

The Central Themes of Herbert Vorgrimler's *Sacramental Theology* (except for Chapter 9, on reconciliation, and Chapter 10, on anointing of the sick)

Theological Preconditions for Sacramental Theology

- Experience of God and God's Revelation
- Images and Symbols of God
- The "Sacramental Principle" in Jewish-Christian Tradition
- Christian Theology, "Old Testament Sacraments," and "Natural Sacraments"
- Christological, Pneumatological, and Trinitarian Presuppositions

Determining the Place of the Sacraments

- The Sacraments as the Church's Liturgy
- The Subject of the Church's Liturgy
- The Presence of Jesus Christ in the Liturgy

The Sacramental Economy of Salvation

- Creation and Election as Sacrament
- Jesus Christ as the Primordial Sacrament
- Church as Fundamental Sacrament
- Individual Sacraments as Actualizations of the Fundamental Sacrament

The Sacraments in General

- The General Concept of a Sacrament

History of General Sacramental Theology

- New Testament
- The Church Fathers
- Middle Ages
- The Sacramental Theology of the Reformers
- The Church's Official Sacramental Teaching
- The Development of Sacramental Theology after Trent
- Limits and Structure of General Sacramental Theology and Doctrine of the Individual Sacraments

Fundamentals of General Sacramental Theology

Symbolic Liturgical Actions as Mediation of the Presence of God

- Effective Symbolic Event
- Jesus Christ as Author of the Sacraments
- The Number Seven and the Inequality of the Sacraments
- Sacrament—Event of the Word of God
- Sacrament, Prayer, and Discipleship
- Sacraments of Faith
- Sacraments as Mediation of Divine Grace
- Sacrament and History
- Sacraments of the Church

Baptism

- Biblical Foundations
- The Rite of Initiation
- Historical Decisions
- Baptism of Children
- Ecumenical Perspectives
- Summary

Confirmation

- Biblical Foundations
- Historical Decisions
- Summary

Eucharist

- Introduction
- Biblical Foundations
- The Last Supper Accounts
- Other New Testament Texts
- Summary and Problems

Concept and Basic Form of the Eucharist

- The Fundamental Liturgical Form
- The Concept of Eucharist

Historical Stages and Decisions

- The Development of a Eucharistic Theology
- Concentration on the Real Presence
- Scholastic Theology of the Eucharist
- Reformation Teaching on the Lord's Supper
- The Real Presence
- The Sacrifice of the Mass
- The Eucharist and the Office of Priesthood
- Vatican Council II
- Communion
- The Renewal of Eucharistic Theology

The Sacrament of Orders (just section 11:4)

The Sacrament of Orders: Systematic and Liturgical Aspects

- Bishop
- Priest
- Deacon
- [Institution of Ministers]

The Sacrament of Marriage

- Introduction

Biblical Foundations

- Old Testament
- Jesus and the Jesus Traditions
- Paul and the Letter to the Ephesians
- Additional Statements

Historical Decisions

- The Development of a Theology, Liturgy, and Law of Marriage
- Statements of Earlier Church Teaching
- Vatican Council II and the New Code of Canon Law
- Theology of Marriage: Summary