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Shepherding A Parish : Collaboration in an SVD Mission Sacred Heart Parish
Shrine Kamuning / Michael G. Layugan. SVD

Logos Publications, Inc., Philippines 2017

310p.

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700 gm.

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The Cathedral of San Pablo : A Journey in Photographs / Cristeto I. Azucena
Central Book Supply Inc., Philippines 2017

1v.

9786210202472

\$ 50.00 / HB

350 gm.

The Cathedral of San Pablo is the most important Church in the whole of Laguna, Philippines. The years 2013 to 2016 were restoration years of the said Cathedral. It was a time where research and documentation of the Cathedral's history were done. The book presents the wonderful journey of Cathedral through the years through photographs gathered by the author and the most recent ones were his original photographs.

The original intention of the book is for the present and future generations to know, understand and love the Cathedral. It is also meant to be a memento of the 50th founding anniversary of the Diocese of San Pablo and the elevation of the Historic Church into the Cathedral of San Pablo.

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Mary and the Roman Catholic Church / Rowel Ruste

Central Book Supply Inc., Philippines 2017

310p.

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\$ 20.00 / null

350 gm.

This book details everything you need to know scripturally about Mary, Catholicisms memorized prayers, the Seven Sacraments, and more! This book was written with simplicity but is very insightful and biblical.

"A blistering repudiation of the Roman Catholic interpretation of the biblical Mary. The figure of Mary has always played a central role in the Catholic tradition, both theologically and sacramentally. Debut author Ruste, however, aims to show Mary's lionization as scripturally baseless. The first third of his book focuses squarely on her significance within Catholicism and attempts to overturn familiar teachings. For example, the author challenges the presumption that Mary was born sinless, which is at the heart of the Immaculate Conception doctrine. Furthermore, he asserts that she was never intended to be considered the mother of God, didn't remain a virgin after Jesus' birth, and is misguidedly worshipped as if she were a divine personage. The author devotes the remainder of the book to characterizing traditional Catholic prayers as misconceived blasphemy and the sacraments as biblically unsound folly. Although Mary remains a recurrent theme, the real target of this study is Catholicism itself, which the author argues is not only riddled with falsehoods, but also morally suspect. Ruste, a self-proclaimed theological autodidact, largely avoids relying upon secondary literature and mainly rests his arguments upon his own selections from scripture. For someone without any formal training, his exegetical skill and breadth of knowledge is admirable; for example, he sometimes analyzes Catholic translations of the New Testament against the original Greek text." - Kirkus Indie - A review service from Kirkus Reviews

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Pentecostal Megachurches in Southeast Asia : Negotiating Class, Consumption and the Nation / Terence Chong (Ed)

ISEAS Publishing, Singapore 2018

xii, 244p.

Includes Index

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1. Big churches – Southeast Asia
2. Pentecostal churches – Southeast Asia
3. Pentecostalism – Southeast Asia

Charismatic pastors, fast-paced worship sessions, inspirational but shallow theology, and large congregations — these are just some of the associated traits of Pentecostal megachurches. But what lies beneath the veneer of glitz? What are their congregations like? How did they grow so quickly? How have they managed to negotiate local and transnational challenges? This book seeks to understand the growth and popularity of independent Pentecostal megachurches in Southeast Asia. Using an ethnographic approach, the chapters examine Pentecostal megachurches in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Singapore. Each chapter dwells on the development of the megachurch set against the specific background of the country's politics and history.

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