



## H.E. Card. Carlo Maria Martini

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### Most important awards, prizes and academies

Cardinal Martini was ordained priest in 1952 and received his Ph.D. in fundamental theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1958. In 1962 he was appointed to the chair of textual criticism at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, where from 1968 to 1978 he was also Rector. In 1978 he was appointed Rector of the Gregorian University by Pope Paul VI and was invited by the Pope to preach at the annual retreat in the Vatican, the last held by Pope Montini. He was also called to be a member of the Commission for Relations with the Jews. After being appointed Archbishop of Milan by Pope John Paul II on 29 December 1979, he was consecrated Bishop on 6 January 1980, and made Cardinal on 2 February 1983. That same year, His Holiness appointed him Speaker to the Synod of Bishops on 'Reconciliation and Penance in the Mission of the Church'. In 1989, in recognition of his contribution to the cause of education, the Università Pontificia Salesiana conferred on him the degree honoris causa in education science. From 1987 to 1993 he was President of the CCEE, the organising body of the Bishops' Conferences of the European nations, and in this capacity and others he has made a substantial contribution to the dialogue between, and the ecumenical journey of, the Christian Churches. In the year 2000 he was

awarded the Prince of Asturias Prize in Social Sciences.

### **Summary of scientific research**

Cardinal Martini's scientific research has centred around biblical studies. After writing a Ph.D. on the historical question of the Resurrection in recent literature in the late 1950s he continued his studies of Holy Scripture abroad. In 1966 he published an important monographic study of the Codex B in the light of the Papyrus Bodmer XIV (Il problema della recensionalità del Codice B alla luce del Papiro Bodmer XIV). As the holder of the chair of textual criticism at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome he prepared a new edition of A. Merk's *Novum Testamentum Graece et Latine* and was then a member of the committee entrusted with the task of preparing an edition of The Greek New Testament. The second edition of this work was published in 1975. This Greek version of the New Testament was the basis for more than 800 versions of the Gospel in the world and Cardinal Martini was the only Catholic member of the group of five editors. Subsequently, his research was directed towards the early Christian community as it appears in the New Testament and to commentary on the Acts of the Apostles. Such studies of the Holy Scripture have been accompanied by constant reflection on the role of the Word of God within the Church. The thoughts and insights of Cardinal Martini, especially in relation to the New Testament, have also found expression in the publication of works for a less specialist audience, which have often been translated into several foreign languages. Another educational initiative of Cardinal Martini of great relevance was the series of meetings in his archdiocese on 'questions of faith' (known as the 'Cattedra dei non credenti') directed, within a complex social and cultural context, towards those who encounter difficulties in relation to faith or obstacles on the path to its attainment. During these meetings he also directed attention to the subject of science and the tenth meeting was specifically dedicated to the subject 'the horizons and limits of science'. Loyal to the spirit of St Ignatius, he has constantly organised and personally directed, for a broad number of social groups, the spiritual exercises created by that Saint, in which he has engaged in an absolute originality of approach involving an accompanying *lectio divina* of Holy Scripture. Together with all these cultural and spiritual initiatives, Cardinal Martini has also laid emphasis on always being near in a spirit of charity to the weakest, to the humble, and to those most in need in the poorest districts of Rome, Milan and other parts of the world.

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### **Main publications**

In addition to reviews and smaller writings and numerous contributions to articles, collections, lexicons, his major works include the following: Martini, C.M., 'Il problema storico della risurrezione negli studi recenti', *Analecta Gregoriana*, 104, P.U.G. (Roma, 1959); Martini, C.M., 'Galileo e la teologia', *Saggi su Galileo Galilei*, pp. 1-11 (Firenze, 1967); Martini, C.M., *The Greek New Testament*, 2a ed. riveduta (in collaborazione con Aland, K., Blanck, M., Metzger, B.M., Wikgren, A.)(Stuttgart, 1968); Martini, C.M., *In principio la Parola*, ed. Leumann Centro Ambr. Doc. Studi (Milano, 1982); Martini, C.M., *David Sinner and Believer*, St Paul Publications (1990); Martini,

C.M., *The Joy of the Gospel*, The Liturgical Press (1994); Martini, C.M., *Ripartiamo da Dio*, Centro Ambrosiano (1995); Martini, C.M., *Et Dieu se fit vulnérable*, Cerf (Paris, 1995); Martini, C.M., *Alla fine del millennio lasciateci sognare*, ed. Centro Ambrosiano (Milano, 1996); Martini, C.M. e Eco, U., *In cosa crede chi non crede?*, 'Liberal-Sentieri', Atlantide ed. (Roma, 1996); Martini, C.M., *Jérémie; parole pour aujourd'hui*, Saint Augustin (1996); Martini, C.M., *Dialoghi in Cattedrale*, San Paolo (1997); Martini, C.M., *Cristo è tutto per noi*, ed. Centro Ambrosiano (Milano, 1997); Martini, C.M., *L'assurdo di Auschwitz; e il mistero della Croce* (con Bettinelli, C., Formigoni, G., Gallas, A., Vecchio, G.), ed. Ancora (1998); Martini, C.M., *Sogno un'Europa dello Spirito*, ed. Piemme (Casale Monferrato, 1999); Martini, C.M., *Orizzonti e limiti della scienza. Decima cattedra dei non credenti*, Raffaello Cortina Editore (Varese, 1999), pp. 160; Martini, C.M., *Un cammino educativo*, ed. Gribaudi (2000); Martini, C.M., *Conversazioni pastorali*, ed. Ancora (2000); Martini, C.M., *Si può amare la Chiesa? Descrizione e parresia del ministero*, ed. Ancora (2000); Martini, C.M., *La pratica del Testo biblico*, ed. Piemme (Casale Monferrato, 2000); Martini, C.M., *La bellezza che salva*, ed. Indialogo (2000), pp. 78; Martini, C.M., *Mi ha mandato. Omelia nella messa crismale del giovedì santo*, ed. Centro Ambrosiano (Milano, 2001); Martini, C.M., *Notti e giorni del cuore. Un cammino di introspezione con Maria*, ed. Indialogo (2001), pp. 80.