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Newly published book out by the authors: Dr. Christine A. Mugridge, SOLT
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John Paul II
Development of a Theology of Communication
Excellence in the Communication of the Faith as
Exemplified in the Apostolic Exhortation
ECCLESIA IN AMERICA
Foreword by Cardinal John Patrick Foley

ROME, ITALY – A new book published this spring by the Libreria Editrice Vaticana in honor of the third anniversary of the Servant of God, John Paul II is now available. The text gives a concise framework for understanding the principles, method and theory behind the theological insights and witness of John Paul II in the area of social communications. This text is designed for use at university level as well as by Directors of Communications for Diocesan Offices, Religious Institutions and Media Corporations.

The book, “John Paul II – Development of a Theology of Communication”, is the fruit of the efforts of the research team of Dr. Christine A. Mugridge, SOLT and Sr. Marie Gannon, FMA. Dr. Mugridge received her doctoral degree from the *Pontifical Salesian University* in Rome. Her doctoral research, based on the study of the development of a theology of communication was awarded the University Medal of Honor. Author of two other books, Christine is also the Founder of the non profit organization, *Sacred Arts Communications*, a lay Apostolate which seeks to educate the public on Catholic teaching and culture using all forms of social communications media. Sr. Gannon holds a PhD in Educational Sciences, specialization in Sociology of Education, from the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences *Auxilium* in Rome, 1993 and 1995 respectively. A professor within the Faculty of Social Communications at the *Pontifical Salesian University* in Rome, Sr. Marie is likewise a tenured professor at the *Auxilium*, where she holds the chair for Applied Statistics and for Research Methods.

This book is a major contribution to the field of the ongoing dialogue between theology and communications for both personal and professional enrichment. A must read for theologians and professional communicators, it has been developed into a curriculum text for those aiming at a career in media and/or pastoral communications. The volume is soft cover and includes a helpful bibliography per chapter throughout. Additional details and purchasing information regarding the book are available at: www.libreriaeditricevaticana.com and www.sacredartscommunications.org.