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## CRITICS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CATHOLIC BOOK WEEK

This week -- February 23 - 29 -- has been designated as "Catholic Book Week." For the occasion The Commonweal (February 28) asked a group of critics to select recent outstanding Catholic books. The critics and a summary of those recommendations which might be of special interest to college students as Lenten reading are given below:

### Recommendations.....

(Critic or critics making the recommendation are named in the parentheses following the description.)

#### The Mind of the Catholic Layman.

By Daniel Callahan. Reviewed in the Religious Bulletin, January 17, 1964. (Arnold, McDonnell, Finn, Francoeur, Higgins, Holzhauser, Ward)

The Christian Commitment. By Karl Rahner. Essays dealing with the position of Christians and their role in the world, the apostolate, youth and the Mass, the Eucharist. (Francoeur, Higgins, Murchland)

Christ the Sacrament of the Encounter with God. By E. Schillebeeckx, O.P. Reviewed in the Religious Bulletin, February 14, 1963. (Arnold)

Bossuet. By E. E. Reynolds. A biography of the 17th century French bishop whom Samuel Johnson called "one of the first luminaries of religion and literature." (Arnold)

What I Believe. By Francois Mauriac. His apologia for remaining faithful to the religion in

### Critics.....

Walter Arnold, a Harvard graduate who teaches philosophy at Hunter College.

James Finn, formerly an associate editor of The Commonweal, now editor of Worldview.

Jean Holzhauser, member of the English faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Father Robert T. Francoeur, Ph.D. candidate at Fordham University.

Thomas P. McDonnell, staff member of the Boston Pilot and editor of A Thomas Merton Reader.

John P. Sisk, member of the faculty of Gonzaga University in Spokane.

Father Bernard G. Murchland, C.S.C., research scholar at the University of Buffalo.

Father Leo R. Ward, C.S.C., of the University of Notre Dame.

Msgr. George G. Higgins, Director of the Social Action Department of N.C.W.C.

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which he was born. (Finn)

Myths and Realities. By John L. McKenzie. Essays which touch the areas of intellectual  
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freedom in the Church, inspiration and revelation, myth and the Old Testament, and the messianic mission of Christ.

(Francoeur)

The Confessions of St. Augustine. Translated by Rex Warner. "...a new and brilliant translation" in a cheap edition (Mentor Omega Books. \$.75). (Arnold)

The Prison Meditations of Father Delp. Alfred Delp, S.J., was murdered by the Nazis in connection with the attempted assassination of Hitler. These reflections on the Church, the failure of Christianity and its future tasks gain tremendous force from the circumstances under which they were written. (Arnold)

The Unity of Christians. By Augustin Cardinal Bea. Reviewed in the Religious Bulletin, October 4, 1963. (Ward)

The Church: Readings in Theology. Compiled at the Canisianum, Innsbruck with a foreward by Gustave Weigel. A series of essays by the two Rahners, Guardini, Küng, Jungmann and other Council experts on the yet uncompleted re-examination of the nature of the Church. (Higgins)

Sunday Morning Crisis. Edited by Robert W. Hovda. A collection of essays which the editor calls "a kind of introduction to the Church for those who do not know it well or deeply." (Arnold)

The Psychology of Loving. By Ignace Lepp. "...a must for all adults, parents, priests, and religious who find the role of love a puzzle in their lives." (Francoeur)

Loaves and Fishes. by Dorothy Day. The story of The Catholic Worker, the inspiration and faith behind its remarkable attainments. (Holzhauer)

Letters from Vatican City. By Xavier Rynne. Reviewed in the Religious Bulletin, September 27, 1963. (Sisk)

God on the Secular Campus. By Richard Bulter, O.P. Personal reflections of a Newman chaplain on the mores and prejudices of the secular campus. (Ward)

University Sermons of Ronald A. Knox. Edited, with an Introduction by Philip Caraman, S.J. Sermons which read as well as they must have sounded..."will delight your literary sense and nourish your soul as well." (Higgins)

Cure of Mind and Cure of Soul. By Joseph Goldbrunner. "Father Goldbrunner proposes to incorporate depth-psychology, freed 'from one-sided emphasis on the diseased soul,' in the Christian conception of man." (Sisk)

Right Reverend New Dealer: John A. Ryan. By Francis L Broderick. The biography of a Catholic economist whose opposition called him dangerous and radical. (Finn)

The Religions of the World. By John A. Hardon, S.J. This ecumenical volume touches on the history, beliefs, and practices of a dozen major religions. (Francoeur)

The American Irish. By William Shannon. The principal political, religious, and literary contributions of the Irish to America. (Finn, Higgins)

## TEN YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A NOTRE DAME MAN.....

Ten years ago Richard Novak, like thousands of other nineteen-year-olds over the years, came to Notre Dame for a university education. His home was in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. During his first year here he decided to become a priest in the Congregation of Holy Cross. In August, 1954, he entered the Holy Cross Fathers' Novitiate in Bennington, Vermont.

Following his year of novitiate which terminated with the taking of his first vows, he was sent by his superiors to Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts, to complete his undergraduate work. From there he went to LeMans, France, for the study of theology. Three years later, on June 29, 1961, in the parish church of Notre Dame de Sainte Croix in LeMans, the church built by Father Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Richard Novak was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. Lawrence L. Graner, C.S.C., archbishop of Dacca, East Pakistan.

The 1961-62 school year Father Richard Novak spent at the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington, D.C. In October, 1962, he embarked on the labors of his choice and arrived in Dacca, East Pakistan. There he was assigned to study the Bengali language at the Oriental Institute, Barisal, East Pakistan. The following Easter, Easter, 1963, not quite a year ago, Father Novak returned to Dacca for his first priestly assignment, to teach in Notre Dame College of Dacca.

From the time Richard Novak had enrolled as a freshman at Notre Dame until Father Novak was given his first active assignment, almost ten years had elapsed, ten years spent in strenuous study, in preparation for a life dedicated to teaching in a foreign land half way round the globe. His life career lasted a few short months.

On January 16, 1964, during the disturbed conditions in Pakistan, Father Novak answered a call from the Narayanganj area about twelve miles from Dacca. He went to look after the safety of a native family. In the course of that mission he lost his life on or near the Lakhya River. His body has not been found.

There are several young priests on campus who were classmates of Father Novak in France and in Washington, D.C. There are several others formerly at Notre Dame as students, priests now in Pakistan who knew him well as student and priest.

Only ten years ago Father Richard Novak started his career, found his vocation, here on the campus at Notre Dame. He died serving another Notre Dame in another land. In less than a year, from Easter until January, he completed his priestly mission for which he had prepared for almost ten years. But his life of dedication began and ended with Notre Dame.

--Contributed

## CONSCIENCE AND AUTHORITY.....

Conscience and authority do not merely admit of reconciliation but rather demand one another. This was the theme of a recent lecture given by Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh.

"In the dynamic society -- and the Church must always be such -- there is a tension as well as a harmony between the liberty that, unchecked, could degenerate into chaos and the control that, unchecked, could freeze into despotism.

"Hence in the Church where the basic relations are in order and both forces are strong, we shall not regret the occasional painful stresses and perhaps embarrassing strains which reveal that the tension between individual conscience and collective authority is at work.

"Quite the contrary: we shall rejoice in the evidence this gives of organic vitality, recognizing not only that the tension remains even after the two forces are harmoniously reconciled but that tension is essential to harmony itself."

Bishop Wright observed that this truth has its parallel everywhere. "There is a tension underlying the harmonies of music, where the order of rules is imposed on the spontaneity of sound. Biology reveals the 'balance of nature'; a certain tension is everywhere in art and life or there is no harmony and no health.

"It is in fostering and forming both, in the guidance it gives to conscience and in the controls it imposes on authority, with the harmony arising from their mutual interplay, that Holy Catholic Church gives glory to God, makes its greatest contribution to civilization and inspires the vocations, temporal and eternal, which are pursued in freedom, and illumined by faith..."

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IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for the following: Deceased -- father of Tom Sheridan of Stanford; uncle of Walter Desmond of Morrissey; Msgr. George Campbell of Portland, Oregon; Joseph L. Apodaca; father of Richard Meaney, '60; grandfather of Ted Konen of Alumni; Robert J. Andrews, '26; wife of Albert F. Gury, Jr., '28; wife of Robert E. Bannon, '28; J. Barry Holton, '22; Charles P. Dutrieux, '18; mother of Charles Borowski, '38; father of Joseph A. Doyle, '49. Ill -- Sam McClelland of Fisher (seriously injured in an automobile accident near Detroit on the weekend); mother of Jim Hennessey, '61; friend of Bob Fritsch of Dillon.

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Look kindly on our prayers, O Lord, and heal the illness-  
ess of our souls. Having received your forgiveness may we  
always rejoice in your blessing. --Prayer over the People  
Tuesday, Second Week of Lent