

THEO 43203/PHIL 43801 Under the Radar: Neglected Catholic Thinkers of the 20th Century

Romano Guardini, *The Lord*

In his *Preface* to *The Lord*, Msgr Guardini emphasizes that “he offers nothing ‘new’: neither a new understanding of Christ nor a better Christological theory. Religion is not a question of new things, but of things Eternal. If, however, current history were to succeed in re-establishing contact with eternal history, then something new indeed, uncontaminated and free from the dust of usage would appear” (xvii). Theology begins with faith, but proceeds by the engagement of the mind (human reason or *logos*) with revealed truths.

In an essay of four to six pages (typed, double-spaced), reflect on how Guardini uses human reason, aided by grace, in unfolding what is revealed in the Scriptures. Consider how it is that Guardini “reads” the text (how he approaches it), how his faith “seeks understanding,” and how theology for Guardini is at once scriptural, liturgical, sacramental, and doxological.

Advent & Christmas: *The Lord*, pp. 3-29 (due February 2)

Ordinary Time: *The Lord*, pp. 89-174 (due March 3)

Lent: *The Lord*, pp. 405-468 (due March 30)

Easter: *The Lord*, pp. 471-532 (due April 22)