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Michael H. Crosby belongs to the Midwest Province of the Capuchin Franciscans. He lives in fraternity with other brothers serving the poor in Milwaukee's downtown area. He has a masters in economics (1985), an STL (1990), and a PhD in Theology (1989).

Mike's ministry is twofold: three-fourths is spent writing and speaking about biblical spirituality geared for our "First World" society. The other involves him in the corporate responsibility movement, advising investors concerned about using their monies to promote social change. More specifically, these include:

**CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY.** Mike has written 16 books. Among these are *Spirituality of the Beatitudes: Matthew's Challenge for First World Christians* (Orbis, 21st printing 2003) and *House of Disciples: Church, Economics and Justice In Matthew* (Orbis, 1988). It received 3rd place in scripture by the Catholic Press Association. His *Celibacy: Means of Control or Mandate of the Heart?* (1996) received first place in professional books from the Catholic Press Association. His effort to promote justice in institutional Catholicism is expressed in *The Dysfunctional Church: Addiction and Codependency in the Family of Catholicism* (Ave Maria, 1991, 3rd printing) and his latest book: *Rethinking Celibacy, Reclaiming the Church* (2004). His last two books on biblical spirituality *The Prayer that Jesus Taught Us* (Orbis, 2002) and "Do You Love Me?" *Jesus Questions the Church* (Orbis, 2000) each received awards from the Catholic Press Association. A complete revision of *Spirituality of the Beatitudes* is due from Orbis in January 2005, as will be his latest, *Can Religious Life Be Prophetic* (Crosswood, 2005). He's contributed to a wide range of encyclopedias, anthologies and magazines linking discipleship and cultural issues.

**CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY.** Mike authored *Catholic Church Investments for Corporate Social Responsibility* (3rd printing); a portion was reprinted in *Origins*. He coordinates the Tobacco Issue Group of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility in New York (and served on its Board many years). He has written in magazines such as *Business and Society Review*, *The British Medical Journal*, *The Corporate Examiner*.

Mike has given retreats, workshops and talks around these two areas in the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. He also lectures on the future of religious life. He filmed in Assisi a two-part video on St. Francis in 1994 (St. Anthony Press).

Mike served his Province in leadership (two terms) and presently sits on various provincial committees. He was Collaborator to the Relatore for the Cause of the Beatification of Venerable Solanus Casey and author of *Thank God Ahead of Time: The Life and Spirituality of Venerable Solanus Casey* (Franciscan Press, second edition, 1996,

3rd printing, 2000). The two volume *Positio* he wrote for the Vatican has been published as *Solanus Casey: The Official Account of a Virtuous American Life* (Crossroad, 2000).

He sits on various boards: the Finance Committee and Solanus Center Commission of his Midwest Province, the Flight Attendants Medical Research Institute (Miami), Mercy Investment Program (Philadelphia) and the Campaign for Economic Democracy (New York). He is a regular speaker at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress as well as many sabbatical programs (ie., Berakah, New Directions, Sangre de Cristo, School of Applied Theology).