Book Reviews &
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Right and Reason, **by Fr. Austin Fagothey, S.J.**

Right and Reason, is probably the greatest and most successful Ethics book written to date. Widely used in Catholic colleges, it was undoubtedly the clearest and easiest-to-read Ethics text ever published. The author says that no book can take the place of a professor in the classroom, but this one virtually does—and Fr. Fagothey says he wrote it that way. Though this Second Edition was issued in 1959, it remains remarkably contemporary and is a book which can be read basically by any adult—either *in toto* or as a handy reference to look up topics in question. Phrased in non-technical language, *Right and Reason* is a thoroughly competent book in the philosophy of Ethics, which gives the science of morality from the Aristotelian-Thomistic, common-sense school of thought—which is none other that the Perennial Philosophy of the Ages, the philosophy outside of which one's positions quickly become absurd and all reasoning ends up in dead-ends.

Padre Pio, Man of Hope **by Renzo Allegri**

"I first met Padre Pio in 1967, the year before his death. He was old and very ill. As a journalist, I went to his home in San Giovanni Rotondo on assignment, and I had the opportunity to speak with him on two occasions. I was extremely impressed, not so much by the stories of miracles that people told about him but by the extraordinary moral strength that emanated from his whole being.

"It was hard for me to watch him walking in the sacristy or the corridors of the monastery, bent over, dragging his swollen feet, and holding on to the walls so that he would not fall down. His suffering was tremendous, but he bore it without complaining as he continued to give himself to those who needed him. When he would lift his head and look around, his big eyes looked like they were burning, not from pain but from a goodness that he could not contain."

— Excerpted from the Introduction

Both of these books are available from Neri Publications (see facing page)