

about how each model might “nest” within the other models; the length and scope of *Models of Heaven* does not allow for this further consideration. Nevertheless, Mannion gives the reader an intellectually informative and, in its best instances, wonderfully creative exposition of the multiple ways in which the Christian thinker can engage the reality of heaven.

The author makes a helpful contribution to the field of liturgical and eschatological theology and offers the non-expert a riveting account of what the believer might look forward to in the life of the world to come. This is a valuable and edifying book, because it provides a basic scholarly resource while saving heaven from popular irrelevance by re-enchanting it with a deeply biblical and liturgical perspective.

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Pope Benedict XIV, trans. Robert Nixon, O.S.B.
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The ongoing debate about liturgical tradition in the Latin Church suggests a need for scholarly publications that facilitate a more complete analysis of twentieth-century liturgical reforms and cultivate a greater appreciation of how the rites are celebrated today. For the sake of such analysis and appreciation, Fr. Robert Nixon, O.S.B. has translated into English a section of the treatise *De Sacrosancto Missae Sacrificio Libri Tres* of Pope Benedict XIV (d. 1758). Nixon has also appended an excerpt from *Tractatus Bipartitus de Sacrosancto Missae Sacrificio* by Hierotheus Confluentinus, O.F.M. Cap (d. 1766), and a prayer for the Church by Pope Innocent III (d. 1216). In preparing this translation of the work of Benedict XIV, Nixon has brought to new light the witness of one of the most prominent Latin canonist-theologians on the matter of sacred language in the Mass.