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#### Review

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Rev. J. Ronald Knott, Director, Institute for Priests and Presbyterates, St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

*A Pastor's Toolbox* helps pastors-both veteran and neophyte-make good use of the technology and administrative resources that are available while helping them maintain their primary focus on the spiritual care of the people entrusted to them. It is an invaluable resource for priests everywhere.

+The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta

This splendid work-edited by a savvy priest known for his sensitive work with brother priests-is as timely and as helpful as can be.

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

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