

SEMINAR ON SACRAMENTAL AND LITURGICAL THEOLOGY

The Continuing Seminar on Sacramental and Liturgical Theology met on Thursday afternoon, June 13, 1991. Dr. Joseph Martos, associate professor at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales and author of the forthcoming revision of *Doors to the Sacred*, presented a paper entitled "The Copernican Revolution (and Ptolemaic Residues) in Sacramental Theology."

Dr. Martos's thesis was that while developments in the last decade in the field of sacramental theology have constituted the theological equivalent of the Copernican revolution in science, there are still several areas where Ptolemaic residues can be found: in questions of sacramental validity, the emphasis on legality over spirituality, of orthodoxy over orthopraxy, etc.

Discussion followed among the members of the seminar, elaborating on some of the areas Dr. Martos identified, and addressing other examples of "Ptolemaic residues."

The seminar also discussed plans for the 1992 meeting. It was decided to continue meeting as a seminar for only one session during the convention and to discuss a paper prepared in relation to the convention theme "Experience and Theology: A Critical Appropriation."

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