Record Nr. UNINA9910781587203321 Autore Levering Matthew <1971-> **Titolo** The betrayal of charity [[electronic resource]]: the sins that sabotage divine love / / Matthew Levering Waco, Tex., : Baylor University Press, c2011 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-60258-355-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (231 p.) Disciplina 241'.677--dc22 Soggetti Charity Sin - Christianity Love - Religious aspects - Catholic Church Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Is charity violent? -- Hatred and the God of Israel -- Sloth and the joy Nota di contenuto of resurrection -- Envy and God-reliance -- Discord, contention, and ecclesial peace -- Schism and liturgical mediation -- War and the interpretation of Scripture -- Scandal, scapegoats, and spiritual downfall. Sommario/riassunto Love was at one time a powerfully unifying force among Christians. In his letters. Paul consistently evokes charity as the avenue to both human and divine communion. If the magnitude of charity was of the upmost importance to early Christians, so were those sins that aimed to distract Christians from acting based on love. Taking seriously the efforts of Paul, and later Thomas Aquinas, to expose and root out the sins against charity, Matthew Levering reclaims the centrality of love for moral, and in fact all, theology. As Levering argues, the practice of

charity leads to inner joy