Book Reviews

The study of Jesuit history is one of the most vibrant areas of contemporary scholarship. This presents both challenges and opportunities to a journal such as the *JJS*. There is a great deal of ground to cover. The goal of our review section is straightforward: to provide analyses of some of the most noteworthy and/or intriguing titles published on early modern and modern Catholicism, with a strong emphasis on volumes directly related to the history of the Society of Jesus. In this inaugural reviews section you will encounter, among much else, a wide-ranging summary volume on the Counter-Reformation, a specialized monograph on the life and times of Maximilian Hell, and reviews of books that tackle subjects as diverse as the Roman Inquisition, missionaries in various parts of the Americas, and the Catholic church's encounter with Fascism. This reflects the topical and chronological range to which we aspire.

The *JJS* aims to publish reviews of books within eighteen months of their publication (within twelve months when possible) though in this first edition there has been some catching up to do. We also hope to bring news of many foreign language books to an Anglophone audience. Plans are already afoot for the review sections of the *JJS* 1.2 and 1.3, in which various French, Spanish, and Portuguese volumes will make notable appearances. We will also run a series of major review essays, providing reviewers with a broader canvas on which to explore the latest developments in Jesuit studies.

Welcome, then, to the *JJS* review section. We hope it will be of service to the wide and ever-expanding community of scholars with an interest in the fascinating history of the Society of Jesus.

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