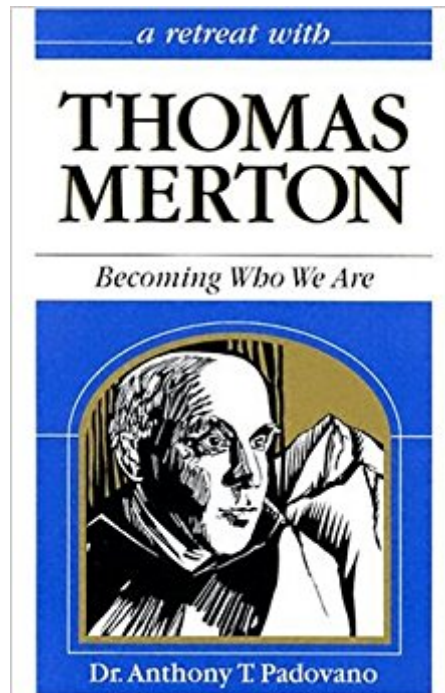




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This small book has much to offer. Padovano's insight into Merton's "Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander" is especially compelling, as it should be, coming from a writer who has himself chosen not to be a bystander but instead to aspire to being perfectly normal, or rather--as Padovano might say--being normal, perfectly. Also, Padovano's writing, here and elsewhere, offers a much needed antidote to all the goofiness that parades itself as "spiritual" or "metaphysical" in contemp culture. As Padovano says of Merton's own writing, "spirituality is biography."

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