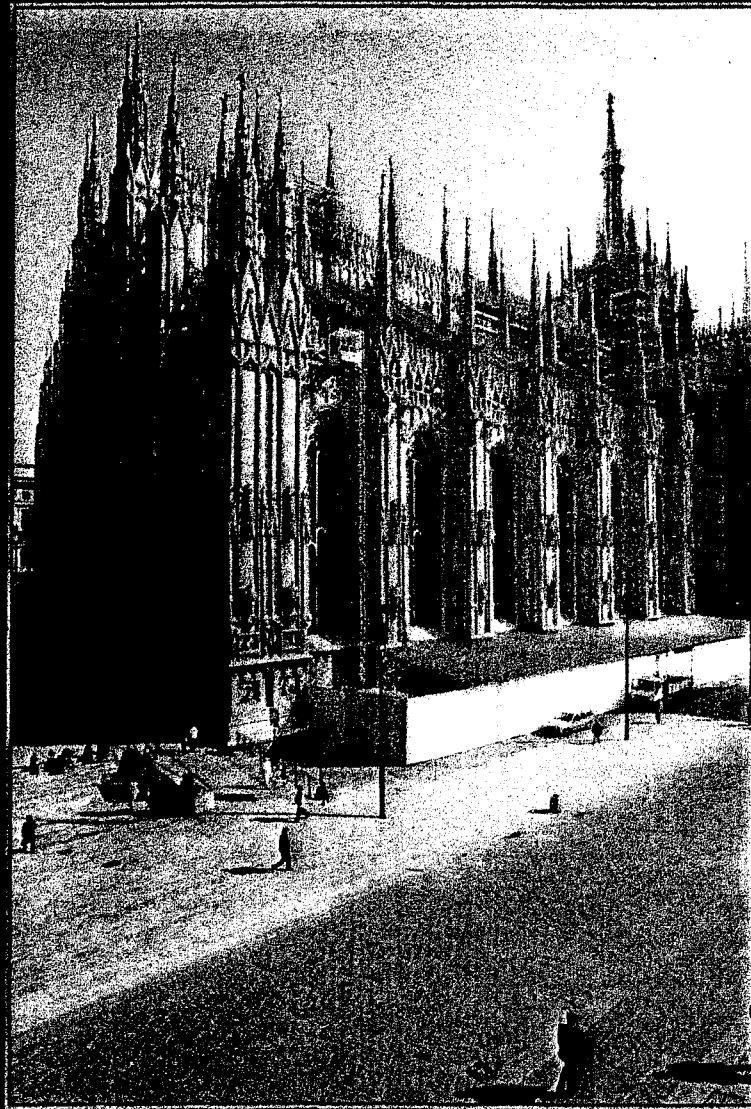


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— Jacques Maritain, *Notebooks*, Chapter 7

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