



Book Reviews & Recommended Reading

The Last Crusade (Spain: 1936). By Dr. Warren H. Carroll

“Crusade” means a war for the sake of the Cross, a war to protect Christian people from persecution and death on account of their faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone has heard of the crusades of the Middle Ages. But few know of the crusade in our own time, which living men still remember, fought for this same purpose only sixty-five years ago in Spain.

In just six months of the year 1936, thirteen bishops and nearly seven thousand priests, seminarians, monks, and nuns were martyred in Spain by enemies of Christianity. It was the greatest clerical bloodletting in so short a span of time since the persecutions of the Church by the ancient Roman emperors. Already Pope John Paul II has beati-fied some four hundred and sixty of these martyrs. Tens of thousands of churches, chapels, and shrines in Spain were pillaged or destroyed. In response, faithful Spanish Catholics proclaimed a crusade. Against all odds the crusaders triumphed, and the Church and the Faith in Spain were saved.

This is the story of that crusade, now honored in no other book in print in the English language. Most people who know of the Spanish Civil War do not understand why it was fought or how it was really won. This book will tell you. There is no story like it in the history of the twentieth century.

Warren H. Carroll holds a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University. Recognized as a leading Catholic historian, Carroll was the founder and first president of Christendom College. Among his other works are four of a projected seven volumes of a general history of Christendom, along with a history of the French Revolution; a biography of Queen Isabel of Spain; and short historical works about the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Fatima.

This book and others by Dr. Carroll are available from Neri Publications.

From the Maxims of St. Philip Neri



To acquire and preserve the virtue of chastity, we have need of a good and experienced confessor.

When sensual thoughts come into the mind, we ought immediately to make use of our minds, and fix them instantaneously upon something or other, no matter what.

Never say, “What great things the Saints do,” but, “What great things God does in His Saints.”

In the warfare of the flesh, only cowards gain the victory; that is to say, those who fly.