Over the past fifteen years Catholic Ethicists like Enda McDonagh, Vincent LeClerq, and Linda Hogan have advanced an ethics of vulnerability. I propose further explorations of vulnerability by looking at a variety of writers to see why the contemporary turn to vulnerability is so theologically compelling. I conclude with three examples of how vulnerability could change our way of doing theological ethics today, in discussions about the virtues, our bishops, and sexual ethics.

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