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From personal observation of the author's research both in Europe and America I recognize this work as a contribution to American scholarship and Ecclesiastical History — especially the history of religious orders and the Apostolate of the Word.

Rev. Joseph Grisar, S.J. Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome

This is the story of men who were passionately convinced that God sent them to preach. Not called to parochial work as their normal apostolic endeavor, the Passionist missionaries insisted from the beginning on becoming specialists at handling the Word of God with insight and unction.

Here is the story of their response to the Spirit's urging.

Struggles of adaptation to a new world, personality clashes, false starts, dashed hopes, trials and reappraisals — all these are elements in the story. But out of the turmoil and anguish came a record of phenomenal achievement in the preaching of missions and retreats. Preachers in these latter decades of the 20th century cannot afford to ignore the voices speaking to them from another age as they look for new opportunities and new ways of being servants of the Word.

Rev. Augustine P. Hennessy, C.P., S.T.D. Editor – The Sign

My acquaintance with the Passionist Fathers goes back to the days of my first lectures and writings. I welcome this book which offers deeper insight into their spirit and unique apostolate — as relevant today as in the days of its origin.

Mary Reed Newland

Father Cassian, being himself a highly experienced preacher with an unusually broad range of missionary contacts, has contributed to the preaching mission of the Church in a special way through this study of the Passionists. His thorough knowledge of the sources of Passionist history and his inspirational exposition of the Passionists as preachers make his book one of those to be classified as an expert treatment.

Rev. Thomas Casey, H.E.D. St. John's Seminary, Brighton, Mass.

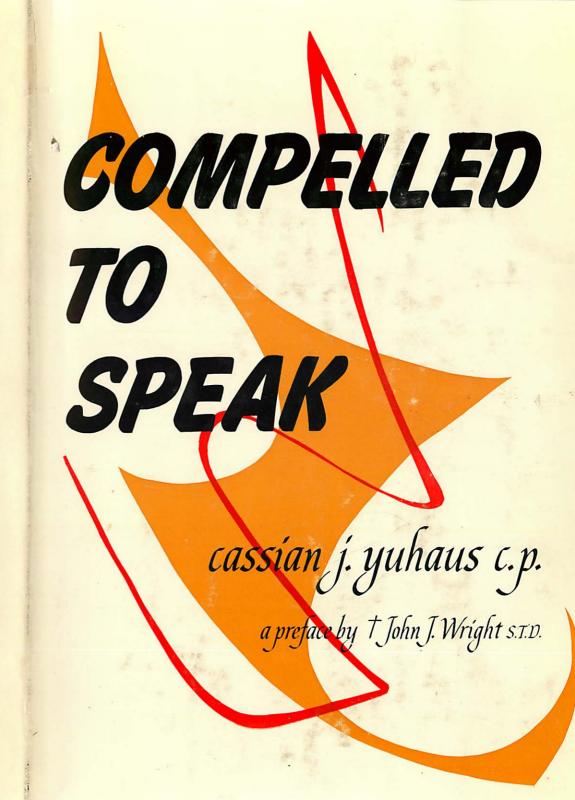
Since their establishment in Pittsburgh over a century ago, the Passionists have worked extensively throughout the United States and Canada. I am confident that this significant work will be warmly received by the clergy and religious as well as the laity.

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