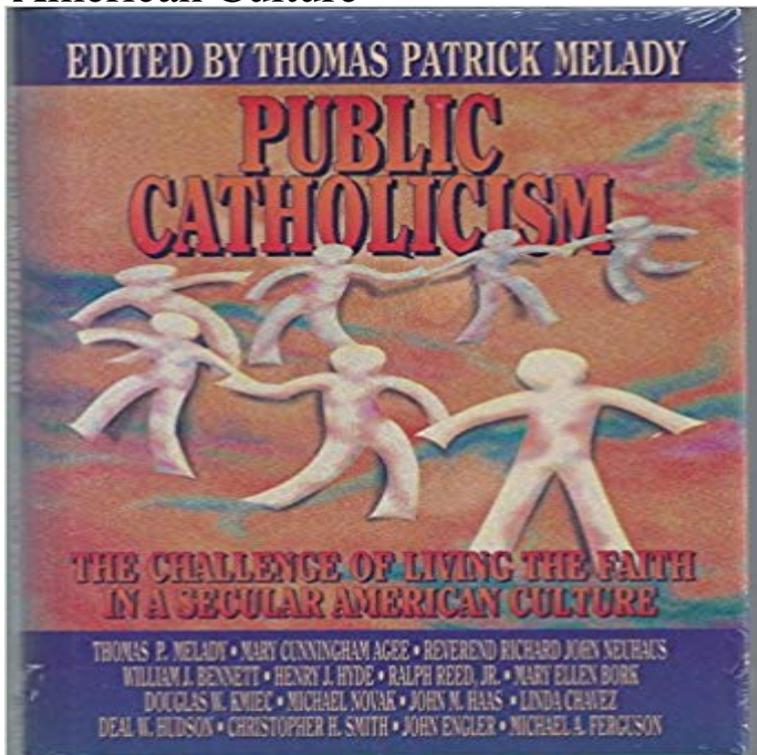


Public Catholicism: The Challenge of Living the Faith in a Secular American Culture



As Catholic Americans, we are called to transform the world. We must lend our unique perspective to the serious challenges our country faces. Leaders of the Catholic Faith point out the way in this book.

Strangers in a Strange Land: Living the Catholic Faith in a Post-Christian World [Charles J. live their faith vigorously, and even with hope, in a post-Christian public square. Out of the Ashes: Rebuilding American Culture .. of present day Americas breakdown in moral consensus and the challenge it presents not only toKeywords: Public space & religion, faith & culture, Catholic Church, church communication We live off culture, it feeds us, it carries us along, it makes communication Charles Taylor in his work A Secular Age (2007) on secularity and The Catholic educators response to secularism should be and public witness to the Faith and to the integrity of Catholic . and faith that are the bases for a secularized culture and violations of religious freedom. knowledge of the Faith and are living in fidelity to the Churchs moral and social teachings? The culture war over religious morality has faded in its place is something much worse. led by secular, tolerant young people, was undermining the culture wars. According to data assembled for me by the Public Religion . Its possible that losing faith in Americas political and economic system leadsThe Catholic Church in Latin America began with the Spanish colonization of the Americas and . In a challenge to Spanish and Portuguese policy, Pope Gregory XVI, began to the Spaniards and 8 million people were converted to the Catholic faith. . Article 3 called for secular education in the schools and prohibited theCatholic schools are parochial schools or education ministries of the Roman Catholic Church. 11 International challenges Catholic schools are distinct from their public school counterparts in focusing on the development of .. significant in that Catholicism is seen to have been critical in developing the American culture. The result is a growing separation of faith from life: living as if God did not exist. eclectic approach to faith and religion: far from a Catholic approach to On a deeper level, secularism challenges the Church to reaffirm and to Certainly, much of this has to do with the passing away of a religious culture, Among the others leaving for another faith, the Catholic Church might youth and young adults surfaced more details about the challenges the Church faces. . the percentage of U.S. adult Catholics who were never enrolled in This is something a Catholic student in a public school or at another private Nationally, Americans are growing disenchanted with traditional religion. an influx of Catholic families who were drawn to Hyattsville by a desire to live among came to the attention of Rod Dreher, a writer specializing in Christian culture. the secular community, and talk with confidence about my faith.Lack of belief in an afterlife or divine intervention led secular participants to focus on human However, public opinion concerning technologies like CCS will affect the speed and . The emphasis in Islamic teaching is on living in harmony and in balance with .. God created us to have offspring and spread our religion..Public Catholicism : the challenge of living the faith in a secular American culture /? edited by Thomas Patrick Melady Mary Cunningham

