

# Readings for Lent

## For the Spirit

**The Search for a Usable Future**, by Martin E. Marty (Harper, 4.95). "The single most important study to emerge from the present religious crisis in America."

**Building the Human**, by Robert Johann (Herder and Herder, 4.50). Father Johann addresses himself to topics we never thought were philosophical, writes about them succinctly and clearly, and is always eminently practical.

**Reconciliation: the Function of the Church**, by Eugene Bianchi (Sheed and Ward, 5.50). It is grounded in a sense of the acute human alienation in a thoroughly secularized world and the equally acute need to see the Church as made up of communities of "shalom" in order to move closer to an understanding of the Christian mission within secular society.

**The Risk of Loving**, by Joseph Simmons and Jeanne Reidy (Herder and Herder, 4.95). A psychologist and a philosopher explore the dynamics of love, sharing and clarifying the elements of fear, risk, understanding, loneliness, growth, and peace common to all love relationships.

**Paul and Qumran**, ed. J. Murphy - O'Connor O.P. (Priory). Nine essays examining the possible influence of Qumran on St. Paul's formation and his theology.

**The Foundations of Belief**, by Leslie Dewar (Herder and Herder, 8.50). "Herculean, intelligent and readily expressed."—Michael Novak.

**An Introduction to the Metaphysics of St. Thomas Aquinas**, ed. and trans. by James F. Anderson (Gateway, 11.85). A compilation of texts from various writings of St. Thomas Aquinas dealing with major problems of the philosophy of universal being.

## War and Peace

**Israel: An Echo of Eternity**, by Abraham Heschel (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 5.50). A leading figure of the American peace movement, Rabbi Heschel develops a theology of the politics of contemporary Israel, including a justification of the six-day war.

**A Conflict of Loyalties**, ed. by James Finn (Pegasus, 6.00 paper, 11.95). A look at the roles various churches are playing in the effort to abolish, or re-vamp the draft. Contains John Courtney Murray's eloquent appeal for recognition of the selective conscientious objector.

**Corita**, by Corita Kent (Herder and Herder, 20.00). A delightful cartoon of goodies from the "joyous revolutionary". It even includes a book with regular printing in it.

## Church and State

**The Right to be Educated**, ed. by Robert F. Drinan (Cor-

pus, 7.50). Catholics agree that the right to be educated springs directly from the right to life.

**Should Churches Be Taxed?**, by D. B. Robertson (Westminster, 6.50). A culling of information and argument. Live fare for a lively topic in the Rochester Diocese.

## Rota Judge Hits Suicide

Vatican City—(NC)—No one has the right to commit suicide in order to regain fundamental freedoms, because the human person is more precious than his freedom, a judge of the Church's appeal court has written.

"First among the fundamental goods of man is that of life," wrote Msgr. Vincenzo Fagiolo of the Roman Rota in the Vatican City weekly, L'Osservatore della Domenica (Feb. 2).

Political freedom does not constitute an absolute value which could be considered superior to man himself, wrote Msgr. Fagiolo. His article was entitled "Suicide and the Right to Freedom."

Msgr. Fagiolo referred to the final appeal of the 21-year-old Czechoslovak youth, Jan Palach, who burned himself to death in protest against his country's loss of freedoms under the Soviet Union's domination.

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slovak youths who set themselves on fire to protest violations of their country's liberty, Pope Paul VI said (Jan. 28) that he "cannot approve the tragic form taken by such witness," but he paid tribute to the self-sacrifice that motivated it.

Earlier, Josef Cardinal Beran of Prague had broadcast an appeal from Rome for a halt to such suicides. Vatican Radio spoke of the "overwhelming witness" given by the youths who immolated themselves and said

that they reaffirm with the Church's martyrs that "life is not the absolute good."

On the matter of suicides, however, Msgr. Fagiolo remained firm, stating:

Msgr. Fagiolo said that although civil and political freedoms may be fundamental to life, they are never its "total values." He said that since God is the author of life, man cannot dispense of it at his free will.

It is therefore inexact and

oppressing, he said, to believe that "it is not worth living without freedom." It is not even wholly exact on the social plane, he continued, "since it is impossible to deprive man of all his liberties simultaneously."

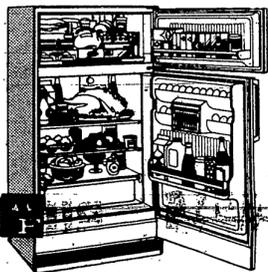
Msgr. Fagiolo asserted that even in the midst of social oppression and violent persecution, man can be "positively active for himself and for society and gain merit in the present and future life."



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## Diocese Benefits From Duffy Will

One fourth of the estimated \$80,000 estate of former Supreme Court Justice James P. B. Duffy has been left to the Rochester Diocese.

Judge Duffy, a former U.S. congressman, was living at St. Ann's Home when he died Jan. 8. For five decades he was very active in Catholic organizations and movements.

A nephew, E. James Hickey, attorney for the estate, inherits a pocket watch, a family heirloom.

Half the residuary estate was willed to Miss C. Marie Blackwood, 805 University Ave., who has served for more than 55 years as an efficient personal secretary.

Other bequests included \$1,000 to St. Patrick's Church for Masses, and a fourth of the estate to be divided between the Rochester Community Chest and Red Cross.

## HOLY GHOST BOARD

Eleven men have been elected to the board of trustees of the reorganized Men's Club of Holy Ghost Church. They are:

Raymond Bennett, Gordon Cosler, Robert Entress, Henry Goodlein Jr., William Hochreiter, Charles Isaac, Dr. Vito Laglia, George Lindner, Mario Mariani, Joseph Santoro, Thomas Tierney.



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THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

This column's happiest readers are the men, women and children who know they're needed. The days we're busiest helping others are the happiest days of our lives. . . . Who needs you most? Surprisingly, God needs you — for instance, to help an abandoned orphan become a God-loving, responsible adult. Lepers need you (there are still 15-million lepers in the world), blind children need you, and so do we. . . . Here in New York we are your agents, telling you where the Holy Father says your help is needed, and channelling your help promptly and safely to the people in need. . . . Want to feel good right now? Do without something you want but do not need, and send the money instead for one of the needs below. You'll feel good, especially if your gift is big enough to mean a sacrifice to you. This is your chance to do something meaningful for the world — it's God's world — while you're still alive.

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