

SPECIAL REVIEW

APOCALYPSIS JESU CHRISTI, Commentarium Ecclesiologicum by Fr. Narciso Dominguez, O.P. Matriti: Libreria Palma, 1968. xxiii + 410 pp.

For the past years as professor of Exegesis at the Pontifical and Royal University of Sto. Tomas in Manila, Fr. Dominguez had always been requested by not a few professors and students alike to compile his notes in class and write a book from them. Unassuming as he always has been, the good father would demurely announce that he would burn all his notes before he dies. Naturally, everybody hoped he was only joking.

The appearance therefore, of this book is surely a surprise, especially to the undersigned who was privileged to be in his class on the subject of the Apocalypse precisely at the then Studium Generale in Sto. Domingo Priory in Quezon City. The same profound and searching insight with which he treated the subject in class is reflected in this book.

The treatise has an introduction which gives an extensive account of the Apocalypse's author, structure, scope, etc. The commentary proper is divided into two parts within which are interspersed the detailed study of the "seven-sevens".

Written in impeccable latin, the book will surely be welcomed not only by exegetes but also by students of the bible and theology as well, not only for its scholarly exposition but more so for its timeliness. Investigations concerning the true nature of the Church is one of the burning topics of the day; and the core of the book is precisely the ecclesiological dimension of the Apocalypse.

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