

MORAL THEOLOGY, I

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Cochran's paper, entitled "Augustinian Subsidiarity: Revisiting the Moral Responsibilities of Church and State," addressed the impasse in discussions of church-state relations in Catholic theology. It developed a constructive Augustinian account of subsidiarity that both coincides with and challenges current positions, broadly consisting of John Courtney Murray's successors on the one hand and revisionists such as William Cavanaugh on the other. Drawing upon Augustine's writings, the paper contended that love and justice are socially embodied dispositions integral to moral experience in a world that Christ has redeemed. Augustine's theology of redemption provides a foundation for understanding the proper relation between love and justice as well as the relation between the ecclesial and civil powers that embody these virtues.

Scheid, in her paper "Reconciliation in Readiness of Mind: Including Reconciliation in *Jus ad Bellum* and *Jus in Bello* Just War Considerations," reasoned that violent conflict can be viewed as an impasse, a last resort for resolving political problems. Reconciliation carries enemies beyond that impasse, healing divisions and helping communities develop a just peace. While scholars have recently argued that reconciliation is a critical component of *jus post bellum* criteria, Scheid maintained that considering reconciliation only *jus post bellum* considerably weakens the prospects of actually achieving it. Instead, she argued, reconciliation is best kept "in readiness of mind" prior to and during armed conflict. Including reconciliation in *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello* criteria provides a greater likelihood for post-conflict reconciliation and a long-standing just peace.

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