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Book Review

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The Secret of The Holy Face: The Devotion Destined To Save Society

by *Father Lawrence Daniel Carney III*

...is the much awaited book on the entire history and devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus! This beautiful 182 page hardcover edition from TAN Books is presented to the reader with twofold reasons: Firstly, with the aim of making the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus better known and loved. Secondly, to amass an army of pious and devoted souls (through their prayers, penances and sacrifices) who will endeavour to console Our Lord and make reparation for the three sins against His Holy Face (blasphemy, profanations of Sundays and communism) and thus save society. Throughout the book, Father Carney explains to the reader what is the Secret of the Holy Face devotion. This exquisite TAN edition was gifted with a beautiful **forward** by Mary Jane Zuzolo, the great-great grandniece of Sister Mary of St. Peter, the religious who received the Holy Face revelations in the 19th century.

Father Carney opens his book by hearkening back to the Old Testament Biblical passage from Leviticus 26 and its great link to the current times we live in. He states that the three sins against the first, second and third Commandments (idolatry, irreverence and blasphemy) are being punished today in such a way that the Holy Face devotion is the exact remedy needed to not only offer reparation for these sins and bring down graces for the Church and society but also as a remedy to save society from its current predicament.

To help us grow in love for the Holy Face of Jesus, the author propels the reader into the lives of 21 patrons of this wonderful devotion including that of the great St. Veronica! He speaks of two great heroes of the Holy Face from the

19th century: Venerable Leo Dupont (1797-1876) and Sister Mary of St. Peter (1816-1848). Secondly, the author recalls to the reader the three sacred objects connected to the Holy Face devotion which Our Lord left for our veneration. Father Carney tells us how these three objects are connected to various times in Our Lord's life and writes a short history of all three: *The Veil of St. Veronica (The Passion)*, *The Shroud of Turin (The Holy Death)*, *The Holy Face of Manoppello (The Resurrection)*. We also find out how the Confraternity of the Holy Face of Jesus was created and approved and how Pope Leo XIII raised it to an arch confraternity for the glory of God and the benefit of the faithful. We read of its three powerful patrons: St. Michael the Archangel, St. Martin of Tours and St. Louis IX. Father shares with the reader the many great spiritual fruits that come from joining such a pious organization and the power of the recitation of the Chaplet of the Holy Face! The author makes the reader relive the story of the medal of the Holy Face of Jesus and how wearing it brings about many powerful graces! He also shares with us the traditional prayers and readings for the Mass of the Holy Face. He ends his book by speaking of the unity of the Holy Rosary, devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus as the remedies for our times to help bring an end to communism and saving society.

I highly recommend this book for all those who have devotions to the Holy Face of Jesus and the Passion of Our Lord as well as for those who wish to console Him. This is THE book on this devotion.. *the most beautiful work under the sun*" (words of Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter). Come by and visit St. Clement Gift Shop and Bookstore and purchase or order your copy today!

