

Memorial for Gabriel Joseph Fackre (1926-2018)
Meeting of the American Theological Society (March 23, 2018)

Gabriel Joseph Fackre died on January 31, 2018. He is survived by five children, eight grandchildren and their spouses and one great-grandson. Fackre was born in 1926 in Jersey City, New Jersey, attended college at Bucknell, and transferred a few years later to the University of Chicago where he received his Bachelor of Divinity and Ph.D.

He began his teaching career in 1961 as a professor of theology and culture at Lancaster Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he remained until 1970. He then spent twenty-five years on the faculty of the Andover-Newton Theological Seminary before his retirement in 1996. In 1990-91 he served as president of the American Theological Society. His papers are housed in Special Collections at Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

Gabriel Fackre was a prolific scholar writing thirty books dealing with theology, ethics, and mission. His most important contribution was five volumes of a series on Christian doctrine entitled *The Christian Story*.

Gabriel's devoted wife of seventy-two years, Dorothy, died a few months earlier in October 2017. The two of them worked together as partners in publishing books, in ministry especially to poor parishes, and in many different forms of social action beginning with work for civil rights and continuing even in their retirement on Cape Cod. Many members of our society were fortunate to receive his theology and cultural newsletter, which he and Dorothy published from 1967-2016.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord.

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