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A. VANHOYE, *L'Epistola agli Ebrei. "Un sacerdote diverso,"* trans. C. Valentino, *Retorica biblica* 14 (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €25) 358 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-25112-6.

The Italian version of *L'Épître aux Hébreux. "Un prêtre différent,"* this volume shows the importance and value of using rhetorical analysis in interpreting Hebrews because this "letter" is in fact a discourse, a magnificent homily, composed to be pronounced before a Christian assembly in apostolic times. After a 27-page overview of the great lines of the composition of Hebrews, it provides for each pericope a structured translation, a rhetorical analysis, a discussion of biblical context, and a thematic and theological interpretation: exordium (Heb 1:1-4); the divine name of Christ (1:5-14); the first exhortation (2:1-4); the human name of Christ (2:5-18); and so on. Vanhoye, professor emeritus at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, and author of several books and many articles on Hebrews, was made a cardinal in 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI.