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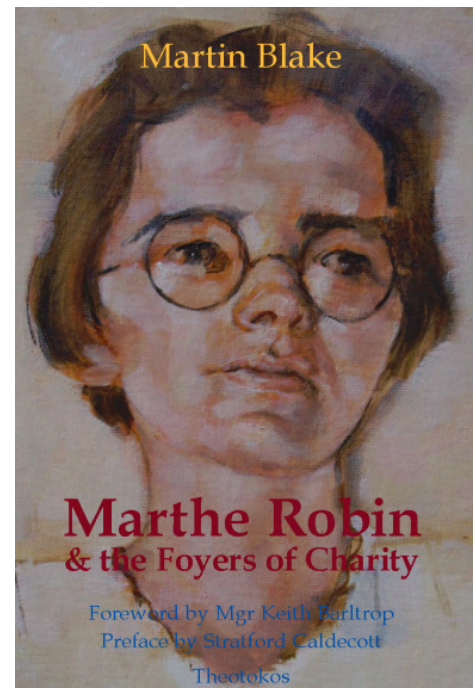
Advent and Christmas Reading!

Marthe Robin and the Foyers of Charity, by Martin Blake

M*arthe Robin and the Foyers of Charity* looks at the life of Marthe Robin, the French mystic, who, with Fr Georges Finet, co-founded the Foyer of Charity community at Châteauneuf-de-Galaure in southeastern France in 1936. There are now 75 Foyer communities throughout the world, and their work involves a priest, the Father of the Foyer, giving 5 day retreats in silence, during which the members of the community look after the needs of the retreatants and pray for them.

Marthe Robin and the Foyers of Charity is paperback-soft-cover, Demy Octavo size (8.5 in. x 5.5 in.), has 13 chapters, and 160 pages. It costs **£7.95 / \$11.95 / 8.95 euros**, (approx. £10 incl. p & p if ordered online) ISBN 9780955074622

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Extracts from the book, including the Foreword, Preface, Introduction and the first chapter, can be seen at: www.theotokos.org.uk/pages/books/marthebook/martheextract.pdf

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From the review by James Likoudis, emeritus President of Catholics United for the Faith

“This is a very readable volume about one of the most remarkable French mystics, and a true daughter of the Church, who lived in our own time (she was born in 1902 and reposed in the Lord in 1981, aged 78). Author Martin Blake succeeds in making her better known to English-speaking Catholics, since as Msgr. Keith Barltrop noted in the Foreword, “Marthe Robin was one of the most extraordinary and influential figures, not just of the twentieth century Church, but of all time.” *Cont'd over*

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Reviews of *Marthe Robin and the Foyers of Charity*, cont'd ...

...A valuable feature of the book are the striking personal testimonies to her extraordinary sanctity given by such distinguished philosophers as Jean Guitton, Marcel Clement, and Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, O.P., who were impressed with her simplicity, humility, and joy.”

From the review by Joanna Bogle, columnist, author, blogger, in *Faith Magazine*

“**[This] is an unsentimental and interesting book**, which sets out the facts of this unusual story very well. Marthe Robin was a young Frenchwoman, born in 1902, who contracted an illness while in her late teens, and eventually became an invalid, living in a darkened room because any light caused her intense pain, but writing and speaking in an ordinary way and revealing extraordinary wisdom, faith, and knowledge of spiritual things all conveyed with kindness and affection to her many visitors.

“And at the core of all this is the life of a mystic who suffered, prayed, and gave herself wholly to God. Marthe Robin’s cause for beatification has been introduced, so we will all be hearing about her in the years to come. **This remarkable paperback is an excellent introduction to the life of this mystic.** And it made me think that it would be rather good to have a Foyer in Britain.”

From a review by Fr Thomas Crean OP, author of *A Catholic Replies to Professor Dawkins*, *The Mass and the Saints*, and *Letters to a Non-believer*

“**This work has an importance that belies its shortness and unassuming style**, being the first book written originally in English about the 20th Century French mystic, Marthe Robin, foundress of the ‘Foyers of Charity’. While the name of Marthe Robin is known in this country, she has received far less attention here than in her native France, where Jean Guitton called her ‘the greatest genius I have ever met’, and Jean Daniélou spoke of her as ‘the most extraordinary person of the century’.

“The major theme of the book ... is the spiritual influence which Marthe Robin exercised on the many thousands who came into contact with her, and the importance of the ‘Foyers of Charity’ which from the 1930’s, she predicted would be part of ‘a new Pentecost of love’ within the Church.

“**Some of the most interesting testimonies in the book** are those of the philosopher and ‘academician’, Jean Guitton. He emphasises Marthe Robin’s naturalness, and her capacity to adapt her conversation to those to whom she spoke. He remarks on the paradox that it was while living for years in complete darkness that she spoke of ‘Foyers of light’.”

From the review by Francis Phillips in the *Catholic Herald*

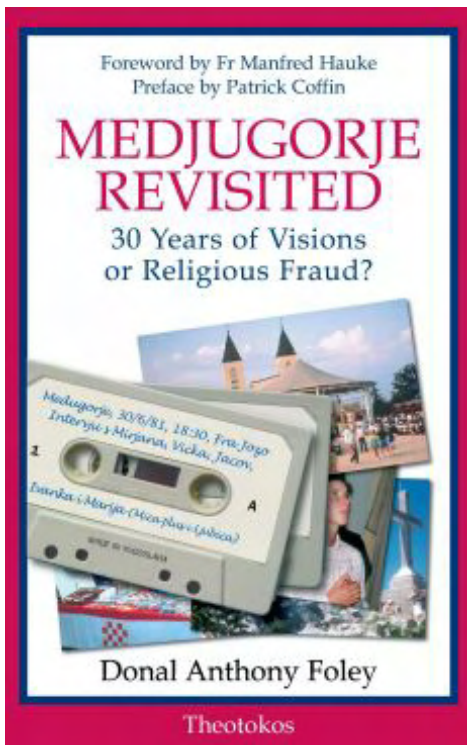
“Although not yet well-known in this country, Marthe Robin, founder of one of the new movements in the Church, has had a huge and beneficial influence. Born at Chateauneuf-de-Galaure, near Lyon in 1902 and dying in 1981, she is one of those chosen souls who emerge throughout the Church’s history at times of barrenness or turbulence.

“To date there are more than 70 Foyers world-wide, specialising in five-day silent retreats for lay people in order to help form new generations of lay apostles. The spiritual daughter of St Therese of Lisieux and with the prophetic instincts of Cardinal Newman, Marthe recognised the urgent requirement in the 20th century of an active laity faithful to the Church.

“As Stratford Caldicott says in the preface, there is great need for a permanent Foyer in the UK. The author of **this valuable biography** has been actively working to bring this about since 1984.”

And finally ... Archbishop Mario Conti, of the Archdiocese of Glasgow, warmly commends this book!

Marthe Robin and the Foyers of Charity



Medjugorje Revisited:

30 Years of Visions or Religious Fraud?

by Donal Anthony Foley

Medjugorje Revisited: 30 Years of Visions or Religious Fraud? investigates the alleged visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Medjugorje, looking at their origins, and their impact on the Catholic Church. It is an expanded, revised and updated version of *Understanding Medjugorje*, which was published in 2006.

Since then there have been important new developments, including the formation of an International Commission to investigate the alleged visions.

Millions of people have visited Medjugorje, even though it has received no official Church approval. If you want to know the truth about Medjugorje, then *Medjugorje Revisited* will give you the whole story, right from the beginning.

With a Foreword by Marian scholar Fr Manfred Hauke, and a Preface by author and radio host Patrick Coffin, *Medjugorje Revisited* focuses on the transcripts of the original tapes of the visionaries made in June 1981, as well as the credibility of the visions and the visionaries, demonstrating the serious problems involved in accepting Medjugorje as genuine.

It also examines the role of theologians, and the Hercegovina Franciscans, in promoting Medjugorje, and its tangled historical and religious background, as well as its links with the Charismatic Renewal. In sum, it examines all the relevant evidence about Medjugorje, and concludes that, despite some "good fruits," it bears all the hallmarks of a vast religious fraud.

"Donal Foley has done lovers of accuracy a favor and provided believers in Christ and children of the Blessed Virgin Mary a signal service with this book." - Mark P. Shea, author, *Mary, Mother of the Son*

"Donal Foley is very well equipped for this task of informing readers about the events at Medjugorje in a balanced way, and from a Catholic point of view." - Prof Dr Manfred Hauke, Theological Faculty of Lugano, Switzerland

"Medjugorje Revisited is a sober, balanced, and unremittingly charitable examination of the most popular unapproved private revelation in Church history." - Patrick Coffin, Author & Radio Host, Catholic Answers Live

"Medjugorje Revisited is a thorough and careful examination of the alleged apparitions in the former Yugoslavia, placed in their historical context, which deserves to be widely studied." - Fr Thomas Crean, OP, author *A Catholic Replies to Professor Dawkins*

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From the review by James Likoudis, President Emeritus of Catholic United for the Faith:

“A revised and expanded version of the most important book dealing with the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin taking place in Medjugorje in the Diocese of Mostar in Croatia has been published by author Donal Anthony Foley, a well-known British author on Marian apparitions. His *Medjugorje Revisited: 30 Years of Visions or Religious Fraud ...* constitutes a veritable Summa dealing with all the complex aspects of the alleged apparitions....”

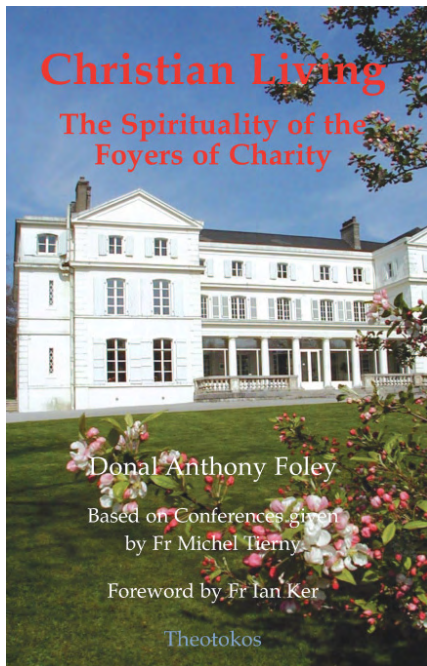
To see the complete review of *Medjugorje Revisited* by James Likoudis, which appeared in the Wanderer, please visit: www.theotokos.org.uk/pages/books/medjbook/jlreview.html

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Donal Anthony Foley has degrees in Humanities (BA) and Theology (BD), and his book on the subject of apparitions - Marian Apparitions, the Bible, and the Modern World - was published by Gracewing in 2002, and he has written articles for a number of Catholic magazines and newspapers.

Medjugorje Revisited



Christian Living

The Spirituality of the Foyers of Charity

by Donal Anthony Foley

Christian Living is based on retreat Conferences given at the Foyer of charity at Courset, near Boulogne in France. It gives details of both the origin and the spirituality of the Foyers, and shows how a truly Christian life is possible even in our frenetic world, providing we are faithful to prayer. The spirituality of the Foyers is rooted in the traditional teachings of the Catholic Church, and is very effective in promoting and supporting genuine Christian living.

Christian Living is paperback-softcover, Demy Octavo size (8.5 in. x 5.5 in.), have 18 chapters, and 160 pages. ISBN 0955074614, 160 pp, Paperback, £7.95 / \$11.95 / 8.95 euros.

“This slim book, attractively and simply written, gives us the authentic flavor of a Foyer retreat. It will be compulsive reading for anyone fascinated by Marthe Robin, whose spiritual influence on the Church in France can still be felt today, as well as for anyone interested in attending a retreat in one of the Foyers—or even contemplating joining one. And finally, it is ideal spiritual reading for the general reader.”

From the foreword by Fr Ian Ker

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- How prayer must be an absolute priority in our lives if we are to do God's will
- The importance of making time for silence, meditation and contemplation
- The necessity for humility and detachment in the spiritual life
- How we are children of God and must look to him as our Father
- The importance of the role of Our Lady in our Christian lives
- How to live a better sacramental and family life

Donal Anthony Foley has been interested in the Foyers since the 1980's, and is involved in promoting them through the “English Friends of the Foyers.” He has degrees in Humanities and Theology, and has previously written books on Marian apparitions. He has been on numerous Foyer retreats both in England and in France, and has also spent time living and working as a guest at several French Foyers.