

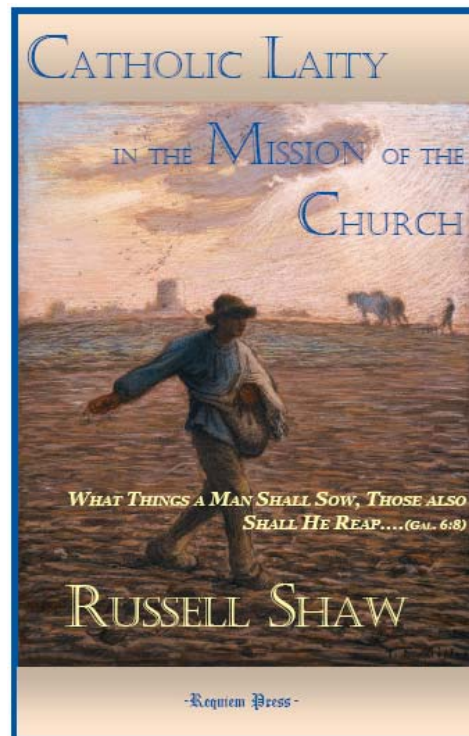
Booksigning with RUSSELL SHAW: November 22, 2005 @ 6:00 PM!

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Russell Shaw is not only the foremost Catholic journalist of his generation, he is also more than an amateur theologian. His insights in his new book help the reader not only to understand the role of “Catholic Laity in the Mission of the Church” but also the role of the laity in evangelizing the culture. Shaw has uncovered for all to see the central message of the Second Vatican Council was radically misunderstood since 1965, i.e. the universal call to holiness. Flowing from understanding that key teaching, Shaw underlines that God has a particular calling or vocation for each one of us: lay, religious, or priest, married or single, and the meaning of our family life, work, friendships, and involvement in the secular world all depends on the proper discernment of our personal vocation through prayer and the sacramental life, and proper spiritual guidance. Only in that way can we begin to carry out the late John Paul the Second’s call for a “New Evangelization” in our country.

—Fr. C.J. McCloskey III is a research fellow at the **Faith and Reason Institute** based in Washington D.C.

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The reality of Catholic teaching is and always has been that, at the altar, the priest presides, but in the world, the layperson presides. God has called each and every baptized person to a work of love as prophet, priest and king. As many of us laity waste time and energy making a lunge for the altar, we are forgetting our true dignity and thereby missing the call and the gifts the Spirit has given us to carry out our God-given vocations to win the world for Jesus Christ. Russell Shaw shows us how to recover our sanity and live out the awesome vocation of the lay saint that the world so desperately needs.

—Mark P. Shea, Senior Content Editor, Catholic Exchange

Russell Shaw knows that the task assigned to the Catholic laity at the Second Vatican Council was “the renewal of the temporal order”. Thus the faithful laity need to be looking beyond participation in the new ministries that have proliferated in the post-conciliar era. These are worthy activities but they are not enough. Mr. Shaw understands that every Christian has a *vocation*, or call from God. The task of all of us is to discern the vocation to which God has called us and then to carry it out.

—Kenneth D. Whitehead, author of *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: The Early Church was the Catholic Church*

Russell Shaw knows whereof he speaks. As a Catholic layman he has served the Church for decades as a spokesman and journalist. He brings to his topic the wisdom that only scholarship can provide and the prudential judgment that rests on years of experience and thoughtful reflection. One may approach this book as one might read a papal encyclical or as a manual to be placed in the hands of the young who ponder their future. Its quiet magisterial tone has the mark of a classic. —Jude P. Dougherty, Dean Emeritus, School of Philosophy, Catholic University of America

RUSSELL SHAW is author or co-author of sixteen previous books, including *To Hunt, To Shoot, To Entertain: Clericalism and the Catholic Laity* (Ignatius Press, 1993), *Papal Primacy in the Third Millennium* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2000), and, with Germain Grisez, *Personal Vocation: God Calls Everyone By Name* (Our Sunday Visitor, 2003). Shaw is editor of *Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine* (1997) and a contributing editor of *Crisis* and *Columbia* magazines. He was the director of information for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops/United States Catholic Conference from 1969 to 1987 and of the Knights of Columbus from 1987 to 1997. He is a consultant of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and teaches at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome. He and his wife have five children and nine grandchildren.