

NOTICES

Documentation Catholique for March 15 prints a most important conference by Cardinal Lercaro on *Religious Tolerance and Intolerance*. The distinction is made between dogmatic intolerance, to which the Church is committed by her responsibility for revealed truth, and practical or civil intolerance to which she decidedly is not committed. The cardinal stresses the dangers of the political Augustinianism of the middle ages and its considerable deviations from the thought of Augustine himself; it tended to absorb natural rights in supernatural justice, to swallow the rights of the State in those of the Church. The positive good which the civil tolerance of religious errors procures is the essential freedom of the act of adhesion to the faith, and authoritative witness to the necessity of this freedom is drawn even from such a pope as Innocent IV, who was one of the chief consolidators of the medieval inquisition.

The same journal for March 29 prints a pastoral letter of Cardinal Feltin on *The Priestly Vocation*, in which the matter is treated with a most detailed thoroughness, and put in the wider context of every man's human vocation, and every believer's Christian vocation.

Doctrine and Life, in its February-March issue, begins a series of articles on *Our Lord in the Scriptures* designed to help readers to perceive how the mystery of Christ is revealed in the Scriptures. The first of the series is on *Christ in the Old Testament*, by Fr Conleth Kearns, O.P., who is professor of scripture at the Angelicum. It is followed in the subsequent number for April-May by an article on *Christ in St Matthew* by Michael Baily, C.S.S.R. This number also contains a survey of religious filmstrips which should be most useful to teachers of religious knowledge, and in which we are glad to see that the *Jacob's Ladder* series finds an honoured place.

Spiritual Life, the quarterly of the American Carmelites, devotes its March issue to religious experiences and contains an article on *Mysticism* by E. I. Watkin; also an article on *English Mysticism and St Thomas More* by a Dutch Carthusian.

Hope is the theme of the current issue of *Lumière et Vie*.

Challoner Publications have brought out *The Parish Mass Book* at 1s. 6d. It is designed to help congregations take part in dialogue mass and sung mass and contains two alternative chants for the ordinary of the mass. It is really a companion to, not a substitute for, the missal.