

## The Dutch Dominicans

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A couple of times this summer, online and in our print issues, references have been made to *NCR* sending Chicago-based writer Robert McClory to Holland. The assignment was made a couple years ago, just after the Dutch province of the Dominican order proposed a way to address the priest shortage. Their idea: Parishes should consider selecting lay members to preside at the Eucharist.

Here's the story McClory wrote for us: [The Dutch plan: Will innovation save this church?](#) [1] (NCR, Dec. 14, 2007)

The Dutch Dominicans spelled out their proposal in a booklet-length paper titled "The Church and the Ministry."

When that was fresh, hot news, *NCR* had made an English translation of that booklet available as a pdf document. The links to that document got mixed up because of changes we have made to our web site, and a number of readers have called and e-mailed asking to get a copy of "The Church and the Ministry."

Well, today, I finally got it sorted out. So, here is ["The Church and the Ministry" as a pdf](#) [2].

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[1] [http://natcath.org/NCR\\_Online/archives2/2007d/121407/121407a.htm](http://natcath.org/NCR_Online/archives2/2007d/121407/121407a.htm)

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