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Review

As most Catholics know, our new pastors are getting younger and younger. Solid preparation for pastoring is getting more critical every day. One of the most pressing needs is the need for good material on the art and skill of pastoring. For too long we have survived by adapting Protestant material. I welcome this excellent resource, *A Pastor's Toolbox: Management Skills for Parish Leadership*. I will recommend it to our program participants and we hope to use it in our new pastor programs.

Rev. J. Ronald Knott, Director, Institute for Priests and Presbyterates, St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

A Pastor's Toolbox helps pastors-both veteran and neophyte-make good use of the technology and administrative resources that are available while helping them maintain their primary focus on the spiritual care of the people entrusted to them. It is an invaluable resource for priests everywhere.

+The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta

This splendid work-edited by a savvy priest known for his sensitive work with brother priests-is as timely and as helpful as can be.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

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