

Rescuing the Church from Consumerism

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Mark Clavier : Rescuing the Church from Consumerism before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rescuing the Church from Consumerism:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A must for clergy and laity alike. By ThadWritten by an American priest now serving in the United Kingdom, this short volume is not aa lengthy read, but it will give the reader pause when it convicts him of captivity to consumerism. Fr. Clavier discusses how the Church has likewise been seduced by consumerism and offers a different model whereby the Church can meet the needs of the current age. I would recommend buying multiple copies, as I did, to give to clergy and lay leaders of your acquaintance.

Rescuing the Church . . . examines how people are initiated into a consumer culture during childhood and thus drawn into pursuing a vocation as consumers by means of various quasi-sacramental rites and practices. The upshot of this is that the church today is composed primarily of men and women whose lives are situated more within a consumer culture than within a distinctively Christian one. In order for the church to free itself, the author believes it must reclaim a sacramental identity that is grounded in a narrative tradition and realized in real, local worshipping communities.

From the Back Cover'Rescuing the Church from Consumerism is a fascinating book, full of both warning and promise. It pours light onto the often unrecognized death traps of some forms of church culture and offers deep wisdom by which churches could re-orientate their lives. Read this book, wince at its truths, and then be encouraged by its hope.'

John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford