

family life in schools and colleges, and study groups concerned with the preparation for family life. They requested that all agencies of public opinion should give constant aid in emphasizing the ideals of family life.

Father Raoul Plus, S.J., in his *Christ In The Home*, has produced a work that fulfills the request of the Bishops in a most charming manner. The marriageable, as well as the married, will be delighted with this book, not only for its unveiling of Christian Marriage in its majestic supernatural setting, but because it is a solid, psychological, guide to a tremendously successful married life. Father Plus points out, that "supernatural love, far from suppressing natural love, makes it more tender, more attentive, more generous; it intensifies the sentiments of affections, esteem, admiration, gratitude, respect, and devotion which constitute the essence of true love."

He presents his plan for achieving this ideal in the form of a series of meditations on a multitude of topics grouped under four general sections; Courtship, Marriage, The Home, and the Training Of Children. His section on imparting sex knowledge to children will be helpful for parents faced with this problem and duty.

It is sad to know that many young couples entering marriage today will never enjoy the happiness of true love because they are tainted with worldly ideas on marriage culled from Hollywood and the press. On the surface, the world praises family life, but at the same time destroys the fundamentals upon which family life rests. Divorce is approved as a cure for family ills; planned parenthood by use of unnatural means is held to be necessary and fashionable. Such views inevitably weaken the sanctity and stability of the marriage bond. Ultimately, they displace the self respect of husband and wife with a relationship of lust which can only lead to mutual disgust. Father Plus strikes at the root of these evils by presenting Marriage in its true light as a sacrament. By aiding the circulation of this book, you can spread the happiness of "Christ In The Home." J.H.M.

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**Saints for Our Times.** By Theodore Maynard. New York, Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., 1951. pp. 296. \$3.50.

For many people today, the attainment of sanctity is conceived of as something entirely incompatible with modern life. The false notion still persists that sanctity is an all-absorbing and exclusive business, leaving little or no room for the ordinary tasks of human life. Their contention is that holiness was more easily attainable in the early centuries because men and women in those times found life less complicated, less of an obstacle to the supernatural.

Theodore Maynard in writing this book, "Saints for Our Times," has shown that such a position is entirely erroneous and unfounded. In his wise selection of eighteen saints, from the twelfth to the twentieth centuries, Mr. Maynard demonstrates that holiness can be attained even amidst the manifold occupations of modern life. The reader will find in *Saints For Our Times* not only the inspiration necessary for further progress in virtue and perfection, but also the consolation of their very human struggles with the same disappointments and temptations which offer such great difficulties to all men today. Here in these saintly lives one can clearly detect the workings of divine grace, transforming and sweetly drawing chosen souls to a greater love of God.

Among the saints about whom Mr. Maynard chose to write, there are such outstanding lights of the Church as St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Theresa of Lisieux, all of whom lived within the last nine centuries. No one will be disappointed, whether he be philosopher, politician, soldier, or journalist, in not finding in this book some saint upon whom he can model his own life. As the author says in his preface: "They show us what we might be, what we should be."

The same literary ability will be easily recognized in this book as was manifested in Mr. Maynard's various other works. This book, "Saints For Our Times," will provide profitable reading for all those who have the desire to reach the ultimate goal of life—sanctity.

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**Aux Origines de la Theologie Morale.** By Thomas Deman, O.P. Montreal, Institut d'Etudes Medievales, 1951. pp. 115.

Father Deman, a well-known French Dominican, has combined in this little book a series of five lectures delivered as the Conférence Albert-le-Grand at Montréal in 1951. In a brief introduction, he delineates in broad fashion the diversity of origin and development of the branches of Sacred Theology known as dogma and moral. The other lectures trace the gradual evolution of Moral Theology from the first Christian centuries down to the 13th, exclusive of Saint Thomas Aquinas, to whom a separate lecture is devoted.

The treatment throughout is provocative of thought; necessarily brief, it affords little or no corroboration of positions assumed or conclusions drawn. Much is expected of the reader. There is no question, of course, of even remotely approaching the monumental work of Lottin and Lehu. Nevertheless, Deman is admirably scrupulous in portraying the close, organic, inter-relationship between what we call