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Murphy's "War's Ends: Human Rights, International Order, and the Ethics of Peace" (Book Review)

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While one needs to look elsewhere for the full text of the sixteen documents produced at Vatican II, this volume provides an excellent history with texts and images telling the story of this extraordinary event. The one thing it lacks is a fuller discussion regarding the impact of the Council over the last fifty years and how it is understood today. Regardless, this book is recommended for any collection.

War's Ends: Human Rights, International Order, and the Ethics of Peace,

by James G. Murphy, SJ. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014.

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War, terrorism, and human rights are on the forefront of the minds of many people around the world. James G. Murphy, SJ, an associate professor at Loyola University, Chicago, dives into the philosophical underpinnings of the concepts of *jus ad bellum* (the morality of going to war) and just war tradition (JWT) in order to give us a framework in which to view the modern day conflicts that surround us. The book is organized in a way that each chapter covers one criteria of *jus ad bellum*: just cause, competent authority, right intention, reasonable probability of success, last resort, and proportionality. Furthermore, Murphy uses many historical examples to help the readers understand these criteria. Although the topic is very heavy, extensive notes at the end of each chapter and a thorough index make this volume a sound choice for academic libraries, especially those that are supporting upper level philosophy and theology students.