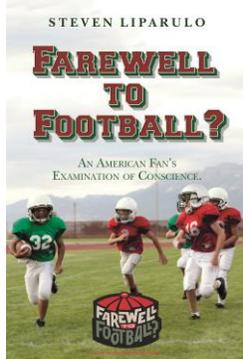


Farewell to Football?

An American Fan's Examination of Conscience.



A micro-retreat for men led by author **Steven Liparulo**
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“Why is football such a big deal, such a quintessentially American big deal, and how important should the game really be?” . . . REFLECT AND DISCUSS.

An author-led “micro-retreat” for Catholic men who dare to challenge their attachments to football and popular culture. Three 90-minute sessions:

1. Introduction to *Farewell to Football?* and the micro-retreat concept (7:00 p.m., OCT 25, 2016)
2. Author-led discussion of “Veterans Day (Winning Ugly)” chapter from *Farewell to Football?* (7:00 p.m., NOV 8, 2016)
3. Moderated discussion of retreatants’ reflections and thoughts about the book and its topics (7:00 p.m., NOV 29, 2016)



This book describes Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, and also includes the story of STM parishioner and championship football coach Milton Morgan (at whose Hall-of-Fame induction Dr. Liparulo and Father Hai Dang are pictured).

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Requirements for the micro-retreat:

Buy a copy of *Farewell to Football?* at discount price;
Read Chapters 1 and 1A before Session 1; read chapter 13 before Session 2.
Meetings at Donovan Den, St. Thomas More Catholic Church

At St. Thomas More, under the sheltering wings of the dove, I am joined together in this sacred mystery with men and women, children and adults, black, white, red, brown, and yellow. For a few minutes each week, at least, the American dream of a community of equals is achieved under conditions of humility in the presence of the Lord (p. 84).