

Mass (prepared for, of course, along the lines suggested in this book). It may be that the great increase of interest in 'modern' methods can create a gap between the Mass and the Sacraments as expounded in school and the realities as often witnessed in church. Dom Rutledge is perhaps not fully aware of this, and while in his treatment of the Mass he is concerned with active participation, it is so only remotely, as it were. It would be useful if clearer indications were given of how his principles—and they are admirable—can in practice be applied to the faithfuls' actual share in the offering of Mass and the administration of the Sacraments.

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There are, however, a few blemishes, especially in the last chapter, on her spirit and message, which we regret the more in such an otherwise excellent work. The term 'mystical' is frequently used too loosely, e.g., in statements such as this: 'From the moment when man understands that everything real is a grace, and resolves to yield himself up to God's guidance, he enters into the mystical order.' (p. 153.) Nor do we think it is in the spirit of the saint herself to play her off against the great mystics of her Order, St John of the Cross and St Teresa of Avila, to the detriment of the latter and to tell us that 'the humble nun of Lisieux spread her teaching in a more attractive way' than they (p. 162). And that her 'message . . . is without precedent throughout the twenty centuries of Christian history' seems a quite unwarranted exaggeration. But these are minor defects in an otherwise illuminating and searching study, to the second part of which, mentioned in Fr Vernon Johnson's preface, the reader will eagerly look forward.

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