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## Pueblo Picks Little Flower

Pueblo — (INC) — St. Therese of the Child of Jesus has been designated principal patron of the Diocese of Pueblo, the Most Rev. Joseph C. Willigis, Bishop.

Appointed at a Plenary Mass in Sacred Heart Cathedral here.

## Books on Trial

By JOHN C TULLY

We are living today by Best Sellers as we once lived by Religion, says Denis de Rougemont, a brilliant young Swiss whose books have been translated into eight languages. And if you don't believe that the Devil is running the show, then you may be forgetting that he knows more about "winning friends and influencing people"

than Dale Carnegie ever dreamt.

When the Devil was asked why he left Paradise, he answered, "I wanted to become an author." But the name on the title page is never Satan. He's much too smart to reveal himself directly.

The Devil's cleverest wife, said Baudelaire, is to convince us he doesn't exist. He would like, for example, to make us imagine he's Hitler. Then, when Hitler is destroyed, we'd never know the Devil.

Hitler is not the Devil. But Hitler is not the Devil says de Rougemont. Hitler has only given a name and a face to the evil which already existed.

And neither is Hitler anti-Christ — because anti-Christ has no power over our eternal salvation — but Hitler is undoubtedly demonic to awaken our demons, and the Devil is the only one who is enjoying the results.

The Devil is a wily fellow, and if we resist him with will alone — Catholic Information

we become like him — and that's what he wants. Likewise, if we resist the dictators with demagogic propaganda we end up being like the dictators.

People today are killing each other over words — like Liberty, and Democracy — and it seems the more passionately they fight for these things the less they understand their significance. That's the author's thesis. In his book, *The Devil's Name*, \$2.50, he doesn't demonstrate Satan's existence. He doesn't preach, but expresses conclusions. He lashes out with words like George Bernanos. He argues like Arnold Lustig might like to argue. He has the plausibility of "Screwtape" Lewis' greater depth.

Denis de Rougemont is not a Catholic. He is a Calvinist,

but he argues to beat the Devil not with will alone — which the Devil has — but also with Faith, which the Devil has not — and it seems to me theology expressed is sound.

The Devil's Slave is a book for mature, well-informed minds. I can't agree with all of it, but I haven't seen a book in a long time which compares with it in originality, or sprightliness — although it's deadly serious.

Lent is over, but the need for spiritual and social purification

and regeneration is not. In *Cleaning the Temple*, \$1.75, Dom Theodore Wadding sees the grave responsibility of Catholics to participate in the work that must be done, both for themselves and others.

We seem to be entering a communal phase of history, and Catholics, says the author, are a small factor in the present crisis. They have been disinterested in social issues, perhaps because the individual element is greater in Catholicism — and their lack of interest is frightening in its impending consequences.

A rising spirit of nationalism was in part responsible for the Reformation. Each revolting section had to justify its revolt. The crisis then was largely psychological. Theological differences did not cause the revolt: "they were made necessary by the wish to revolt." The controversies which arose obscured the real issue — the self-assertion of the individual. It was this demand for "freedom" which led to the supremacy of private judgment, resentment of authority, and so on.

Today's crisis is similar. Too few understand it. That's why many people should read this little book — the best I've found this Lent.

## Army Asks 600 Chaplains

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