

Title: "Do You Have Teaching on IA Being Orthodox for Catholics?"

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Greetings all,

We have had a number of e-mails asking whether we have any teaching about how the Immanuel Approach is orthodox for Catholics. The bad news is that I am not a Catholic theologian. The good news is that Rev. Basil Burns, O.S.B., PhD has spent a lot of time and energy studying this question, and has prepared a careful, thorough document discussing the Catholic Orthodoxy of the Immanuel Approach.

From his introduction: "The purpose of this document is to make some comments regarding the Catholic orthodoxy of the Immanuel Approach Prayer Method....We intend to raise the comfort level of Catholics with this prayer and also make certain theological points that clarify the use and misuse of this prayer. The primary reasons why such comments are both desirable and necessary is 1) the prayer method is Protestant in its genesis and merits proper integration into the Catholic faith and 2) the prayer method involves certain elements regarding the use of the imagination and the memory that many Catholics may need explained or clarified....Protestants and Catholics have our differences, but the sharing of the heart of Jesus Christ substantially unites us: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

For the complete document, go to the bottom of the "Biblical Basis" section of the "Resources" page of www.immanuelapproach.com

Blessings,

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