

# CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA

Joseph Varacalli is an astute observer of the American Catholic scene, and in his new book, *Bright Promise, Failed Community: Catholics and the American Public Order*, he describes how and why Catholic America has essentially failed to shape the American Republic in any significant way.

Varacalli turns his sociologically-trained eye to uncovering the reasons why American society never truly experienced a "Catholic moment." But he is not a pessimist: he identifies how a revitalized, orthodox community could serve as the carrier of Catholic social doctrine.

The book is available from Lexington Books at 1-800-462-6420 for \$45 plus shipping.