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President of Valparaiso
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This book presents some of his leading ideas, many published in *The Cresset*, and his biography. With Strietelmeier the reader will struggle for a way of thinking and living “gracefully” in a time of multiple revolutions, choosing lesser evils, searching for the will of God while navigating between the dominant cultural value of personal emancipation and the power of a freedom found in bonding with the Lord of the Church.

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