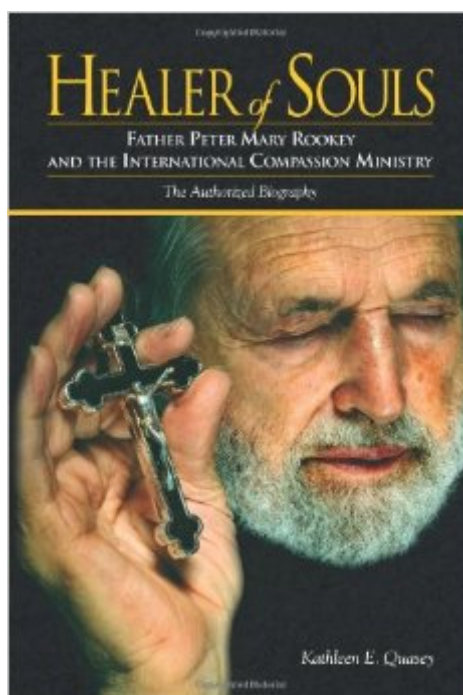


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Healer Of Souls: The Life Of Father Peter Mary Rookey And The International Compassion Ministry



Synopsis

"We all have weaknesses that affect our body, mind, and spirit. But it is our will to overcome them that decides how we live. 'With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible' (Mt 19:26)" - Father Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M. The 'healing priest', Father Peter Mary Rookey, O.S.M, received Christ's Gift of Healing in 1948. Since then, thousands of healings have been reported worldwide. Witness letters, some with medical consensus, have been submitted to the International Compassion Ministry. When asked about the healings, Father Rookey simply says, "I just do what He told us to do and the people are delivered and healed. We are answering the last command of Jesus, ' . . . They shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover' (Mk 16:18). For the first time, in his own words, Father Rookey explains his life's journey that has been guided by his constant "Yes" to God. With gentle humor and keen intelligence, Father Rookey provides practical direction of how deepening trust in God's Laws and Love leads to the healing of serious hurts and the overcoming of life's most difficult challenges. In the process, Father Rookey says, "Our souls begin to recognize that we belong to Him and He is Love. Ultimately, filled with His Love, we can give the gift of ourselves to Christ and His Love will come forth through us." Nihil Obstat, Rev. Anthony J. Brankin, S.T.L., Imprimatur, Rev. George J. Rassas, Archdiocese of Chicago, November, 2005; " . . .it is all I can do to put it down. There is so much to this book. . . The testimonies of numerous healings are wonderful to read. The insights into Father's life are also wonderful to read. But perhaps the most important parts of this book deal with his answers to the insightful questions which the author asks. For example, in asking Father about spiritual enslavement, he talked of conversion and turning away from serving Satan toward

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Customer Reviews

Last November, my daughter, who lives in Chicago, happened to mention that her mother-in-law is good friends with the subject of this book, Father Peter Mary Rookey, and that he was coming to dinner at her mother-in-law's house that Sunday. She went on to say that Father Rookey is in his nineties and would be made a Saint soon after his death --- a rather startling statement. I told her that I found that hard to believe, since it was my understanding that consecration required at least two confirmed miracles. She countered by saying that Father Rookey is well known throughout the world as the "Healing Priest," that he has performed many healings worldwide, and that several books have already been written about him. That peaked my interest, and I replied that if she could get one of those books, I'd really like to read it. She did, and this is one of those books. After reading it, I must agree: If Father Peter Mary Rookey isn't sanctified as a Saint, he certainly should be. As for the book: It's hard for me to categorize. It's not quite a biography; it's not quite an interview; and, it's not quite a commentary. But it seems to be all of those rolled into one. It does cover the Father's early life to some extent, but not really as one might expect in a biography. On the other hand, it does --- at least for the most part --- come across as an interview in which the book's author asks Father Rookey specific questions and reports his verbatim responses. At other times, however, the author seems to present specific, and sometimes lengthy, statements of belief, to which the Father responds --- sometimes with a brief acknowledgment of concurrence; sometimes with a broader explanation or commentary.

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