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“More than sixty years after its first release, *Corpus Mysticum* is now available for the first time in English translation . . . . It joins de Lubac's *Catholicism* (1938) and *The Splendour of the Church* (1953), both long since translated to English, as an indispensable trio shaping the twentieth-century renewal of an ecclesiology of Eucharistic communion. The Simmonds translation is an invaluable complement to contemporary scholarship that draws on de Lubac's history of the articulation of the relationship between the Eucharistic and ecclesial aspects of the body of Christ.” —*Pro Ecclesia*

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### About the Author

**His Eminence Henri Cardinal de Lubac, SJ** (1896–1991), a French Jesuit, is considered to be one of the most influential theologians of the twentieth century. He is the author of a number of books, including *Catholicism and Theology in History*.

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