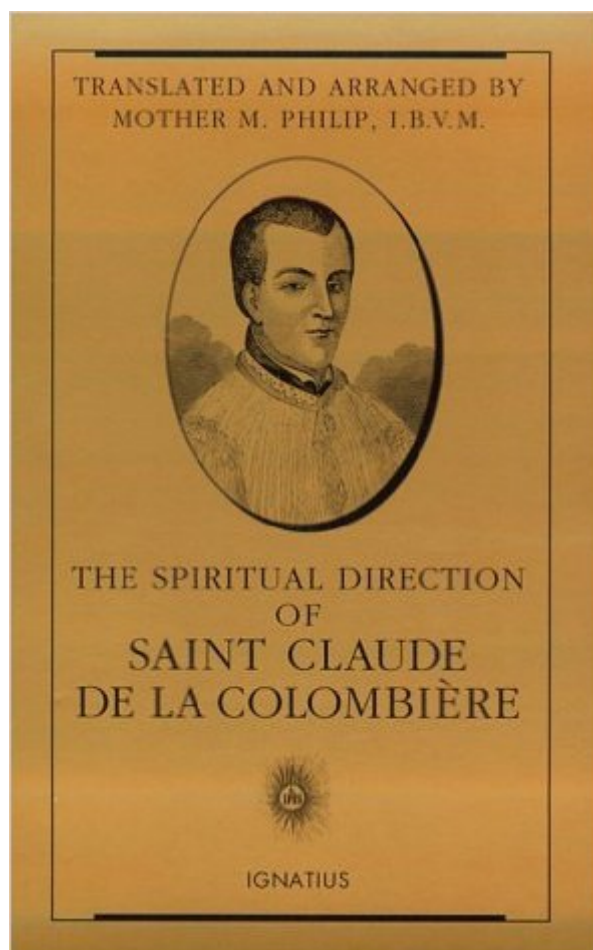


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Synopsis

St. Claude la Colombiere, recently canonized by Pope John Paul II, ranks among the masters of the spiritual life as a director of souls. He gave direction to countless souls, including St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the visionary of the Sacred Heart revelations. Jesus told St. Margaret Mary, "Father Claude is my perfect friend and servant. His gift is to lead souls to God." St. Claude preached missions and retreats on the Sacred Heart. He was also a clever psychologist who easily read the hearts of others. His sure judgment, aided by grace, enabled him to understand the difficulties of each soul and give the advice most needed for each person. Readers of this spiritual gem will find his insights full of wisdom and inspiration. His writings cover such important areas of the spiritual life as Confession, Mass and Holy Communion, Confidence in God, Perfection and Holiness, Peace of Soul, Charity, Education of Children, Spiritual Joy, Prayer, Zeal and much more.

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be glorified in us. We must pray to obtain the apostolic virtues; pray that we may use them to help others, and pray also that we may not lose them while serving others. The counsel: pray without ceasing, seems sweet to me and in no way impossible. It includes the practice of the presence of God, and with his help I resolve to follow it. We always have need of God, therefore we must always pray.

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