

Ci auguriamo che ciò possa realmente accadere e che i risultati dell'indagine presentati possano contribuire in qualche modo ad aiutare il

perare certe contraddizioni e a migliorare le condizioni civili del detenuto straniero nel nostro Paese.

Roger Berthouzoz O.P. 1945-2004

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Fr. Roger Berthouzoz was Dean and Professor of Ethics and Moral Theology in the Theological Faculty of the University of Fribourg (Switzerland). He resigned from the post of Dean due to the cancer from which he suffered, before his death on September 24th 2004.

Fr. Roger was born on the May 24th 1945 at Conthey in the canton of Valais (Switzerland). After his secondary school studies at St. Maurice College (VS) and the Gymnasia de La Cité (Lausanne), he entered the Order of Preachers (Swiss Province) in 1964. He spent his novitiate in La Sarte, Huy in Belgium, and made his first vows on 29th September 1965. After a study period in Rwanda (Butare and Kaduha) between 1968-1969 and his ordination to the priesthood on June 21st 1970, he continued his studies in theology, philosophy and history at the University of Fribourg. In 1972, having obtained his licence in theology, he continued his studies in Paris and Rome. In 1979 he returned to Fribourg to defend his doctorate thesis in theology, entitled «*Liberty and Grace according to the theology of St Irenaeus of Lyon. The debate with the Gnostics on the origins of Christian Theology*» (Fribourg-Paris 1980).

Assigned to Geneva (1978-1993), he was the Catholic chaplain of the University and Director of the Catholic University Centre of Geneva (1980-1987). At the same time, he was a member and then the person in charge of the Department of Formation of the Catholic Church in Geneva (1980-1993), and a member of the Community of Ecumenical Work «Church and Environment» (COTE). He had many responsibilities including

that of librarian in the Dominican community in Geneva, of which he was also prior (1990-1993).

In 1993 he succeeded Fr. Pinto de Oliveira O.P. as ordinary professor, and thus became the holder of the Chair of Ethics and Specialised Morals.

Fr. Roger Berthouzoz was the author of many scientific articles and books. He was known for his reflections on, and his commitment to, the realms of the social doctrine of the Church, bioethics, ecology, political ethics and ecumenism. He allowed himself to be constantly challenged by current questions and always sought to put ethical demands into effect: during the debate on stem cells, for example, he insisted on the importance of recognising the dignity of the human embryo and on its legal protection. In the same vein, we saw him intervene on the themes of handicapped people, human rights, the right to food, of the integration of ethical and spiritual values in management and economy, ethics and the migration of families, the ethical and theological dimensions of the rights and the duties of minorities, and environmental ethics. He supported the demands for social justice in African societies. He knew how to take a position and express total disagreement, as, for example with the ideas of Charlene Spretnak on the subject of deep ecology (cf. Charlene Spretnak, *Les dimensions spirituelles de la politique écologique*, with contributions by R. Bertouzoz, J. Grinevald, R. Longet et al., Grand Lancy, Geneva, 1993, pp 79-80).

In 1994 Fr. Roger founded, and became the first director of, the International Centre of

Documentation and Research on Christian Social Ethics (CIDRESOC) at the University of Fribourg. The principal objective is to collect and analyse the major contribution to social ethics by the catholic bishops from the whole world, and from all the Christian Churches. He was convinced of the importance of the contribution of the local Churches to social ethics. Under the direction of R. Berthouzoz, R. Papini, C.J. Pinto de Oliveira and R. Sugranyes de Franch, the Centre produced a catalogue bringing together information on about 1500 documents by bishops and bishops' conferences from all over the world, published over the period of a century. These documents concern economic and development ethics (*Economie et Développement*. Répertoire des documents épiscopaux des cinq continents, 1891-1991, Fribourg-Paris, 1995, 808p.). The Collection underlines the vitality and the topicality of these contributions. Indeed, the responsibility of the local Churches demands that they give witness when justice is at stake, and in connection to socio-economical and cultural situations that are specific to them.

After the publication of this catalogue, the CIDRESOC continued collecting and analysing documents concerning social ethics. So as to make these documents more accessible, in January 2000 the first number of the quarterly Bulletin appeared under the title "Economie sociale & développement". An interfaculty course on Christian social teaching was also set up. In July 1999, the Centre organised an International Colloquium on the right to food.

In 1999, Conseil d'Etat of Fribourg named the Fr Berthouzoz, member of the intercantonal committee of ethics and research in the field of health for the Cantons of Fribourg, Neuchâtel and the Jura. He collaborated also with the Ethical and Human Rights Institut (*Institut d'éthique et de droits de l'homme*) (University of Fribourg), the Jacques Maritain International Institut (Italy), the International Forum on Management, ethics and spirituality (FIMES) and the HEC of Montreal (Canada). He was the co-director and director of the collection *Etudes d'éthique et la Théologie morale* (Fribourg-Paris). He was involved in the Study Centre for the Research and Documentation on Africa (CERDAF) in Fribourg as well as the ENGELBERG FORUM. From 2002, Fr. Roger was responsible as Regent of Studies for the Swiss Province.

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Nonostante la piccola mole si tratta di un libro dalle caratteristiche multiple: storiche, teoretiche e biografiche. Il testo è diviso in tre parti che corrispondono ad altrettanti periodi successivi di *Economie & Humanisme* (EH): l'epoca della presenza del fondatore, il domenicano Louis-Joseph Lebret; il periodo di adattamento immediatamente successivo alla sua morte, nel 1966; e l'ultimo periodo, l'attuale, iniziatosi nel 1989. Significativamente le parti, corrispondenti a periodi ventennali, portano il titolo: *Modernità contro cristianità*, *Modernità contro modernità*, *Umanesimo e nuova modernità*. L'idea di fondo è che EH, sia come movimento che come centro di ricerca,

dalla sua fondazione nel 1941 è passato attraverso diverse fasi di relazione e reazione al mondo che cambiava.

Il domenicano H. Puel, che ha avuto un ruolo determinante presso EH negli ultimi 40 anni, interseca, al racconto storico ed al tracciato intellettuale ermeneutico e teoretico, la descrizione dell'evolversi della sua posizione personale.

A causa di questi svariati piani che si intersecano, il libro, pur scritto con molta chiarezza, non è facilmente presentabile: le varie componenti sono sempre e comunque presenti e si