



## The Layman in the Pre-Reformation English Parish (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt: History relates that some years ago a Scotch Presbyterian, with serious religious difficulties and doubts, came for advice to a then well-known Catholic priest. In the course of the interview he asked to be informed as to what his position would be should the result of his inquiries lead him to join the Church, Among us, he said, I know exactly what the status and rights of the laity are, and I should like to know what is the exact position of a layman in the Church of Rome. Your question, replied the priest, is easily answered. The position of a layman in the Church of Rome is twofold: he kneels before the altar - that s one position; and he sits before the pulpit - and that s the other; and there is no other possible position. This brief statement, which illustrates one view of the question under discussion, cannot, of course, be taken as furnishing an adequate or accurate definition of the status of the Catholic layman of the present day. To begin with: he is always being invited...



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