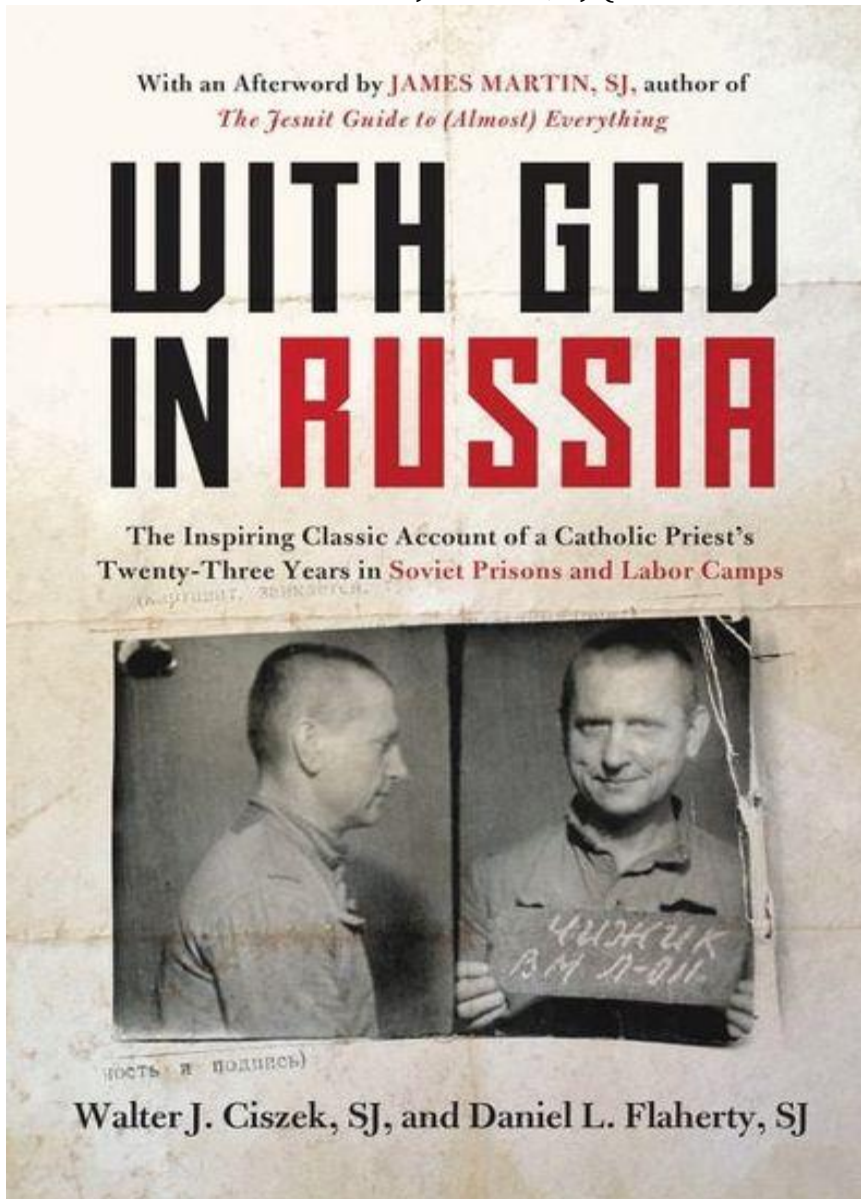


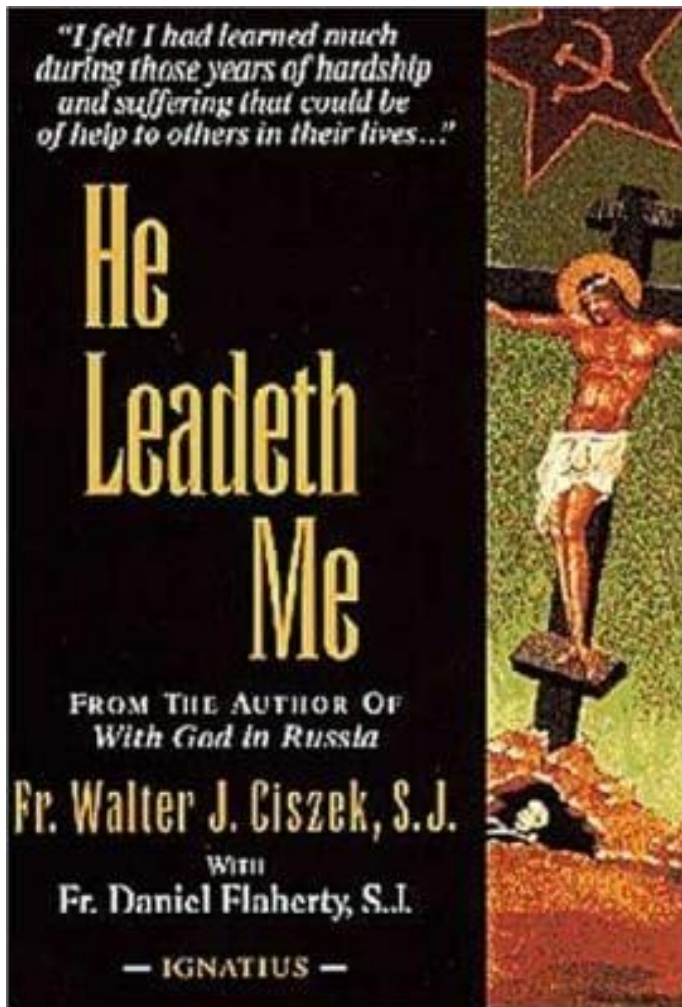
Servant of GOD Fr. Walter J. Cizek, SJ (1904 - 1984 AD)



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The Catholic Evangelist "Father Cizek... was an American Jesuit Priest convicted of being a "Vatican Spy" in World War II. He spent 23 years in Soviet prisons" \* for the crimes of being a Christian Clergyman, proclaiming GOD's Word, administering The Sacraments and loving others in CHRIST's Name before returning to the USA decades later.

All through his many years of tortures and deprivations in the communist gulags, he remained lovingly faithful to The Lord, The Church and to every person in every moment that GOD brought across his path, no matter how seemingly small and ordinary.



II CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPAdBR8ENBU&list=PLTPP-xU49eZFuPgnwhyHwH83agJISEFgv&index=19>

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of The Revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.  
8 For this thing I besought The Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee: for My Strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that The Power of CHRIST may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for CHRIST's Sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

"The Vigilance of Faith." by Father Walter Ciszek, SJ

"Faith is the answer to the question most often asked of me - "How did you manage to survive?" - and I can only repeat it simply and unashamedly. To me That Truth says more than that man has a duty and obligation toward his Creator.

To me it says that GOD has a special purpose, a special Love, a special Providence for all those He has created. GOD cares for each of us individually, watches over us, provides for us. The circumstances of each day of our lives, at every moment of every day, are provided for us by Him.

Every moment of our life has a purpose, every action of ours, no matter how dull or routine or trivial it may seem in itself, has a dignity and a worth beyond human understanding.

No man's life is insignificant in GOD's Sight, nor are his works insignificant - no matter what the world or his neighbors or family or friends may think of them. Yet what a terrible responsibility is here.

For it means that no movement can be waster, no opportunity missed, since each has a purpose in man's life, each has a purpose in GOD's Plan. Think of your day, today or yesterday. Think of the work you did, the people you met, moment by moment. What did it mean to you - and what might it have meant for GOD?

No one can know greater Peace, no more can be more committed, no one can achieve a greater sense of fulfillment in his life than the man who believes in This Truth of The Faith and strives daily to put it into practice.

If it all seems too simple, you have only to try it to find how difficult it is. But you have only to try it to find out as well the joy, and the peace and the happiness it can bring. For what can ultimately trouble the soul that accepts every moment of every day as a gift from the hands of GOD and strives always to do His will?

"If GOD is for us, who can stand against us? [ROMANS 8:31b]. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from GOD. Nothing can touch us that does not come from His hand, nothing can trouble us because all things come from His hand.

Is this too simple, or are we just afraid rally to believe it, to accept it fully and in every detail of our lives, to yield ourselves up to it in total commitment? This is the ultimate question of Faith, and each must answer it for himself in the quiet of his heart and the depths of his soul.

But to answer it in the affirmative is to know a Peace, to discover a Meaning to life, that surpasses all [mere human] understanding. That is the only secret I have come to know. It is not mine alone; CHRIST Himself spoke of it, the Saints have practiced it, others have written about it far better than I.

I can only hope that what I have written will strike a responsive chord in some, will prove a help to others, however few. And I pray that you may be one of them."\*

\*["The Vigilance of Faith." Servant of GOD Walter J. Cizek, SJ. The Magnificat, 10/21/2021. Meditation of the Day, p 294-296.]