

self-described Cynic in the classical sense, has in this erudite but never portentous book reclaimed for the general reader ideas that have for too long languished in that hermetic world known as academia.

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2156 Krawchuk, Andrii. **Christian Social Ethics in Ukraine: The Legacy of Andrei Sheptytsky.** Edmonton: CIUS Press, 1997. 404p. biblio. index. \$49.95. ISBN 1-895571-13-8. CCIP. DDC 231.7092.

Andrei Sheptytsky (1865–1945) headed the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Galicia during the first half of this century. This account of his writing and thought focuses on his application of Christian social ethics to such issues as nationalism, communism, and church–state relations. It draws on Sheptytsky’s pastoral letters, writings, and correspondence in order to chart the development of the Metropolitan’s views over a number of dramatic and tragic moments in history.

The study is comprehensive in that it covers Sheptytsky’s opinions from the pre–World War I period, and groundbreaking in that it provides the first systematic study of his ethical thought, elaborates the sociopolitical contexts, and offers authoritative explanations for his key statements. Krawchuk remains focused throughout on how the Catholic Church’s social teachings were applied in an East European church. His study gives an often fascinating account of how a principled and deeply religious figure struggled to chart a course for his congregation during a time of tumultuous and often horrifying events.

Sheptytsky’s espousal of a “Christian patriotism” and his condemnation of chauvinism and extreme nationalism are well described and documented, as is his opposition to communism. The most controversial period is that of the Nazi occupation, in which the Metropolitan’s opinions moved from accommodation to criticism and resistance. Although the author’s account of these years will not satisfy all readers—in large part because of its tenuous conclusions (Krawchuk feels that some issues still await serious investigation)—his scrupulous presentation of evidence is admirable and his situating of the writings from this period within Sheptytsky’s overall pattern of ethical thought is convincing.

Meticulously researched and documented throughout, *Christian Social Ethics in Ukraine* is an important contribution to Catholic studies and a valuable resource for students of the region’s sociopolitical history. An exhaustive bibliography of Sheptytsky’s published works is included.

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2157 **Let Us Keep the Feast: Celebrating Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.** Edited by Kevin Flynn. Toronto: Anglican Book Centre, 1998. 142p. A Liturgy Canada Book. \$16.95pa. ISBN 1-55126-191-Xpa. CCIP. DDC 264.03.

“Easter is the central festival of the Church Year,” says the introduction to the liturgical calendar in the *Book of Alternative Services*. Kevin Flynn and his fellow authors have taken this basic principle to heart; their book, *Let Us Keep the Feast*, is an attempt to bring new life to Anglican worship from Ash Wednesday to the eve of Pentecost. That time span is divided into four periods: Lent, Holy Week, The Triduum, and The Great Fifty Days of Easter. The key worship events in these periods are not only explained, but also broken down into their constituent parts, from items needed for each service to appropriate actions by specific participants.

The book is intended to help groups of people in a parish work together with their priest to make their worship spiritually focused and widely participatory. What makes this book different from the usual how-to books on liturgy is its presentation. The writing is so clear and simple that liturgical training is not necessary to understand the text. Laity are further aided by a good glossary that roots technical terms in practical language. A parish that uses this book as a foundation for planning its worship will discover new meanings in old practices and deeper meaning through new possibilities.

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2158 Marrocco, Nancy. **Growing in the Dark: Homemade Christians II.** Toronto: Novalis, 1998. 80p. illus. \$12.95pa. ISBN 2-89088-856-8pa. CCIP. DDC 248.8’45.

*Growing in the Dark* is a guide for parents,