

Canisius High Teacher Writes on Popes, Youth

**Father Fullam's Book
Comprehensive, Thorough**

Rev. Raymond B. Fullam, S.J., student counselor at Canisius High School, is the author of "The Popes on Youth," a 440-page book that was published this week by The America Press of New York City.

It has already been widely praised by clergy and laity, particularly those engaged in youth work and education.

Divided into four principal parts the book covers the authority of the Popes on youth, principles on the formation of youth, directives on adult responsibility to youth and influences adverse to the formation of youth.

There is a table of Papal documents, collections of source material, a list of supplementary reading on youth guidance, a study guide and a comprehensive index.

Seven Years Work

Father Fullam, a native of Brooklyn, spent seven years in studying, compiling and arranging the material in his book. It is expected to become the basic source book of Papal teaching on the education and training of youth. There is no other book like it.

Three special contributions to the general study of youth are found in this book. First, it gives a complete source book of every statement on youth by the five modern Popes. Each statement is complete but none is lengthy. The range of subjects and thoroughness of treatment of every phase of youth's development in clear, positive, fundamental thinking is completely satisfying.

Secondly, the Papal statements are not selected haphazardly. In a most orderly presentation, they are grouped under well-defined headings, simply outlined for quick scanning and are clearly indexed for reference back to every source.

The topical index in the back and the pages and pages of bibliography for collateral reading in books, pamphlets and articles would make a small volume by themselves.

Brief, Clear Summaries

Thirdly, each chapter has a brief, clear summary of the quotations which follow. Father Fullam lets the Popes speak for themselves. His introductions change the focus for the reader from chapter to chapter and lead the mind to the new frame of wisdom which is about to unfold.

Father Fullam brings a full



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background to the editing of this book: early schooling at Brooklyn Preparatory School and Fordham University; 15 years of Jesuit training including a master's degree in education; a wide range of experience in direct youth guidance of normal young people as well as of delinquents; guidance counselor for two years at a Massachusetts boys' training school; student counselor at Canisius High School; consultant to several youth guidance centers and youth organizations; retreatmaster, sodality director and lecturer on youth guidance; seven years of scholarship and dedicated priesthood given to research through every published statement of the Popes from Leon XIII to Pius XII and finally consultation with Bishops, theologians, youth leaders, social workers, juvenile court judges and educators. Being one of eight children gave Father Fullam the very best of early educational training in his home.

He is one of those priests who genuinely loves young people, fails, failings and all.

To them he says: "The goal is strong character; the help is God's grace; and the price is self-discipline."

To parents and leaders of youth he says: "The need is serious; God's grace is ready; youth is willing."