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Published only in part before, the author offers the full text (with minor revisions) of his thesis presented to the Gregorian University in 1988. In 4 parts and 8 chapters, he neatly systematizes the writings of two leading theologians, Yves Congar and John Zizioulas, on the “pneumatological dimension,” the role of the Holy Spirit, in ordained ministry. When necessary for comprehensiveness of each author’s thought, he draws also upon their associated writings in Christology, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Part I delineates the historical background of Roman Catholic and Orthodox positions and then an “overview” first of Congar’s, then of Zizioulas’ theologies, from these authors’ specific writings. Parts II and III purpose to lay out in detail and order all important points of each writer on the Spirit’s role. Part IV, again in several chapters, offers a critical analysis of each theologian’s positions, noting both convergences and divergences. Finally, original and creative suggestions are offered for further ecumenical rapprochement.

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