

Houston, Texas – October 15, 2019 – Press Release: Saint Julian Press is proud to announce a new book of poetry. *ALONE IN CHURCH*, by author Andrea Messineo, which will be published on November 15, 2019. Andrea Messineo's poetic work on spirituality touches on diverse themes that fill the reader with graciousness, enlightenment, and healing.

This powerful and poignant collection, which explores themes as diverse as the experiences of those marginalized by autism, or by the neglect of feminine spirituality, we find a universal appeal in the most homely and holy, modest and grand, resistant and healing of moments. Each line is inevitable, the craftsmanship—like



the poet's vision—full of grace and light. I welcomed the world of the poems entirely, thankful for being allowed to share in the speaker's remarkable experience.

—Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Professor Emerita, author of *Table Walking at Nighthawk* (2007) and *Chained Dog Dreams* (2019).

Dr. Messineo's personal witness and poetic work on Asperger's and spirituality is a rich and varied study.

—J.Pittman McGehee, D.D., Episcopal Priest and Diplomate Jungian Analyst, author of *The Invisible Church* (2009) and *Growing Down* (2013).

I wept after reading the manuscript. Andrea compassionately and sensitively addresses both the spiritual longing and hunger, and the difficulties navigating that need with the need for solitude. Andrea's work creates a space for people with Asperger's to explore their spiritual yearning.

—D. Scott Stanley, Ph.D. Psychotherapist, Houston TX

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Andrea's journey as a writer spans the academic, financial, and behavioral health sectors. She earned a doctorate in Philosophy from the University of St. Thomas (Houston) in 2008 and has taught philosophy as an adjunct instructor. Concurrently, she also had a career in the mortgage banking industry. Changing careers in 2010, she earned her MS in Psychology from OLLU-Houston. She lived in Rome, Italy for several years. She has worked in both inpatient and outpatient hospitalization settings, in addition to her private practice. All these experiences afford her a unique perspective.

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