

SUMMARY

A dynamic interpretation of the *Prayer of St. Benedict* provides a methodology for understanding and explicating Christian faith consistent with enduring elements in the theological tradition and meaningful to the contemporary milieu. Within the overarching structure of the *Prayer* as a meta-paradigm, are three subsidiary paradigms that describe characteristics of approaches to faith. The **structure**, **content**, and **intention** of the *Prayer* reveal these to be **experiential**, **critical**, and **transcendental**. Wisdom is asserted as integrating and orienting the discussion, which is a constructed on a Personalist foundation and is a postcritical reflection on faith. Faith is grounded in the affirmations and assumptions of faith, discerned in the enfolding appeals, and the supplications, a basis for an expository discourse on the dimensions of faith.

KEYWORDS

Prayer of St. Benedict; Faith; Epistemology; Wisdom and Connaturality; Meta-Paradigm; Method in Theology; Experiential Paradigm; Critical Paradigm; Transcendental Paradigm; Revelation; Cognition/Cognitive; Church, Academy, and Society; Evangelisation.