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Introduction: Christian Political Engagement

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Attilio Danese, *Riscoprire la politica. Storia e prospettive* (Rediscovering politics. History and perspectives), Prefazione di M. Martinazzoli, Città Nuova, Roma 1989

To a western world that seems to record a renewed interest for politics, this book offers a route of study and deepening of political perspectives and problems. The reader is lead through the historical-sociological recognition of various tendencies and political conceptions starting from the pre-Christian world, and he is helped to deepen the consequences of the various formulations and successive stratifications till the complexity of the problems of a contemporary pluralistic and complex society. The author constantly puts in relation different ways of conceiving and making politics without forgetting the mastery of the Church, the social requests of our age and the attention to the good of persons, according to the horizon of Italian and French philosophical personalism. The book presents the teaching of Gospel and of the Fathers of the Church according to the most relevant recommendations of Catholic tradition: common good and subsidiary principle. There are many references to personalist authors, such as G. La Pira, L. Sturzo, and E. Mounier.

Regarding the contemporary world, particular attention has been given to the problems of pluralism, to the values of Constitution, to Charters of rights, to the balance between realism and utopia, to the relationship between authority and power, avoiding mental association of power with its “demonic face”.

In order to recover politics, it is important that people trust in its ethical dimension. This is the most pressing request of present democratic season as necessary premise for a renewed

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