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My Heart's Quest. Collected Writings of Eric Doyle, Friar Minor; Theologian. Edited by Josef Raischl and Andre Cirino. GB-Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NA (Giles Lane), Franciscan International Study Centre, 2005. 23 cm., 619 p., ill. ISBN 0-954-9272-06

The publication of this anthology of essays of Eric Doyle (1938-1984) marking the occurrence of his twentieth death anniversary is indeed a significant tribute to the memory of this Franciscan scholar, who "is rightly described as a founding father of what is now the Franciscan International Study Centre, which had its official opening in September 1974, commemorating the 750th anniversary of the coming of the Friars Minor to England" (p.8). The key to the understanding Fr Eric's passion for Franciscanism may be found in the book's Preface by Austin McCormack, the OFM Provincial Minister of England: "He [Eric] alerted us to the wealth of spiritual living, prayer, devotion, philosophy, theology that saturates our Franciscan heritage; and also to the more than significant contribution made in this by friars from what is now this Province. He did this in the only real way - not just by talking about it - but by his personal effort and commitment to try, daily, to become what he was first receiving - friar minor" (7). Thanks to their enthusiasm and punctilious attention to detail, the editors have effectively brought together in a handy volume Doyle's different writings spanning two decades. The sectional titles under which the studies are thematically grouped are indicative of the wide range of Doyle's academic interest: On various Franciscan themes (38-171); On Saint Bonaventure (174-241); On Blessed John Duns Scotus (244-312); On Teilhard de Chardin (320-350); On various themes (360-598). The Bibliography of Doyle's publications (609-619)

chronologically lists his literary productions. The testimonials and other personal reminiscences of Doyle's friends and confreres go to reveal not only a scholar but also "a model for all of a Friar Minor who is humble, devoted, faithful" (34)