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**The Passionists in America
Origin and Apostolate**

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Compelled to Speak is not simply a history; a better description would be "a study in charism." Cassian J. Yuhaus views Christianity not as a dull chronology but as a proclamation of presence and power in the Holy Spirit. If this is so concerning the whole Church, it is also true of religious orders, which are to a certain extent microcosms of the Mystical Body highlighting the doctrine of charismal grace.

From facts, figures and personalities Fr. Yuhaus has attempted to abstract answers to such questions as: What is the meaning of the preaching order in the Church? Can such an institute really succeed in pluralistic America? And, most important to our times, can a religious order remain true to the spirit and ideals of its founder in new and unique circumstances?

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ecclesiastical and civil archives in the United States and abroad. As a result, he has come up with not only a fine scholarly work but also a clear portrait of the men who play key roles in the story — Michael O'Connor, first Bishop of Pittsburgh, Anthony Testa, the Passionist Superior General whose expert administration won him the title of "Second Founder of the Congregation," Anthony Calandri, the ascetic superior who failed to give the leadership that was required of him, and John Dominick Tarlattini, the "real founder" of the order in the United States.

This is a book with universal appeal. In it the laity will find new insight into the meaning of modern religious life. Through it religious themselves may better understand their charismatic role in the new frontiers of the Aggiornamento Church.

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