

Reviews

Manuel de prière à l'usage des Pénitents blancs de Montpellier. Montpellier: Confrérie des Pénitents blancs de Montpellier, 2011. Pp. 82 ISBN 978-2-917-212226 (paperback) n.p.

This little book is a modern reference guide for the brothers of the still-active confraternity of the white penitents in the French city of Montpellier, put together by its current officers.

After a short one-page introduction, the manual begins with a modernization of the seventeenth-century booklet *Les Saints devoirs de l'Âme devote*. This booklet was an adaptation of monastic exercises and prayers for the layman that was adopted as a guide to the spiritual obligations of members of the confraternity in the seventeenth century. It details spiritual exercises and prayers for different parts of the day and for different occasions.

The second section is a guide to confraternal ceremonies, detailing the reception of novices, the manner and order of processions, and procedure to follow when in church. The third and longest section is a listing of the confraternity's feast days, each one with a brief description of its origin and a topical prayer. A chronological list of fixed feast days, beginning with the Immaculate Conception on 8 December, is followed by moveable feasts. The next section provides prayers for various occasions and then the book ends with some very brief lives of saints. The feast days and saints range from the ancient to the relatively recently established.

Given that confraternal scholars so often work with documents from organizations that are long defunct, it is refreshing to encounter a living reference book from an active confraternity that incorporates elements from every era of the society's existence.

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Panzarino, Rocco and Maria De Mola. *San Francesco da Paola, Santa Maria della Salette: due chiese una confraternita a Fasano*. Martina Franca (TA): Artebaria edizioni, 2015. Pp. 254 + 273 colour ill. ISBN 9788-8-8967-1136-1 (paperback) € 33.

This volume presents the spiritual and secular history of the *Confraternita di Santa Maria della Salette e di San Francesco da Paola* founded in Fasano