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FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

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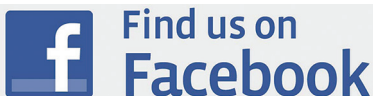


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Buckle up for an old-fashioned but good-spirited brawl about the future of the Catholic Church in the twenty-first century



"I state from the outset," Brother Louis DeThomasis says in his new book *All Things to All People*, "that I am firmly convinced that the problem for the church today is not that there are those who are conservative and those who are moderates and those who are progressive. When in the two thousand year history of the church was there unanimity of thought and persuasion among the faithful or even the hierarchy? My reading is that the serious difficulties the church finds itself in today are because of the fringe ideologues on both sides."

The author takes on all the hot-button topics in the church today, including the ordination of women, birth control, divorce and remarriage, sexual orientation, Catholic education, and religious freedom. He offers new insights on clericalism, infallibility, conscience, vocation, and the "sense of the faithful" as a source of divine revelation. And he offers a recipe for transforming the Catholic Church in a way that will allow it to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to a twenty-first century world that is more globalized and diverse than ever before.

You may not agree with every one of Brother Louis' arguments, but they will cause you to think about what kind of a church we need and want...or, better yet, what kind of church Jesus wants us to be.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Louis DeThomasis, FSC, is currently the Chairman of the Christian Brothers Investment Services-Global. He has written several books, including *Flying in the Face of Tradition: Listening to the Lived Experience of the Faithful*; *The Dynamics of Christian Education: Letting the Catholic School Be School*; and (with Sr. Cynthia Nienhaus) *The Silent Schism: Healing the Serious Split in the Catholic Church*.

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