

Biography – Thomas Storck



Thomas Storck has been intrigued with Catholic social thought since he first read Richard Tawney's *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* in high school on his own initiative. This book launched his life long study of the formulations of Christianity that are concerned with justice in society.

Since then he has been propelled to write books and hundreds of reviews and articles on Catholic culture, social teaching and related aspects of Catholic thought.

Mr. Storck's books are: *The Catholic Milieu*, Christendom Press (1987), *Foundations of a Catholic Political Order*, (1998) and *Christendom and the West*, (2000), both published by Four Faces Press.

His work has appeared in numerous Catholic publications and websites. He served as a contributing editor for *Caelum et Terra* from 1991 until the magazine closed in 1996 and the *New Oxford Review* from 1996 – 2006. Since 1998 he has been a member of the editorial board for *The Chesterton Review*.

He has taught history at Christendom College in Front Royal, Virginia and philosophy at Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson, Pennsylvania and Catonsville Community College in Catonsville, Maryland.

What intrigues Mr. Storck about the Church's social teachings is that modern Western economies are driven by a desire for inordinate riches, and as a result they tend to corrupt those who are successful and impoverish those who are not. Returning to a simpler life based on Catholic principles is one important thing that individuals can do even without support from society, and will help to promote a refuge and safe haven from injustices of the larger world.

Mr. Storck holds an undergraduate degree in English Literature from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and an M.A. in the Great Books Program from St. John's College, Santa Fe, New Mexico, with additional studies in economics at the USDA Graduate School in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Storck was born in Brooklyn, New York and raised in Ohio. He was a self-professed atheist in junior high then a theist and shortly afterwards a Protestant in high school. His search for truth ultimately let him to be received into the Catholic Church in February 1978.

He and his wife Inez have four children and four grand children.