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### Review

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"It seems to me that we are living in a time in the life of the Church when there are some who wish to reform the liturgical reforms of Vatican II, often in complete ignorance. Alive contemporary liturgy is rooted in preserving the best practices of the past and being open to God's creative spirit in the present. I believe that Ed Foley's newly revised and expanded liturgical work From Age to Age is an essential and classic text in helping local parishes and pastors enliven our liturgies. More than just providing an excellent historic overview of liturgy, Ed's very creative work helps us to understand the theological and cultural settings from which our liturgy has, and continues to, emerge." --Monsignor Robert M. Perkins, Pastor, Church of the Immaculate Conception, Hampton, Virginia

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