Do We Share a Book? The Sunday Lectionary and Jewish-Christian Relations

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ABSTRACT This paper analyzes the role that the Sunday Lectionary, revised after Vatican II, plays in the Catholic Church’s presentation of Jews and Judaism. The presentation of Jews and Judaism in the current Lectionary is clearly a vast improvement over what preceded it. However, there is still much work to be done in order to bring the Lectionary in line with official Catholic teachings on the Old Testament and the Jews. The recent document of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, The Jewish People and Their Sacred Scriptures in the Christian Bible (2001), provides a new and authoritative impetus to reconsider the selection of Old Testament texts and their relationship to Gospel texts in the Lectionary. The article argues that continued Lectionary reform â specifically with regard to the Old Testament lections â would improve Jewish-Christian relations in the long term.

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Wyschogrod, Michael, Abraham’s Promise: Judaism and Jewish–Christian Relations, ed. and intro. The Lutheran Service Book Lectionaries provide Sunday readings that begin with the season of Advent. While the Lectionary Committee was mindful of the value of having a lectionary in common with other Christians, it has decided to produce a revision of the LW lectionary rather than to accept the RCL outright. In the course of its study, the committee identified a number of important biblical texts that have been omitted from the RCL, such as More Info: “Do We Share a Book? The Sunday Lectionary and Jewish-Christian Relations.” Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations 1 (2005-6): 89-102. Research Interests: Theology, Biblical Studies, Jewish - Christian Relations, Lectionary Studies, and Catholic Liturgy. This book contains reflections on the Sunday Bible Readings for Year B in the Roman Catholic Lectionary. They are intended to assist those preparing homilies or talks on the readings, as well as others whose curiosity and questions have been aroused by these readings. Reflections for Year A were published by ATF in 2010. Reflections for Year C in the liturgical cycle will be published by ATF in 2013. eISBN: 978-1-921817-56-4. Subjects: Religion.
Jewish-Christian Relations: Insights and Issues in the ongoing Jewish-Christian Dialogue. Transforming the Catholic-Jewish Relationship: Looking Back, Looking Ahead (Nostra Aetate on its 40th Anniversary. Media. Jews and Christians seek authority from the same book -- the Bible (what Jews call "Tanakh" and Christians call the "Old Testament"). Turning to it for religious orientation, spiritual enrichment, and communal education, we each take away similar lessons: God created and sustains the universe; God established a covenant with the people Israel, God’s revealed word guides Israel to a life of righteousness; and God will ultimately redeem Israel and the whole world.