



From Imperial Church to Beloved Community: Memoir of a Lay Catholic Priest

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Createspace, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In July, 1968, Father John Carrigan was at the desk in his parish church in Pulaski Tennessee when he learned of Pope Paul VI s encyclical letter, Humanae Vitae, reaffirming the prohibition of artificial birth control. Father Carrigan feared that his days as a canonical Catholic priest were numbered. He saw the proclamation of the pope as a rejection of the majority report of the Birth Control Commission that was made up of married lay people as well as clerical experts. He saw it as a gauntlet thrown down by the hierarchy, rejecting the inclusion of lay voices in decision-making in the church. Thus he also saw it as a rejection of the efforts of the fathers of the Second Vatican Council to balance the teaching of papal infallibility of the First Vatican Council with an increased voice for Catholic laity. In short, he saw the encyclical as an insensitive imposition of authority over the real suffering of married men and women in order to preserve a theological fine point that had no moral implications whatever. Eighty-five...



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