acts of the Apostles**

*Witnesses of the Messiah: On Acts of the Apostles 1-15* (Steubenville: Emmaus Road Publishing, 2002) is a newly published work by **Stephen Pimentel**, a graduate student in theology at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.

In his foreword to *Witnesses of the Messiah*, **Tim Gray**, professor of Scripture and catechetics at the Notre Dame Graduate School and author of *Mission of the Messiah: On the Gospel of Luke and Sacraments in Scripture*, writes: “Steve Pimentel has done us a great service in providing such an illuminating guide to Acts of the Apostles. His treatment is deeply Catholic. . . . *Witnesses of the Messiah* is that rare book that can take one into the theological depths of Scripture while at the same time maintaining clarity and an ease of reading that is truly admirable. I am sure that your reading of Pimentel’s fine study will inspire you, as it did me, to reread Acts of the Apostles with deeper insight and clarity.”

**Scott Hahn, Ph.D.**, author of *The Lamb’s Supper* and *Hail Holy Queen*, adds: “In this important work, Stephen Pimentel shows how all of God’s actions in salvation history find their climax not only in Christ, but also in the Church. Indeed, Pimentel makes Luke’s vision of the early Church come alive by showing how the Church embodies nothing less than the Davidic kingdom restored, where faithful Israelites and Gentiles are reunited in God’s royal worldwide family. *Witnesses of the Messiah* captures and presents this central theme in Acts in a style that is highly accessible and compelling. Seldom does a biblical commentary combine clarity and theological insight as well as this one. Highly recommended, especially for individual or group Bible study.”

**Timothy T. O’Donnell, S.T.D., K.C.\*H.S.**, president of Christendom College, comments: “Stephen Pimentel, in his timely and valuable work, has demonstrated how the Holy Spirit acted most powerfully in the history of the early Church. His book, with its stimulating questions, furnishes us with an excellent introduction to the rich biblical theology contained within Saint Luke’s historical narrative. I believe this book will draw many people closer to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the King and Lord of history.”

**Stephen K. Ray**, author of *Crossing the Tiber* and *Upon This Rock*, adds: “Catholic commentaries on Scripture were once plentiful but recently have been in short supply. That is now beginning to change, as a new generation of Catholics has begun providing excellent books and study guides to the Bible. Stephen Pimentel’s study on Acts of the Apostles is just such a book. Drawing richly upon the Old Testament, *Witnesses of the Messiah* pulls back the curtain to reveal the working of God with His people Israel and the Old Testament’s continuing fulfillment in the New and Eternal Covenant. This book will enlighten and educate, benefiting both the seasoned scholar and the novice dusting off the Bible for the first time.”

As he pursues graduate studies, Stephen Pimentel also writes and speaks on Catholic apologetics and Scripture. **To arrange an interview with Stephen Pimentel, or to request a review copy, contact Jeff Ziegler, director of Emmaus Road Publishing, at (740) 283-2484; jziegler@cuf.org.**

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