The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History

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Description
The Encyclopedia covers every facet of American Catholic history: the explorers; the pioneering Spanish, French, and English missionaries; the struggles of the colonial and revolutionary eras; the turbulent and transforming nineteenth century with its waves of immigrants; the industrial revolution; and the challenges and crises of this century, down to our day. Moreover, it traces the roots and charts the growth of Catholicism in each of the fifty states. Above all, it brings us, in hundreds of memorable features, the men and women who gave much and did much to build the Church in America. The great personalities - men and women from each decade and era - are perceptively portrayed. All the major events and movements which united or divided Catholics are cogently covered: the revolution, lay trusteeism, slavery and the Civil War, the waves of immigrants, nativism and bigotry, Americanism, Modernism, the labor movement, the Knights of Columbus, wars, anti-Semitism, the New Deal and Prohibition, anti-Communism, McCarthyism, the women's revolution, civil rights, Vietnam, Humanae vitae, liturgy, capital punishment, and a myriad of other topics.

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This title is included in Choice's 35th annual Outstanding Academic Books list.
The paper then turns to New England's episcopacy and interprets their growing ideology of Americanism as a sign of their embattled condition. Americanism developed because immigrants seemed to highlight the Church's foreign character and breed nativism, but more than that, it proved a tool by which to preserve the structural cohesion and traditional ideals of the Irish-American religious establishment in the northeastern United States.