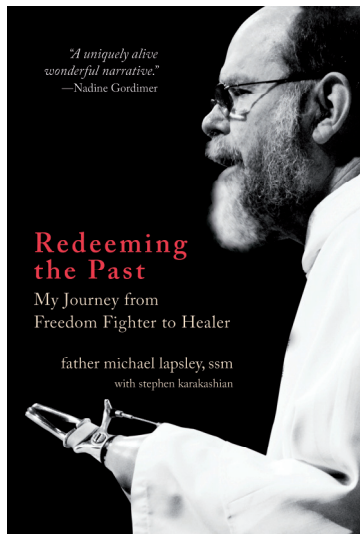


Press Clippings – Redeeming the Past



“Not quite three months after Nelson Mandela was freed from Robben Island in 1990, Anglican priest and African National Congress chaplain Lapsley opened a letter sent in the mail. The bomb in it blew off both hands, sent shrapnel through his body, and destroyed one eye Though severely injured, his mind and tongue remain intact, producing this most amazing memoir of a man who writes he 'has never made a distinction between human liberation and my Christian witness.' ... Within three years of his attack, he opened the doors of The Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture in Cape Town, in the new South Africa, and launched a global Healing of Memories program. The book's final section highlights stories from this work, from Rwanda to Northern Ireland, from Colombia to North Carolina. With dry, self-deprecating wit, Lapsley treats readers to an emotional, gripping tale of a priest, his prosthetics, and his promise, as St. Teresa of Avila put it, to be Christ's hands in the world.”

Publishers Weekly

“Redeeming the Past is valuable chiefly, because it is a testament to a remarkable ministry that found renewed purpose in a horrific act of violence, Anglicans and others around the world have much to learn from the commitment and dedication of Michael Lapsley”

Anglican Theological Review

“[Redeeming the Past] is Father Michael’s story of that struggle and his redemption by becoming an advocate for healing and reconciliation. In the Foreword, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu notes that Fr. Michael, a member of the Anglican order of the Society of the Sacred Mission, is a founder of the Institute for Healing of Memories.”

National Federation of Priests’ Councils, This Week 484/2012

[Father Lapsley] is realistic without being cynical and idealistic without being naïve. Listen to him.

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