

## FOREWORD

The publication of this 2010 Supplement to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (NCE) is a cause of great joy to me as I conclude my tenure as President of The Catholic University of America. This supplement focuses on “Modern History and the Church,” and it also includes new articles and updates on topics of contemporary Catholic interest, along with fresh coverage of the new “Saints” and “Blesseds” of the Church. Like the 2009 Supplement, it is being published in both electronic and print form, and it continues the fine collaboration of Gale, Cengage Learning with The Catholic University of America Press. I am happy to know that plans are already underway for supplements focusing on Literature, Music, and the Arts (2011) and Philosophy and Ethics (2012).

Since becoming President of The Catholic University of America in 1998, I have grown even more aware of the important role of the Catholic Church in the events of history, in both the United States and the world. In an age of instant communication, people of all faiths are interested in the role of the Catholic Church in public affairs and culture. This 2010 NCE Supplement helps to situate many contemporary questions and controversies in the light of Catholic history. The editors have recruited a team of eminent scholars to cover the central personalities, events and topics of modern Catholic history. In my opinion, they carry out their work with objectivity, accuracy and balance. The present volume establishes the truth of the old adage

that we cannot understand the present without a clear understanding of the past.

The Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is “*sancta simul et semper purificanda*”—“at the same time holy and always in need of purification” (*Lumen gentium*, 8). In light of this, the authors of the present volume do not shy away from the shadows of Catholic history. On the other hand, many Catholic men and women of the past have responded to God’s grace with heroic virtue and are justly honored as exemplars of holiness. The new “Saints” and “Blesseds” covered within the present volume show that, in spite of human weakness and failure, authentic faith, hope and charity is possible.

I wish to thank the editors of the 2010 Supplement—Dr. Robert Fastiggi, Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. and Dr. Frank Coppa—for their dedicated work. Likewise, I express my gratitude to Hélène Potter and Douglas Dentino of Gale, Cengage Learning, along with Jay Flynn, the publisher. I am especially grateful to Dr. David McGonagle, the Director of The Catholic University of America Press, who has insured that the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* will continue as a preeminent source of Catholic scholarship and information.

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## PREFACE

This 2010 Supplement to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (NCE) follows the approach established by the 2009 Supplement: Special attention is given to a particular theme while new and updated entries appear on other topics of historical and contemporary interest. Following the successful focus on Science and the Church (2009), the present 2010 volume concentrates on Modern History and the Church. Plans are underway for future supplements on Literature, Music, and the Arts (2011) and Philosophy and Ethics (2012).

The Catholic University of America Press first published the *New Catholic Encyclopedia* in 15 volumes in 1967, followed by four supplemental volumes between 1972 and 1995. In 2001, a Jubilee Volume was issued marking the year 2000, which was published by the Gale Group of Farmington Hills, Michigan in editorial partnership with The Catholic University of America Press. This Jubilee Volume covered the people, issues and events of the Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council with a special focus on the pontificate of Pope John Paul II. It also prepared the way for the second edition of the NCE, which was published in 2003. This second edition included many new articles and revisions of the original entries from the 1967 volumes.

In the summer of 2006, planning for new supplements of the NCE began with an eye towards an electronic format. Cengage Learning (the successor to the Gale Group), together with The Catholic University of America Press, decided to combine the thematic approach of the 2001 Jubilee Volume with the necessary updating and revision of prior entries. A commitment was made to have annual supplements in order to have more frequent updating and revisions. Annual supple-

ments also facilitate the inclusion of more new topics that touch on Catholic life, thought and practice. In 2009, the first supplement of this revised format was published, in both electronic and print form, with a thematic focus on “Science and the Church.”

The present 2010 volume concentrates on Modern History and the Church, which is subdivided into Early Modern History (1500–1789) and Later Modern (since 1789). In addition to updated entries on these periods, there is also an updated entry on Early Church History and a completely re-written article on Medieval Church History. Readers will also find many entries dealing with Catholic and/or papal reactions to various events of modern history, such as the American Revolution, the American Civil War, World War I, World War II and the War in Iraq. Biographical entries appear on significant historical figures, such as Garibaldi, Stalin, Mussolini, Charles de Gaulle and John F. Kennedy. Important issues and movements are also treated, with updated or new entries on topics such as NATO, Nazism, anti-Judaism, Jewish-Catholic relations and the legal history of Church-State relations in the USA.

Just as the 2009 volume had a secondary focus on the Church in the United States, the 2010 supplement has a secondary focus on the new “Saints” and “Blesseds” of the Catholic Church. The entries on these newly canonized or beatified men and women frequently relate to Modern Catholic History because of connections with events such as the “Spanish Civil War” and the anti-Catholic persecutions in Mexico during the 1920s. There is also an article on the 800 men recognized as the “Martyrs of Otranto,” executed for their faith in 1480.

As in earlier supplements, the editors realized that the ongoing life of the Catholic Church necessitates coverage of new ecclesial documents, personalities and matters of emerging interest. Thus, new entries are included in the present volume on *Anglicanorum coetibus*, the constitution for Anglicans wishing to enter into full Catholic communion, and Benedict XVI's encyclical, *Caritas in veritate*. Recently deceased Catholic figures, such as Stanley Jaki, OSB and Cardinal Pio Laghi, are also given coverage. In addition, the theological articles on the Blessed Virgin Mary have been either revised or completely re-written, and an entirely new article on Lutheranism appears. Other revised or new entries are found on topics such as the *mandatum* required for professors of Catholic theology and the 1990 papal constitution for Catholic colleges and universities, *Ex corde Ecclesiae*.

For the 2010 supplement, special thanks must be given to Associate Editor, Dr. Frank Coppa of St. John's University. His expertise in Modern Catholic History,

especially the history of the papacy, was invaluable for the special focus of the present volume. The contributions of Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. of Fordham University and Dr. David McGonagle of The Catholic University of America Press also deserve much recognition. Finally, many thanks must go to Douglas Dentino, the Project Editor, and H el ene Potter, the Director of New Product Development of Cengage Learning. Without their help, the present volume would not have been possible.

**Editorial Note:** In an effort to focus on topics that are of interest to our readers, we have created a mailbox where you can email us your ideas for topics that you would like us to cover, or comment on those we have already published. We welcome your participation in the re-forging of the New Catholic Encyclopedia. The mailbox address is: [Gale.new.catholic@Cengage.com](mailto:Gale.new.catholic@Cengage.com).

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