

Jim DILLETT, *Love and Faithfulness: The Life Stories of Ed and Myra Dillett* [s.l.], BookSurge Publishing, 2008, 368 pp.

*Love and Faithfulness*, written by their eldest son, tells with a son's affection the stories of Ed and Myra Dillett who were among the first supernumerary members of Opus Dei in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ed Dillett was born in 1908 and grew up in a small rural town. He dreamed of becoming an engineer but for lack of money became a plumber. In 1936 in the depths of the Depression, he married Casimira (Myra) Przeworski, the daughter of a Polish miner born in 1908 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

The Dilletts lived their entire lives in Milwaukee and eventually had eight children, including one who died shortly after birth. In addition to running his own plumbing business, at one point Ed attempted to start a hardware store. None of his business ventures met with much success, and at the end of his life Ed went back to working for another plumber.

Early in 1955, the Dilletts came into contact with Opus Dei, and shortly thereafter they both asked for admission to the Work. Throughout their lives, they had been devout Catholics. The faith had informed their lives and they were both outspoken in talking about it with others. Nonetheless, when they joined Opus Dei "it was as if they were beginning a totally new life" (p. 291).

Ed learned to convert his work into prayer and to do an effective apostolate with his fellow plumbers. Their son recalls a time when his father, who was overwhelmed by the stress of a failing business, attended a workshop for supernumeraries and "returned with a smile bigger than I had seen for a long time. In the weeks that followed, he had more energy and more spring in his step" (p. 318).

Ed Dillett died of a heart attack in 1975. Myra lived another twelve years and died of cancer in 1987. To the end of her life, she exhibited a spirit of service in "performing routine tasks that [...] were monumental in a spiritual sense" (Introduction) and brought many people closer to God.

*Love and Faithfulness* is a son's moving tribute to his parents and a view into the lives of two working-class members of Opus Dei in the early years of its apostolic activities in the United States.

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Pedro ESTAÚN VILLOSLADA, *De Torreciudad a Lourdes por senderos de montaña: la ruta mariana*, Madrid, [s.n.], 2009, 118 pp.

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