All baptized Christians, each with a unique charism and calling, must be led by the Spirit, as Jesus, Mary, and Father Schneider experienced in their personal lives. Communities and movements too are called to do the same. In producing and publishing this festschrift, which in essence is a simple, solid and attractively-presented theology of the Holy Spirit, the editor and the writers desire that its readers may be more truly led by the Spirit, the Paraclete of Jesus Christ and the “soul” of the Church.

A JOYFUL SOUL: MESSAGES FROM A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES, POPE JOHN XXIII
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Pope John XXIII has become over the years a beloved figure worldwide. He served the Church as its 259th pontiff from 1958 to 1963, and is popularly known as “Good Pope John.” He is also remembered for the convocation of the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) with its aggiornamento agenda, renewal of the Church. Beginning his pontificate at age seventy-seven, Angelo Roncalli brought a whole new pastoral and personal style to the papacy. During the Jubilee year, John XXIII was beatified (3 September 2000). This book of inspirational quotations from John's most moving writings commemorates that joyous occasion which publicly recognized the virtues of Blessed John XXIII.

Father Jerome M. Vereb, who lives in Rome at the Passionist Community of Saints John and Paul (where John XXIII made his retreat for priestly ordination in 1904) has culled a variety of quotations from John XXIII’s “encyclicals, his family letters, his journal, his devotional homilies, and his retreat resolutions” (xvi). The selec-
tion of texts resulted from "much consultation with persons associated with Pope John XXIII during his pontificate" (109). Vereb then thematized the quotations around key dimensions of the pope's spirituality. Vereb asserts that these passages reflect this fact: "Throughout his entire life, the Angelo Roncalli who was destined to become Pope John XXIII took seriously the call to holiness" (xiv).

The book is divided into nine thematic sections, each having a brief introduction; the section titles are: Commitment to Jesus the Christ, Prayer, Attitudes, Saints, Ministry, Family, Old Age, Mary: Mother of God, and The Cross of Christ. Some brief passages representative of John XXIII's spirituality can be cited to manifest the richness of this collection.

John XXIII prayed: "O Jesus, you see the deep desire of my heart to love you, to become a real minister of yours" (16); "O Mary, Mary, we beg from you holiness of life, because this is what matters most on earth and in heaven" (88). The pope emphasized that Christians "must bear all cheerfully" and that "the supreme poetry of this life is found in a joyful soul" (33) [source of the book's title]. John's self-effacing nature is manifested as he writes: "my greatest honor is that I was born poor and reared a Christian, that I received a priestly vocation, and that I have always preserved the spirit of simplicity, the simplicity of the countryside of Sotto il Monte and of the humble family to which I belong, and of which I am proud" (50).

Good Pope John often revealed the depths of his soul. On his deathbed he said: "The secret of my ministry is in that crucifix you see opposite my bed.... Those open arms have been the program of my pontificate: they say that Christ died for all, for all. No one is excluded from his love, from his forgiveness" (72). The pope's last public message to the world (24 May 1963) included these thoughts: "as I said in the opening speech of the Council..., we are intent on serving humankind..., not only those of the Catholic Church.... It is not that the Gospel is changing; we are starting to understand it better.... The moment has come to acknowledge the signs of the times, to capture opportunities and look far" (107-108).
This popular book reveals the heart, hope, happiness—and surely the humor—of John XXIII. Readers come to know the secret why the pope says “I sleep very well” (xiii), his thoughts on dieting and exercise (41), his confidence in the coming “new Pentecost” (106), the renewal of priestly ministry (61), prayer and meditation (19-20).

John XXIII’s personal secretary, Loris Capovilla, cooperated in the preparation of this book; he knew intimately the mind and heart of the pope, serving as his personal secretary since John was Patriarch of Venice and extending up to his death on 3 June 1963. Capovilla, still alive in Sotto il Monte to pen the Foreword of this book (dated 22 April 2000), writes: “It is a great honor and even a triumph for me to put my name in this book, as it presents the spirituality given to the world by Pope John XXIII. I still remain enchanted by the charisma of simplicity shining on the face of this Pope who came from our Italian countryside” (vi).

INCULTURATION OF FILIPINO-CHINESE CULTURE MENTALITY
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In the dissertation published by the Pontifical Gregorian University’s Research Centre on Cultures and Religions as part of its “Interreligious and Intercultural Investigations.” The book is divided into four chapters.

The first chapter is devoted to explaining the concept of “culture mentality,” a term coined by the Russian founder of Harvard University’s Sociology Department, Pitirim Sorokin. Yu elaborates on the different levels of culture and the place of worldviews, religious traditions and rituals in the identification of a culture mental-