This book is the life of Exarch Leonid Feodorov, the ecclesiastical leader of the Russian Catholics of the Byzantine Rite, whose entire energy was expended in trying to build a bridge between Rome and Moscow (the third Rome) as the subtitle suggests. Under the influence of his mentor, Soloviev, he decided to become a Catholic but went to Rome to do so because of the severe penalties the Czarist regime imposed on those who were received into any Church other than the Orthodox, especially if the convert were from Orthodoxy. After he had studied for the priesthood in Rome and had been ordained in Constantinople, he returned to Russia and shortly afterwards was appointed Exarch of the small group of Byzantine Catholics there. It was only after the collapse of the Czarist government that they were given official recognition at all. The friction between the Catholics of the Latin Rite and those of the Byzantine Rite, the ensuing gradual persecution and suppression of religion by the Soviet government, the suffering endured by the priests and especially by Exarch Leonid in prison and concentration camps is a tragic but true story.

Fr. Mailleux is well equipped to write this book, for he was for many years the rector of the Institut Russe Saint-Georges, a school near Paris for the sons of the Russian emigrés. Most of them were Orthodox and several of them became Orthodox priests. He now directs the John XXIII Center for Eastern Christian Studies at Fordham University; he has held this post since 1957.

The life and sufferings of Exarch Leonid—a brave shepherd of Christ’s flock, who was deeply loyal to the See of Peter and at the same time utterly true to his Eastern heritage—deserve to be better known.

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BRIEF NOTICES

Maternity is nothing new. Father Pierre Dufoyer’s book, Maternity (Alba House, 1964, $3.95), is. Until now many works treating of human reproduction isolate in one section the biology, in another the theology, and in a third the psychology involved. Here however there is no such division. Reproduction is presented as a mystery of God’s love, a shared work both human and divine. Neither partner, man and woman and God, is neglected.
All needed information is presented in a concise and worthy fashion. The result is a work admirably suited for use in sex education.

Socio-psychological science and methodology is masterfully applied to the problem of religious belonging in *The Sociology of Religious Belonging* by Fr. Hervé Carrier, S.J. (Herder and Herder, 1965, $6.50). This work is a complete empirical study of the socio-psychological factors involved in the process of religious belonging and in church stability. The author provides a general theory for understanding religious affiliation as a sociological phenomenon, the pattern of spiritual awakening and conversion, the sectarian personality, identification with the Church, and the roles of the family, formal instruction and preaching in the integration of religious attitudes. He also considers the ruptures of religious groups, and examines the motives for unity and schism and the nature of the religions most prone to rifts in unity.

**BOOKS RECEIVED**


**Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism.**


