

WOMEN RELIGIOUS

A conference on "Women Religious and the Social Fabric," sponsored by the History of Women Religious Network, will be held at Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York, June 28-July 1, 1992. One page proposals for papers with resumes of proposed speakers should be submitted by January 10, 1992. Proposals and requests for information should be forwarded to Karen Kennelly, CSJ, 12001 Chalon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90049; telephone 213-471-9500.

The Editors

CULTURAL NEWS

R.I.P. JOSÉ MANUEL PORRÚA VENERO (1939-1991)

Noted bibliographer, editor-publisher, and bookman "Pepe" Porrúa died of a sudden heart attack at his summer home in Alicante on 10 August, 1991. A native of Mexico City, he emigrated to Madrid in 1955 with his father, José Porrúa Turanzas, former partner of the famous firms of José Porrúa e Hijos and Antigua Librería Robredo. In 1958, with his father, he founded the Colección Chimalistac de Libros y Documentos acerca de la Historia de Nueva España. Between 1955 and 1966 he issued thirteen major catalogs of rare Mexicana and Hispanica, and in 1968, four years after the death of his father, he founded Librería-Editorial José Porrúa Turanzas, S.A. Over a period of thirty years, Pepe published over two hundred titles in the fields of history, literary criticism, and linguistics, many by United States scholars. Using his extensive bibliographical knowledge, as a bookseller he formed various famous collections of Spanish history and theater, the Mexican Revolution, and colonial Mexicana. At the time of his death he was amassing a major collection on the Inquisition in the Old and New World. He was the president of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Guild of Madrid at the time of his death.

A good friend and colleague of historians, literary critics, librarians and booksellers in Europe and the Americas, Pepe's warm smile and great sense of humor will be sorely missed.

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MANILA GALLEON LOG BOOKS

At least since the publication of E. Le Roy Ladurie's *Le territoire de l'historien* (Ed. Gallimard, 1973; English trans., University of Chicago, 1979), numbers of scholars have begun to view environmental questions as another and perhaps more fruitful angle on some hoary problems in Latin American history.