

KEUSCH Karl

Was born on 28th April 1881 in Guebwiller in the diocese of Strasbourg of a wealthy industrialist family, whose opposition he had to overcome in order to become a Redemptorist. He took his vows in Gannat on 8th September 1901 and was ordained priest in Luxemburg on 10th August 1906. After ordination he was occupied as a busy missionary until 1914, when ill health curtailed his activity. He went to Fribourg, where he gained his doctorate in theology in 1922, the subject of his thesis being the spiritual doctrine of St. Alphonsus. *Die Aszetik des hl. Alfons M. von Liguori*, Fribourg, 1924 is a considerable development of Father Keusch's thesis. The publication was praised by Pius XI, as the author was gratified to learn through the Secretary of State. The study was, in fact, the first attempt to express the spiritual doctrine of St. Alphonsus as a system. Further studies contemplated by Father Keusch were not completed before his death in Berne on 7th May 1932.

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