



Book Reviews & Recommended Reading

***Divine Intimacy* - By Fr. Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.**

Divine Intimacy is undoubtedly the classic Carmelite work on meditation—a book that helps one arrive at intimate union with God by the practice of considering holy truths. It is a book that shows how to join prayer and action and put the Catholic doctrine on the spiritual life into practice daily.

For each day of the year, Fr. Gabriel gives 1) a brief introduction, 2) a two-part meditation, followed by 3) a “colloquy”—holy acts of love, thanksgiving, petition, resolution, etc. addressed to Our Lord and based on the truths just meditated upon. About three pages are devoted to each day, so it reads quickly, and even the busiest person can use it regularly. The meditations for Sundays are based on the Sunday Gospel readings of the traditional liturgical calendar.

Grounding his work on a firm Thomistic basis, Fr. Gabriel (1893-1953) draws from Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the great Carmelite Saints, including St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of the Child Jesus and Sister Elizabeth of the Trinity. His goal—marvelously achieved—is to cover the whole doctrine of the spiritual life in the course of a year.

This is a lifetime book—one that is conceived to be used each day and to be read over and over. *Divine Intimacy* imparts an absolutely Catholic view of life and prepares the reader for the greatest possible union with God this side of Heaven.

A great source for meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary for First Saturday devotions.

***The Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described* - By Fortescue-O’Connell**

Provides descriptions of all the major ceremonies of the traditional rite, from Low Mass and Benediction to Candlemas and Ash Wednesday to Solemn Requiem Mass and Pontifical High Mass. A must have for all Masters of Ceremonies and all those responsible for organizing and coordinating traditional ceremonies in the Roman Rite as well as anyone interested in learning more about the ceremonies of the traditional Roman Rite.

These books are available from Neri Publications (see facing page)



From the Maxims of St. Philip Neri

We must not be behind time in doing good; for death will not be behind his time.

Obedience is a short cut to perfection.

Obedience is the true holocaust which we sacrifice to God on the altar of our hearts.

The most beautiful prayer we can make, is to say to God, “As Thou knowest and willest, O Lord, so do with me.”