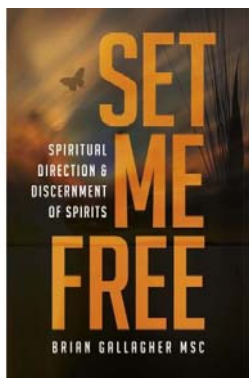


## New Book Releases from Brian Gallagher MSC



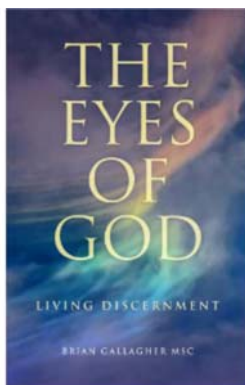
### ***Set Me Free: Spiritual Direction and Discernment of Spirits***

\$34.95 Coventry Press 2019

#### **Review by Michael Smith sj**

“Brian Gallagher offers a remarkably clear and rigorous account of the practice of spiritual direction. He describes the pastoral practice that is at the heart of spiritual direction: a spiritual director discerning their inner movements while contemplatively listening to a directee. The sacred ministry of spiritual direction will come to nothing without a discerning heart. ... If you are a beginning spiritual director or an experienced practitioner, or one who provides formation and ongoing supervision in the art of spiritual direction, your ministry will be enhanced by reading and re-reading this book.”

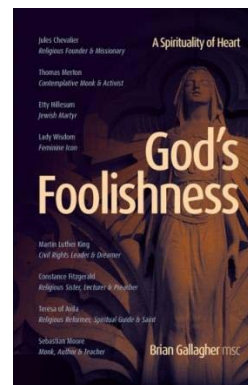
**Brian Gallagher** a Missionary of the Sacred Heart is a long-time member of CSD Australia, rejoicing in honorary membership now in his retirement. He has ministered in spirituality and spiritual direction for over 50 years. Brian founded the Heart of Life Centre in 1983 and The Cliffs Retreat in 1999. Academically, Brian has degrees in Science, Theology, and Spiritual Direction and a doctoral thesis entitled *Discernment of Spirits: The Corner-stone of Formation of Spiritual Directors*. His publications include *Set me Free: Spiritual Direction and Discernment of Spirits* 2019, *The Eyes of God: Living Discernment* 2019, *Communal Wisdom: a Way of Discernment for a Pilgrim Church* 2018, and *Taking God to Heart: A Living Spirituality* 2008, 2013 reprint.



### ***The Eyes of God: Living Discernment***

\$24.95 Coventry Press 2019

This is a unique book, blending personal experience of God and sound teaching about the ways of God's Spirit in individual lives and in community. Human response to the invitation of God's Spirit is often compromised by counter spirits, spirits not-of-God, drawing us away from God. The book studies these different attractions in our lives, their sources, and their power to affect our decision making for good or ill. Brian explains how unconscious places of unfreedom in our make-up affect our discerning choices and how growth in inner freedom is possible.



### ***God's Foolishness: A Spirituality of Heart***

\$18.95 Coventry Press 2020

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength (I Cor. 1:25). Building on his own life and the lives and teachings of a range of spiritual writers – as diverse as Etty Hillesum and Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila and Martin Luther King – Brian discovers God's foolishness, 'wiser than human wisdom'. He gladly acknowledges the influence of these women and men, whom he calls prophets, leaders, saints, on his personal spirituality, a spirituality of heart.

*NB. These titles are suitable for Professional Development reading.*