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Comments on *Appreciating the Collect*, and *The Liturgical Subject*

James LEACHMAN (ed.), *The Liturgical Subject: Subject, subjectivity, and the human person in contemporary liturgical discussion and critique* (Faith in Reason series 7) SCM-Notre Dame UP, London-Notre Dame IN 2008. ISBN: 978-03340-4128-3, £50.00.This volume is intended to offer to philosophers, liturgists and theologians of different schools a forum for conversation on issues of liturgy and philosophy and to enable a greater appreciation of the wealth of theologies in current Catholic writing. The potential of the Church's ministry in the world is diminished to the degree that internal dialogue is limited; more robust conversation ad intram could only strengthen the theological community in its service to the whole Church in our different countries, churches and cultures for her service to the world. The book aims to promote this internal dialogue between liturgists, theologians and church philosophers by presenting a variety of approaches to the topic of "Subject, subjectivity and the human person in contemporary liturgical discussion and critique". Rather than profiting from any weaknesses seen in others' theological or liturgical of traditions, we are called to serve them and to respond to them, for as liturgists, theologians and philosophers our mission is to serve and to develop the Church's thinking.

James LEACHMAN and Daniel P. MCCARTHY (eds.), *Appreciating the Collect: An Irenic Methodology* (« DREI » series Liturgiam aestimare 1), St Michael's Abbey Press, Farnborough 2008. ISBN: 978-0-907077-61-9, £22.95.In *Appreciating the Collect*, scholars from four continents introduce the established textual critical apparatus of Rome's Sant'Anselmo Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, and apply this methodology to specific collects of the 2002 Roman Missal. Their insights into the history, structure, grammar and vocabulary of the Collect is offered as a service to the whole Church, not only to bishops, academics, and those charged with the onerous task of translation of texts into local languages, but to all who wish to make the words of the Church's prayer their own, and appreciate the Collect.