

FOREWORD

THIS little devotional manual is published in response to a rather large demand on the part of the Reverend Clergy and others and is dedicated, as its name implies, to the patron of the Order of the Holy Cross, Saint Augustine of Hippo. It is our hope that it will find a real place in the devotional literature of the American Church. No one should suppose that it is intended to take the place of the Book of Common Prayer, which is the official service book of the Episcopal Church, for its chief value will certainly be found in its daily use as a manual of private prayer and devotion. The Order of the Holy Cross is deeply indebted to the Reverend Loren N. Gavitt, an Oblate of Mount Calvary, for his untiring effort in compiling and editing. He was assisted by the Reverend Archie I. Drake, a Priest Associate. Our special thanks is due, and here given, to the Reverend Frank M. Butler, formerly Rector of Ascension Church, West Park, for the fourteen original pen and ink drawings illustrating the Stations of the Cross.

NOTE ON THE REVISED EDITION

The widespread welcome accorded this book from its first edition in 1947 through the seventeenth in 1965, warrants this revised and updated edition. Advantage has been taken of several suggested alterations, as well as the developments of the liturgical movement in Christendom. The Order of the Holy Cross is thankful to Fr. Gavitt for consenting to undertake the exacting work of revision, and remembers with gratitude the contribution of the late Rev. Archie Drake to the original edition.

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