



## Reform of the Roman Liturgy : Its Problems and Background

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Roman Catholic Books May 2007, 2007. Paper Back. Book Condition: New. Christian liturgy is an encounter with the fixed-yet-ever-ascending Liturgy of Heaven. It is our stumbling approach to the summit of Resurrection, and the betrothal of time to eternity. Biblical descriptions of the heavenly presence of God are liturgical without exception, and even the theophanies or 'descendings' of God (Mt. Sinai or the burning bush) have liturgical elements: preparation, dialog, fear and purification -- all culminating in true worship. The Roman liturgical crisis exposed by Gamber is a crisis of definition, and therefore of understanding. Vatican II intended renewal, but the result has been confusion as to the purpose and meaning of liturgy. Gamber writes, 'Deep in the heart of every person there is a longing for home.' Home is one of the words he uses to sum up the whole being of the Liturgy. With fatherly concern, he says, 'The reformers of our Liturgy have failed to consider adequately and address the issue of how the traditional forms of liturgical worship, even if they were not entirely satisfactory, nevertheless inspired among the faithful a sense of belonging, of feeling at home.' Gamber writes as a scholar, but he does not...



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