**WORSHIP: Praying the Sacraments.**

By **Peter E. Fink.** Pastoral. Pp. x and 220. $12.95 paper.

The essays in this collection were originally published over a 17-year period, and they reflect Fr. Fink's desire "to weave together not only sacramental doctrine and liturgical action, but the dimension of Christian spirituality as well" (p. viii), opening up "what the church does" liturgically to greater participation and deeper understanding by all.

Fr. Fink displays vision and clarity in his drawing together of sacramental meaning, purpose and practice. His synthesis occurs most effectively when he discusses the depth of meaning in ordinary events of life (including worship). For example, he notes that the contemporary liturgical renewal among Christians "might well be called the rediscovery of the role of the meal in Christianity, and indeed the recovery of the Eucharist as a meal" (p. 74).

He urges that the priest is not a "quasi-divinity" but a representative of the church assembled in which Christ is sacramentally present.

Fr. Fink writes from a Roman Catholic perspective. He frequently cites Roman Catholic consiliar documents on sacraments and liturgy. evertheless, his essays reach far beyond the

limits of denominational perspective or concern.

The essays point us toward a spirituality that is more than self-fascination. The author calls for liturgy that will keep the language of spirituality public and honest, as he calls for spirituality that will keep liturgy humble and true (p. 162).

He urges that "the public life and action of Jesus was always the con text of his inward journey, and his journey inward became the content of all that he said and did" (p. 171). And, in

many different ways throughout this collection of essays, he commends that same balance to us.

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