

BOOK REVIEW

THE FOURTH DAY. By Guillermo Tejon, OP. Manila: University of Santo Tomas Press. Pp. xi + 276.

THE FOURTH DAY is a compiled and expanded form of the author's articles on Post-Cursillo which first appeared as a series in the *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas*. These articles dealt with the practical application of those principles of Christian renewal to which a cursillista is introduced during the three-day Clausura. Since the response to these articles was so great, the author was prevailed upon to produce the entire work in a single book.

Although the Cursillo lasts only three days, the Fourth Day — the Post-Cursillo — has no end. It goes on for life. It covers the period from the beginning to the end of a cursillista's active apostolate to renew the world. However, the success of his mission depends largely on how much he can recall of what he had heard and on how much he can realize in practice of what he had learned. And here is where the author's book comes in timely with his eminently practical suggestions, valuable pointers and 252 pages of inspiring words written in a popular style. The book takes up such topics as piety, study, action, team reunion, family, parish, profession, candidate, and spiritual direction. Topics that will not ordinarily make for interesting and easy reading. However, the author has succeeded in coming through with the kind of book that, as Msgr. Lino Gonzaga notes in his foreword, "one would enjoy reading while he is waiting for the bus at the street corner".

Father Tejon made his cursillo in Spain and has been active in the movement in the Philippines since 1966 as spiritual director, rollista and as one of the founders of the School of Leaders in the Archdiocese of Manila. Thus, THE FOURTH DAY is written by a cursillista for cursillistas, but, without excluding non-cursillistas who wonder if it is true that all a cursillista is supposed to do is to go to mañanitas and sing "de colores".
