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“... At the present time there is a remnant left, selected out of grace.” - Romans 11:5



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## From the Editor's Desk...

By Michael J. Matt

### Paris Under Siege

In one of Remnant TV's new "Sunday Sermons from South St. Paul", our homilist makes the sobering observation that France—the great Catholic jewel of holy Christendom—is no longer the 'eldest daughter of the Church.' That daughter, says Father, is dead, and France today is the youngest daughter of Mohammed.

God help us, it would seem that Father is quite right.

We are all praying for the repose of the souls of those murdered in the terror attacks in Paris on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Having walked through the streets of Paris dozens of times over the years on pilgrimage to Chartres, this is particularly distressing for me personally, given the warm affection in my heart for our Catholic brothers and sisters in Paris who now live under constant threat. We were also dismayed by the Godless response to the attacks on the part of France's political leaders, who rather than pleading with the people to turn back to God in their moment of need, instead insisted that they place all of their trust in the secular regime.

Quite obviously, France has broken the promises of her baptism, and a growing hell on earth is part of the consequences.

Any talk of repentance is always conspicuous by its absence in the aftermath of these attacks. We'll hear about gun control and bullying and the need for still more gay marriage and abortion—the hallmarks of a free society—but nothing about repentance. Nothing about God. Nothing about praying for the souls of the dead. Ours is a fully secularized (read: Godless and soulless) society.

And so the carnage continues,

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Catholics and Lutherans must ask each other for forgiveness for the scandal of past divisions--so said Pope Francis when he visited Rome's Evangelical Lutheran Church this month for an evening prayer service.

## How Much More of this Pontificate Must the Church Endure?

By Christopher A. Ferrara

“[T]he Roman Pontiff, who is the representative upon earth of God and our God and Lord Jesus Christ, who holds the fullness of power over peoples and kingdoms, who may judge all and be judged by none in this world, *may nonetheless be contradicted if he be found to have deviated from the Faith.*”

-Paul IV, Bull *Cum ex apostolato officio*

Another week, another eruption from Mount Francis. This time the endless lava flow of impromptu papal remarks buried a central dogma of the Faith: The Real Presence of Christ in the Holy

Eucharist. The Sacrament of Confession also appeared to have been lost in the fiery flames of the latest improvisation.

The eruption occurred while Francis was participating in a Lutheran prayer service at an Evangelical Lutheran temple in Rome on Sunday, November 15. And what else would a Vicar of Christ be doing on a Sunday besides attending a service conducted by the minister of a sect that condones abortion, contraception, divorce and

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## Zombieland: Convert or Die!

By Patrick Archbold

Many social commentators have noticed the rise and staying power of zombie lore in our current storytelling. Zombies became all the rage, pardon the pun, many years ago and their popularity shows no sign of waning. We may be getting sick of superheroes, but zombies are ever fresh.

Those social commentators suspect that there is something about zombie lore that speaks to us in the modern era, that somehow amidst our comfort and prosperity, we have never been more fragile. They posit that somehow our golden lives, compared to every generation that came before, are more fragile, that something isn't right and we know it. That the life we lead, like the zombies, gives the appearance of life, but is truly dead. I think there might be something to this analysis (although not in the way they likely mean it.)

Of all the zombie storytelling that has occurred these past decades, there is one zombie movie that stands out in my mind as social commentary, directly tapping into the vein. That one story that stands out above all the others, which should almost go without saying, is the slacker cinema classic "Shaun of the Dead."

There is a scene in the movie that occurs after the zombie outbreak has ravaged England, but our slacker heroes were too drunk to have noticed. Simon Pegg wakes up the next day, hungover, and

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## Civilization on the Eve of Destruction (It's All Happened Before)

by Hilary White

Here's a thought experiment: what do you think would happen if China suddenly found that no one in the West were in a position any longer to buy their export goods? Just not enough money, too much debt. What if the lending institutions, credit card companies and international global financial institutions that hold national and individual debts, were one day to find themselves insolvent and demand immediate repayment? What if they just disappeared? Swallowed, perhaps,

by a titanic tsunami hitting the Eastern Seaboard? (We've all seen that movie.)

Next, what if enormous numbers of fighting-age single men from a culture accustomed to violence, with sharply divergent assumptions about morality and social responsibility, with no jobs, no money and no family ties, were suddenly imported into countries already suffering chronic economic, social and moral instability after a century of devastating wars? What if this all happened right at the moment when these countries had severely cut back

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The Sea People



## From the Editor's Desk Cont...

as does the diabolical campaign for perpetual war all around the world now, which creates an obvious and volatile situation that can only lead to the rise of a police state. After all, if it is still racist to call for better border control in Europe even after these horrific terrorist strikes, there is little hope that these people will break the chains of militant political correctness. It is as if they have lost their minds.

Still, we should not be surprised. It's Christ or chaos, and Europe has banished Christ from their burgeoning new world order long ago, which is why in the end, the beast they've created will eat them alive just as Madame Guillotine eventually lopped off the heads of the Masonic conspirators of 1789.

Meanwhile the Crescent continues to rise because the Cross is falling. The West is being chastised by the same enemy of Christendom that the much-maligned crusaders of old fought in the Holy Land; that the knights under Fra Jean Priset de Valette vanquished at the Great Siege of Malta; and that Sobieski defeated in the Battle of Vienna.

This is the same holy war, only Christendom has lost its faith, and can now only engage in futile attempts to bomb or shoot its way out of the Christ-less chaos they have created. This is Mohammed's revenge, and we are entering a period of global unrest that nobody can control and that shows no signs of letting up anytime soon. In fact, it only shows promise of getting worse now that the "enlightened ones" have officially declared war on God.

So airplanes falling from the sky, soccer stadiums and nightclubs under fire, terror everywhere—we need to get used to it. And don't expect any reduction in the number of draconian

measures for still more gay marriage, more abortion on demand, more divorce, more pornography. The "enlightened ones" have learned nothing yet.

There is hope, of course, but it's a tough sell to those who want a quick fix. There is no quick fix to this. A declaration of war on God has long-lasting consequences. Bombs will only make matters worse. Tighter gun control and restrictions on civil liberties will only make victims more vulnerable and terrorists bolder. No, the only thing that matters is the one thing nobody wants to hear about: The Kingship of Christ.

The problem in our cities and in our classrooms, churches and homes has everything to do with His uncrowning. It has everything to do with a Consecration of Russia that never happened. It has everything to do with Vatican II.

But there is hope, and there are those who have not given up and who continue to fight with total confidence that in the end Christ still reign triumphant, which is why we are very proud to announce the publication of the Remnant's first novel: *The Mosque of Notre Dame*.

It reads not like fiction, but like something lifted from current news headlines. Set in 2048, it's all about how Muslims from Arabia and middle Europe have taken over the governments of Western Europe and locked down those countries under Sharia Law.

Picture Paris's *l'Arc de Triomphe* as the staging ground for the stoning of wine makers. Imagine the Louvre stripped of all of its works of art and the grand cathedral of Notre-Dame converted into a Mosque, complete with his 'n' her footbaths. (The Basilica of St. Peter in Rome has been flattened and turned into a garbage dump.)

How did this nightmare become the reality in the motherland of civilization? A lack of faith and lack of fight left the old lands of Christendom defenceless against massive, calculated immigration into a timid West that has grown too selfish to stand up for itself.

Sound familiar?

This is a resistance-movement thriller set in a Sharia dystopia. It is at the same time an inspiring tale of physical and spiritual survival. The world turned its back on God, and so He allowed us to carry on without Him. The God-less have created their own chastisement, in other words, the chastisement that is life without God.

In Paris, however, an alliance of Traditional Catholics and a small contingent of secular Frenchmen blessed with native Gallic cussedness, are the only opposition left in this fast-paced adventure of physical war, culture war, strategy, revenge, sacrifice, love, reconciliation, and the relentless consequences of ideas. Those who will not fight for their faith will lose it, and everything else. But those who will fight and forgive, will gain everything.

We're very proud to work with author, Elena Chudinova—a Russian, Traditional Catholic from Moscow. Her book has enjoyed great success in the "front-line" nations where Islam and the West are colliding. Originally published in Russian in 2006, we're so proud to announce the kick-off of the first American edition published by Remnant Press.

The book is controversial, to be sure, and has been for almost ten years. In ordering this book and maybe getting a couple of extra copies for Christmas

gifts, you'll be helping The Remnant shore up its financial fortifications. What's clear to us is that life as we know it is changing drastically, and we're bracing for a fight. But we're also giving Remnant readers our word that we will not back down and, if need be, we'll go down swinging. Our decision to join forces with the courageous Elena Chudinova in letting the Christian voice ring out loud and clear in this new and perhaps last Crusade, makes this abundantly clear.

Please give us a hand by ordering more than one copy of *The Mosque of Notre Dame* and spreading word of this important and timely new novel coming out just in time for Christmas.

### A Word from the Author of "The Mosque of Notre Dame"



Elena Chudinova

I am very happy to introduce my book to American readers. This year *The Mosque of Notre Dame* turned ten years old. So far, it has been published in Russian, Serbian, Polish, Bulgarian, Turkish, and French, and translated into Norwegian. I find it hard to express my appreciation to all the novel's friends and supporters, whose selfless efforts have made it possible for the book to reach countless new readers around the world.

Still, I am sometimes enveloped by a sense of gloom. I am terrified that we are losing precious time. The danger described in *The Mosque of Notre Dame* grows every day. I began writing this novel after the fall of the Twin Towers in 2001, but before the mass murder of schoolchildren in the Russian city of Beslan by Islamic terrorists in 2004. Do most Americans even know about the horrible tragedy of Beslan—those three days during which all Russians sat, glued to their television screens, praying? Chechen Muslim terrorists had attacked a village school and kidnapped more than 700 children, imprisoning them in a stuffy gymnasium built to accommodate 100 people.

Before the suspense and horror ended, 333 people, including rescuers, were murdered. Half of those killed—186 of them—were children as young as 9 years old. If facts cannot be silenced, they still can be distorted. Do Russians know about the fall of the Twin Towers? Definitely. But how many bizarre Russian versions of this event have I heard over the years, according to which the Towers were toppled by "non-Muslims"? For some reason, someone is very interested in preventing discussion about the threat to our civilization posed by Islamic occupation.

The character of Sophia, the principal heroine of my novel, appeared in my imagination after I read a news story about a twelve-year-old Russian girl, the daughter of a businessman, who was kidnapped by Chechen bandits. The girl was held for more than six

months and was tortured and abused. To speed the father's ransom payments, the kidnappers cut off two of her fingers. Eventually, the girl was rescued and the kidnappers arrested.

An American offered to pay for the girl's rehabilitation at a U.S. clinic—since all her family's resources had been spent on her ransom. But the rescued girl was refused entry to the United States by the State Department. Strangest of all, the story of this poor, wounded girl being barred entry by the usually generous U.S. government went virtually unreported in America's news media.

It is worth noting that, at the time, many people in the West had been making excuses for the Chechen criminals. So perhaps it was inconvenient that, unlike mere words, a maimed child's injuries offer incontrovertible evidence of the depravity of the people the Western press likes to call Muslim "militants."

A thought crossed my mind: If there is no justice in this world, will this girl seek vengeance when she grows up? As it turned out, she chose another, better path. That is why I do not mention her name. But as the story develops in my novel, the heroine chooses vengeance—a lonely, bitter path.

Most of the large-scale events the book describes have not yet taken place in our world. The European Union has not turned into Eurabia—*so far*. For now, vineyards have not been cut down. The great paintings of Western art have not been burned. And the magnificent Cathedral of Notre Dame has not been turned into a mosque. But how the year 2048 will turn out for Europe and the West depends on us.

We live in times when it is harder and harder to follow the great Alexander Solzhenitsyn's behest to "live not by lies". Ecumenism prevents people from asserting that the only true path is to follow Christ the Lord. Political correctness prevents people from calling the threats to our Western, Christian civilization by their true names.

My book took ten long years to reach the American reader and that is hardly surprising. That is why I am very grateful to Remnant Press for its courage and principles - rare qualities in these times. Thanks to Remnant Press, today I can speak the truth in the English language - an uncomfortable, unpleasant truth, but surely a necessary one that must be heard today, because tomorrow may be too late.

Elena Chudinova

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# The Remnant Speaks

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## Paris Under Siege

Editor, *The Remnant*: As a French traditional Catholic, I want to thank you, sir, for this video. May our Lord have mercy on us before our France we love so much dies in her apostasy. We French Catholics can only suffer, day after day, and it's been like that for about 230 years! It seems we won't be able to bear it longer.

Piafou

Editor, *The Remnant*: I have wanted to take a break from writing e-mails because current events are just getting too horrible but your Paris Remnant TV episode [https://youtu.be/MM2VW-tw\\_OY](https://youtu.be/MM2VW-tw_OY) motivated me to write one more. Your commentary was Catholic and calm; these are not reasonable times and it is easy to give way to irrational emotionalism. Your related critique of the death metal band, was chilling. It is almost as if those music fans were literally sacrificed to Satan.

Just before the most recent Paris attacks I had written a note to you about the Islamization of Europe, and requested a preview of the new book, "The Mosque of Notre Dame." Could it be any closer to reality? St. Denis is an Islamic neighborhood, the burial place of French kings, the tomb of a nation. Nations do die, when they fall into mortal sin, by formally rejecting Christ and his laws. In mortal sin, one cannot receive grace but is blind and has no hope. Can we really expect the French leaders to go to confession? One priest told me that modern France is a corpse, you can poke it but you don't really get any reaction, it is dead. I think that can be said of most of the rest of Europe.

Humanly, we should expect the worst. Some Catholic prophecy foretells fire for Paris specifically because she spread the fire of revolution around the world. Destruction will be related to the role of cities, London will be destroyed by the sea, England ruled the sea, Paris by fire because she spread the fire of revolution and Rome by an earthquake, the rock of Peter has been split by Paul VI himself.

As Catholics we may idealize Christendom too much, it did not include the whole world's people and may die before Christ's kingdom is realized. If that happens our hope will endure still. The Catholic Church is not Christendom and will continue with or without old Europe. Thank you for the Paris Remnant TV episode.

Bill Choquette

Editor, *The Remnant*: In response to the letter by Robert K. Dahl in the November 5th issue; the migration is called the Haidith and is part of Jihad. It is commanded that the Muslims migrate to help spread Sharia law.

Your paper is an invaluable source of information and is in my prayers daily. God bless.

Kathleen Miles  
Michigan

## Richard Lloyd, RIP

Editor, *The Remnant*: Richard Lloyd, my dad, died on Monday, one day short of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. He loved the Lord, the Church, and the Remnant. He was a great, fine, smart and loving father. May he rest in peace.

Regards,  
Christopher F. Lloyd  
Catasauqua, PA

**Editor's Note:** Thank you very much, Christopher. I have known your father for many years. He was a great man and a true soldier of Christ. He was also very encouraging to me personally many years ago when I was still wet behind the ears as editor of *The Remnant*. Mr. Lloyd's great legacy is easy to see in the success of his life's work and in the strong faith of his children. May our good God, served well by Richard Lloyd, welcome this loyal son of the Church into the heavenly kingdom. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. **MJM**

## Good News from Andrew Senior

Editor, *The Remnant*: It is a rare occasion in today's world to write to you with good news, but recently an opportunity has proved irresistible. I wish to let you and Remnant readers know about a marvelous new book, *Masterpieces of English Poetry: Two Hundred Poems for High School and Junior High School Students*, edited by my friend and colleague at St. Mary's College, Mr. Andrew J. Clarendon.

This little volume contains an absolutely wonderful selection of poems. As with so many good things, it seems such an obvious idea once someone else has done it. Mr. Clarendon has done an excellent and admirable job in selecting these poems. Many of them are traditional old favorites, but many others are neglected gems not found in most anthologies.

For years, when people have asked where they can get a good collection of poetry, I have always recommended the usual large anthologies, Oxford or Norton, but with a note of caution; the modern editions contain many bad poems. But with the publication of this new collection, chosen carefully by an experienced Catholic teacher and scholar, that is no longer necessary. One can open it to any page and find a good poem.

I cannot recommend this book highly enough; it is now on my father's list of *The 1,000 Good Books*. The only thing I would add is that it belongs not just in every Catholic school, as the subtitle indicates, but in every home in Christendom. Students should start to study this treasury of poetry at a young age, but they should not leave it behind once they are done with school. It should accompany them throughout the rest of their lives.

In Christo Rege,  
Andrew Senior

## Recalling Anne Roche Muggeridge

Editor, *The Remnant*: Anne Roche Muggeridge, bless her soul, who, no doubt, is a saint in heaven, wrote this fantastic article. I did a bit of research and found her book: "The Gates of Hell: The struggle for the Catholic Church". I finally, through the interlibrary loan system of the St. Louis County Library from Christendom College library and just finished this stupendous book on the history of Vatican II and its destruction of the Church. Also obtained the book through the same loan system of Malcolm Muggeridge, her father-in-law's conversion story in "Conversion: Spiritual journey of a pilgrim" available through Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Both are must reads for conservative Catholic readers. I learned so much from her book and enjoyed the conversion story at age 84 of Mr. Muggeridge. I attend Mass at the St. Francis De Sales church, by the Institute of Christ the King fathers. Fantastic church known as the Cathedral of South St. Louis, my wife and I were married there in 1959.

Thank you for all your paper does to save the glorious Latin Mass in America!

Dan Burke  
St. Louis, MO.

## Jesus is not Tolerant

The Progressives/Modernists in the Roman Catholic Church, led by Pope Francis and German Cardinals Kasper, Marks and Schönborn, are trying mightily to convince everyone that Mercy and Tolerance are the same thing. But Jesus Himself showed us that this is not the case.

Jesus is, of course, All Merciful ... that is what the parable of the Prodigal Son is all about. It is what Jesus meant when He said He came not for the Righteous but for Sinners. It is what the parable of the shepherd leaving the 99 to go find the lost sheep stands for. If we can convince Jesus that we are truly sorry for what we have done, then He forgives us unequivocally.

But Jesus was NOT tolerant of sin. This fact is demonstrated in, at the very least, the four following passages:

1) In Matthew 21, Jesus did not gently and quietly call together the merchants and money changers in the temple and say, "Hey, guys, we need to talk. You really should take your business enterprises outside the temple area. This is a sacred place of worship." No, He totally went on a rampage, taking the rope from around His waist and using it as a whip drove them and their livestock from the temple area, knocking over their tables and scattering their money, all the while shouting that they had turned His Father's House into "a den of thieves." Jesus was totally Intolerant of what they were doing.

2) In Matthew 5, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to your



ancestors, 'You shalt not kill ...' But I say to you that whoever says 'You fool' will be liable to fiery Gehenna." Here Jesus expands the coverage of the Commandment: He doesn't equivocate about it.

3) Also in Matthew 5, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery in his heart." Talk about Intolerance ... Jesus has expanded adultery to a unilateral act without the knowledge or complicity of a partner.

4) But, John Chapter 8 best demonstrates how Jesus differentiates between Mercy and Tolerance where He comes upon a group of men holding stones and they have a woman with them. They explain to Jesus that the woman was caught in the act of adultery ... not merely accused but actually caught ... how embarrassing. Anyway, they challenge Jesus on the Jewish Law requiring death by stoning for adultery by asking Him, "How say You, Rabbi?" Jesus first stoops and scratches in the dirt and several men, seeing what He has written, drop their stones and leave. Then He says to the rest, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone." At that point, the rest of them drop their stones and leave. Jesus then asks the

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woman, "Has no man condemned you?" To which she replies, "No, Master." So Jesus tells her that neither will He condemn her to death. But then He says the most powerful statement in the passage. He tells her to "go and sin no more." He didn't say something about understanding how it is, that we all have these urges, yada, yada, yada. NO ... He showed her mercy by not condemning her but total Intolerance for her sinful behavior.

However, while Jesus clearly differentiated between Mercy and Tolerance, the Progressives/Modernists do not. Mark my words, Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy" will be perverted to accept divorce, homosexuality, gay marriage and who knows what else in the name of Mercy. When they do this, may God have Mercy on us all.

John Saur  
Darien, CT

Editor, *The Remnant*: Thanks for those links to the latest news from Rome. Yes, I have just been reading (in the original Italian) the three paragraphs of the Final Report of the Synod (nos. 84, 85 and 86) that only barely scraped together the necessary 2/3 majority of votes. They all have to do with the situation of the divorced and civilly remarried.

It looks very ominous to me. These paragraphs are vague, and full of true, but one-sidedly 'positive' (and therefore tendentious) comments about Catholics in that bigamous (adulterous) situation. Above all, the paragraphs manifest a *deafening silence* about whether these folks can be admitted to Holy Communion. By conspicuously failing to cite Pope St. John Paul II's clear teaching in *Familiaris Consortio* #84 that they can't receive Communion unless they live as 'brother and sister', while citing the more "compassionate" parts of that very same article of *FC*, the Synod majority sends a clear message: *The Church is moving towards opening a door that John Paul (and all his predecessors) had firmly closed!*

When we look at the voting numbers of these three paragraphs, it is clear that they would not have received the required 2/3 majority if it were not for the dozens of 'progressive' cardinals and bishops with whom the Holy Father personally packed the Synod by direct personal appointment - both as Synod Fathers and as members of the drafting committee for this report.

Basically, it seems clear that the Synod battle - a battle in which the soul of the Church is at stake! - has been won by Pope Francis and the party of so-called 'mercy'. The Supreme Pontiff has successfully imposed his will on the Synod and will probably now claim he has a green light, after having "consulted" and "listened to" the world's bishops, to bring out a follow-up document that 'decentralizes' this issue, i.e., that allows "regional" differences as to whether divorced-and-remarrieds can receive Communion.

If so, we will be facing a terribly grave situation; for that kind of "diversity" on a matter which by its very nature demands *uniformity* throughout the Catholic world will be enough to start

unravelling the whole fabric of Catholic doctrine: first in 'morals', then in matters of 'faith' as well. ("Faith and morals" go together.)

May heaven preserve us, and may the Holy Spirit move and guide the heart of Pope Francis so that he does not take this revolutionary step!

Father X

### Sovereign Military Order of Malta

I am writing to urge His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, your Patron, to convene, perhaps with His Excellency Bishop Athanasius Schneider, his own Synod of faithful prelates, in order to issue a clear, unequivocal document on Catholic doctrine regarding marriage, homosexuality and sin. This document would counter the fraudulent, mealy-mouthed report of the just-concluded fraudulent Synod in Rome, which was nothing more, overall, than a coven of homosexuals manipulating language in order to create openings to destroy Church teaching and replace it with paganism.

The Catholic Church cannot accept evil disguised, with effeminate sophistry, as good. If she does, then she has already become the seat of the anti-Christ, and God help us all.

Is His Eminence going to allow the smoke of Satan to billow freely throughout the Church?

Viva Cristo Rey! Sincerely yours in Christ,

John Ingram  
Cincinnati, OH, USA

### Greetings from Taiwan

Editor, *The Remnant*: First of all, let me say how sad I am to discover you a posteriori to my living in Minnesota during 13 years. I am now living in Taipei, Taiwan where it is difficult to find Catholic services, even more so find Latin services. But I digress.

The main reason I am contacting you is twofold. As an American citizen born in France, who went to high school in Chartres, I was very taken by your YouTube posting on the pilgrimage to Notre Dame de la Chretiente, in Chartres. I shall move to Guam next year, where I have many friends. I am very interested to find information about the pilgrimage, as I believe I could bring a small group of parishioners with me. Unfortunately, we would have to make our own travel arrangement, going through either Hong Kong, Taipei, Seoul or Tokyo.

But we would be proud to join the American contingent in Paris for the actual event. We would have several older people, who probably could not do the whole walk, but could rejoin at pre-determined sites. I would certainly appreciate any information you might have that could help plan this in advance.

Secondly, I wanted to update you on the dire situation of the Archdiocese of Guam. Several years ago, the

Archbishop Anthony Sablan authorized the establishment in several parishes of Neocatecumenal groups. Soon afterward he himself joined the "movement", putting the Archdiocese of Guam and the Marianas in a unique situation where the person in charge of the Catholics' well being and leadership on these islands became subservient in his own diocese to the Catechist leading the "Way" on the island.

The situation started to fester several years back, when the Archbishop decided to create a Seminary on the Island. After a long and drawn-out adventure of money laundering, hiding of sexual abusers, and more improprieties, a scandal exploded over two years ago, when he illegally and brutally removed a much beloved parish priest, who took his case to Rome, and the subsequent eviction of the Rector of the Cathedral on cooked up evidence. (He was considered as a leading candidate to replace him upon retirement.)

Soon the local Catholics joined a movement started by a local Catholic blogger, who took the defense of the aggrieved priests. Many contributors started pouring in, with information about the neocatecumenal way. None of them were very flattering, and a pattern of abuse of parishioners, members of the way, financial misdeeds, blackmail and more started to emerge.

The local Catechist of the Way, a very nefarious and dubious character, started his own blog, and started attacking the traditional Catholics, especially Mr. Rohr the blogger and another local blogger, Mr. White. Specifically, they attacked them for attending Latin Mass at the Chapel of the Capuchin priory. This was followed by an all out attack on the traditionalist movement and any person who might be for whatever reason feeling sympathetic to the traditionalist movement. I do not know how much

### Holy Family Academy

Dear Remnant Newspaper, Holy Family Academy is a non-profit, private school in Belle Plaine and we are having our 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Program on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Belle Plaine Elementary School in Belle Plaine, MN. As an ongoing effort to raise funds for the Academy, we are having a Silent Auction along with our Christmas Program. Our work at the Academy depends upon support from the community, support that comes from individuals & businesses that see the value of private education. Not only will your donations help touch the minds of youth for years to come, but it will also provide valuable advertisement for your organization. Our families & auction participants are your customers. When your product or service is featured in the auction program & or displayed for bidding, they will recognize & appreciate your support. Please email me at [sonja\\_dvorak@yahoo.com](mailto:sonja_dvorak@yahoo.com) or contact Lee Dvorak at Holy Family Academy at 952-873-2582 if you would like to donate for the silent auction. We are hoping to have everything coordinated by Monday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support. Please remember that your donation is tax deductible. Sincerely,

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you know about this movement, which poses as conservative on many issues, but in fact is not at all. Indeed, they have taken many liberties with many of the Sacraments and are preaching many things that are in total contradiction with Pope Benedict's recommendations. Pope Francis so far has given them some leeway. The situation is such that the whole archdiocese is suffering from this de facto schism. The Catholic community there has had some success: a pontifical commission was appointed last January to investigate. It appears that the Bishop shall be forced into retirement soon.

Yet we have found that this "movement" has made much headway in the USA, thanks to the sponsorship of ill advised Bishops. They have strong beachheads in Boston, Newark, Denver and Los Angeles. They buy their way with gifts and the bringing of "new vocations" of ill-prepared young men, not vetted and poorly trained. When they graduate from these express seminaries, they usually move on as "presbyters" rather than priests. Their financial well being is attached to the incardinating Diocese, but they are seldom here, often traveling to far corners of the world to serve their master, Mr. Arguello.

I believe that there are common synergies between the SSPX and the renewed faithful of Guam, and would appreciate if you could at the very least use your network of faithful around the world to give moral support to the aggrieved Catholics of Guam. I believe that many local priests would also be open to an education on the extraordinary rite, since many never had the opportunity during their seminary years to be exposed to it. I pray that my words will fall on open ears. God bless you and all the members of the Society of St Pius X.

Pierre M. Tarrene  
Tianmu, Taipei



# St. Maria Goretti and the New Church of Mercy

By Tess Mullins

Mercy is the name of the game. At least it is in the “new, improved” Catholic Church of today, which is such a sensitive listener. Of course mercy is crucial, but the new Church has put a different spin on it. Forget about the need for repentance, Mercy is for everyone, whether they want it or not! If the 60’s were all about “free love”, then these are the days of “free mercy”. But should mercy have no cost?

Today the Pilgrimage of Mercy came to my town. This is the official name of a tour throughout the United States of the relics of the Church’s youngest martyr, Saint Maria Goretti. For this tour she was given the title “Little Saint of Great Mercy” because she forgave her murderer. Without diminishing this act of heroic virtue, there is perhaps another lesson to be learned from her story, one which was overlooked in the promotion of this tour; a lesson in sorrow for sin and amendment of life.

Maria Goretti was only nine years old when her father died, leaving her to be a little mother to five younger children while his widow worked in his fields. Maria’s spirit strengthened and repaired the broken family. But two years later the neighbor boy, a young man whose father was an alcoholic and whose mother was insane, tried to force himself upon her while she was alone in the house. She declared that she would rather die than allow him to commit this sin, and in a fit of rage he stabbed her fourteen times and fled.

Maria was found alive and doctors performed an operation on her without anesthetic, for fear of inducing cardiac arrest, but they were unable to staunch the internal bleeding. She offered up these unimaginable pains for the conversion of sinners, and before she died she told her mother, “I forgive Alessandro Serenelli and I want him to be with me in heaven forever.” She was canonized 48 years later by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Her murderer was invited to the canonization. By this time, he was a changed man. The eleven-year-old innocent who lay dying knew he would convert when she said that she wanted him to be with her in heaven. Consider what this means! She understood the gravity his sin; she died for it. And she knew that he would not be allowed into heaven unless he repented of his sin. Maria Goretti, unlike the “listening” Church of our day, asked a change of him. Yes, there was mercy, but the key

## St. Maria Goretti



player here was repentance; both in expectation and later, in reality.

It is said that Alessandro went to prison the angriest man on earth. But there little Maria appeared to him, and though she did not speak, her entire aspect was one of forgiveness, and he understood.

He converted on the spot.

The rest of his life was devoted to atoning for his past. He made peace with Maria’s poor mother, and joined the Capuchin Friars as a lay brother. He wrote an open letter to the world, which was found by his Capuchin brothers after his death. Here are the words of a man who learned the correct perspective on sin and judgment; who found dignity and honor in sorrowing for his sins and amending his life:

I am now 80 years old. I am close to the end of my days. Looking back at my past, I recognize that in my early youth I followed a false road – a pathway of evil that led to my ruin.

Through the content of printed magazines, immoral shows, and bad examples in the media, I saw the majority of young people of my day following evil without thinking twice about it. Unworried, I did the same thing. There were faithful practicing Catholics around me, but I paid them no attention. I was blinded by a brute force that pushed me down the wrong way of living.

At the age of twenty I committed a crime of passion, the memory of which still horrifies me today. Maria Goretti, now a saint, was my good angel whom God placed in my path to save me. Her words both of rebuke and forgiveness are still imprinted in my heart. She prayed for me, interceding for her killer. Thirty years in prison followed.

If I had not been a minor in Italian law, I would have been sentenced to life in prison. Nevertheless, I accepted the sentence I received as something I deserved.

Resigned, I atoned for my sin. Little Maria was truly my light, my protectress. With her help, I served those 27 years in prison well. When society accepted me back among its members, I tried to live honestly. With angelic charity, the sons of St. Francis, the minor Capuchins of the Marches, welcomed me among them not as a servant, but as a brother. I have lived with them for 24 years. Now I look serenely to the time in which I will be admitted to the vision of God, to embrace my dear ones again, and to be close to my guardian angel, Maria Goretti, and her dear mother, Assunta.

May all who read this letter desire to follow the happy teaching of avoiding evil and following the good. May they believe from their childhood that religion with its precepts is not something they can do without. Rather, it is true comfort, and the only sure way in all of life’s circumstances – even in the most painful. Peace and all good,

Alessandro Serenelli  
Macerata, Italy, 5 May 1961

This man gets it. It’s not only about mercy. In life there is pain, conflict, falling, but there is also rising up and starting over, and honor to be gained in trying. Shame comes with remaining in sin, not with accusing yourself and rising above it. The Church today, however, is perfectly willing to smile mercifully upon you as you stubbornly wallow in your own filth.

But mercy stands on justice. Alessandro Serenelli knew that justice must come first, and so he accepted his prison sentence and made reparation for his crimes. Only then was he able to say with childlike confidence, “I look serenely to the time in which I will be admitted to the vision of God.”

Saint Maria Goretti (and Alessandro, if you’re up there!) please pray for your Church! ■



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# Men at Arms

By Timothy J Cullen

*“You can only leave God out [of fiction] by making your characters pure abstractions”*

(Evelyn Waugh, 1946)<sup>1</sup>

Older *Remnant* readers may recognize the title of this essay as the title of a 1952 novel by the late Evelyn Waugh (1903-1966), the first of what is known as *The Sword of Honor* trilogy. A 1930 convert to Catholicism, Waugh was a staunch traditionalist who could be said to have been outraged by the introduction of the vernacular Mass and left no doubt as to his disappointment in general with the Second Vatican Council. Waugh is best known for his 1945 novel *Brideshead Revisited*, a literary success later (1982) made into a highly successful television series named by *Time Magazine* in 2010 as one of the “100 best TV shows of all time”.<sup>2</sup>

The societal ambience portrayed in the novels mentioned above is one that has little or no resonance with today’s readers—Catholic or otherwise—and this essay is in no way intended to examine it; this essay is intended to examine the whys and wherefores of what the writer perceives as an overall decline in what might be labeled “Catholic fiction” and Catholic literature—particularly traditional Catholic—in general and what hope there may be for a revival of it.

One may take as a near-given that “mainstream” publishers will take no interest in “Catholic” literature that does not conform to the Vatican II construct of “contemporary” Catholicism and, truth be told, little or no interest in that either. Catholicism, you see, is simply not in vogue, doesn’t strike the fancy of the reading public. You’ve noticed that, no?

One asks oneself why it may be that novels written from a traditional Catholic perspective are not being written. One is inclined to answer that for someone who invests the not inconsiderable time and effort, talent notwithstanding, to author a novel, the likelihood of finding a publisher for it and then finding purchasers is so little as to make the project a folly rather than a truly practical endeavor. One might write such a work *ars gratia artis* (“art for art’s sake”, the official motto of MGM Studios), but the evidence is that there are few takers for such an undertaking when it comes to traditional Catholic fiction. Perhaps if such work were to be viewed as akin to a lay apostolate, a crusading work, a work to be undertaken without much hope of just compensation in worldly terms, an author with sufficient skill to create and execute such a work might come forward, but as nearly as this writer can determine, no such novelist has appeared in recent memory, at least not one who can be said to have achieved any degree of recognition even among the admittedly small audience of traditional Catholics.

The truth of the matter is that few if any traditional Catholics are in a financial position to dedicate the time and effort required to write a truly engaging novel on a purely speculative basis however deep their commitment to the Faith. An essayist such as myself is more a craftsman and less a creator or an “artist” if you will. True, the writing of a novel requires skilled craftsmanship, but the effort goes considerably beyond craftsmanship. A novel requires a commitment of mind, soul and time that is well-nigh total during the period of its creation. It is not a task to be undertaken lightly, just as is the case with writing a two-thousand-word essay in a determined period of time, although the time required to write a worthy novel is considerably longer. During that time, the author must have a roof over the head, food to eat, bills to pay. Writing that novel “on speculation” is a challenge very few are prepared or in condition to undertake, talent to do so notwithstanding.

The novelist of whichever gender is a “man at arms” if said novelist is to write a novel with little commercial possibility. The Catholic novelist is more or less by default one who cannot expect commercial success in the contemporary literary marketplace. Commercial success is nearly exclusively reserved for those novelists who are “anointed” by the controllers of mass media and the publishing adjuncts thereof. Catholic publishers are fortunate if they can manage to pay their authors a pittance because aside from lacking the wherewithal to conduct marketing campaigns, they lack the resources to offer authors an advance during the arduous period of completion of a novel. If you’re a “man at arms” for the Faith, assuming you have a “day job” or a private income that sustains you, such an effort is possible and we can be grateful there are those willing to undertake it.

The traditional Catholic reader complains bitterly (and rightly so) about the quality of mass-market and even “trade” (i.e. “literary”) fiction but is presumably unable or unwilling to support the creation and publication of authentic Catholic fiction. Understand this: writers in general are an endangered species; Catholic writers are a species on the verge of extinction; *traditional* contemporary Catholic fiction writers are apparently the equivalent of the auk if one is to judge by the last fifty years. There are approximately 1.1 billion Catholics in the world, a bit more than a million of them traditional Catholics according to something I read somewhere, but to judge by literary output, one might think there were very few. Let us hope that is about to change.

The Remnant Press has just released the first American edition of the growingly celebrated 2006 novel *The Mosque of Notre Dame*, originally written in Russian, by Elena Chudinova, a convert to Roman Catholicism. Considered controversial, the novel has already received many favorable reviews. Nearly a decade after its original publication, the novel is now more timely than ever. This novel is a “page-turner”, as Michael Matt points

out, but it addresses issues important to Traditional Catholics and anyone else concerned with possible threats to Catholic culture today and tomorrow. This novel is without question “Catholic fiction” and its publication in English comes at an opportune time.

What constitutes “Catholic” fiction? What sets it apart from “general” fiction? Is there an actual *need* in Catholicism for novels centered on it? Is there still a readership for Catholic fiction?

An essay worth reading in its entirety can be found here: <http://tuscanypress.com/what-is-catholic-fiction.php>, but in the interests of simplicity, this sentence offers a solid introductory answer: “Catholic fiction is defined by the Catholic imagination and a Catholic perspective”.<sup>3</sup> Which works, then, are generally acknowledged “classics” of Catholic fiction?

It is interesting to note on a list offered at <http://catholicfiction.net/book-reviews-by-top-25.php> of 25 classics, not one was written by a living author. Granted, this is by no means an exhaustive list, but unless it is customarily considered that “classics” must be posthumous, the fact that all authors are deceased and the most recently published work dates from the 1960s, a chronological coincidence that should not be lost on *Remnant* readers. A much longer list (2212 books) can be found at [http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/4803.Best\\_Catholic\\_Fiction](http://www.goodreads.com/list/show/4803.Best_Catholic_Fiction), but with few exceptions in the first hundred, nearly all the works are posthumous and more than fifty years old. There are not many National Book Award winners among them and only two Nobel Prize winners (Sigrid Unset, 1928, and François Mauriac, 1952), although Mary Whelan (soon to be 92) won the US National Book Award in the Young People’s Literature category in 2000.

Catholic fiction differs from general fiction in that sadly it is rarely of interest to a general audience. Sadder still is that it nearly always has very limited readership even among those who call themselves Catholics. English-speaking Catholics number an estimated *ninety million*, yet a “best-selling” Catholic novel might not sell a tenth of a per cent of that number! What possible explanations can there be for this?

This writer would propose that first and foremost Catholic literature in general is largely ignored by the mainstream media to a degree that one is tempted to call it discriminatory; were such blatant disregard to be shown to other identifiable groups, it would almost *certainly* be considered discrimination, perhaps legally actionable discrimination. Catholic literature, therefore, has to be reviewed and promoted by Catholic media, a tiny candle with a light cast into shadow by the spotlights of the mass media.

One wonders why Catholics stand for such a situation. Is the ugly truth simply that too many Catholics just don’t read or read very little? Or is it that their Catholic identity has been subsumed by that of the popular culture? Are these explanations for what one would hope all would admit is a sorry state of affairs? If this is the case, then any

<sup>3</sup> <http://tuscanypress.com/what-is-catholic-fiction.php>

hope for a widespread or perhaps even narrow restoration of Catholic culture is vain.

Traditional Catholics, not surprisingly, look toward tradition and the past for that which is authentic in the Faith and frequently for that which has been proven of timeless value in the arts, but while it is certainly true for the Faith that novelty is nefarious, it is *not* a corollary that novelty in the arts is also bound to be bad. Works of literature reflective of their time are needed if contemporaries are to gain insight into how their Faith and its culture are engaged with a living present, a recent past and a possible future. Historical fiction is valuable, classics are pearls beyond price, but where is the Catholic fiction addressed to today’s confused Catholics and tomorrow’s “men at arms” who will stand fast for a Faith that is under a crippling cultural siege?

This essay has asked many more questions than it has answered. The answers must come from the readership. If Catholic identity and Catholic culture, already greatly reduced, have any ground left to them, it will only be because *Catholics as a group* are determined to make it so and support their literary “foot-soldiers” through sacrifice of other paid “amusements” in favor of the purchase of the work of Catholic writers and their publishers. Perhaps too the recently developed medium of electronic publishing and self-publishing will provide greater opportunity for the fledgling Catholic author to earn recompense for work undertaken with no guarantee of income of any kind, a very “soldierly” posture indeed! A large list of such works is available at <http://catholicfiction.net/book-reviews-by-top-rated.php?category=3>.

Graham Greene (1904-1991), a convert to Catholicism, was a novelist who divided his works into literary Catholic novels and “entertainments” (thrillers). While he did not describe himself as a “Catholic novelist”, his most important works are most definitely Catholic in sense and sensibility. Three of them are nearly always to be found in the “classics” category of readers’ lists: *The Power and the Glory*, *The Heart of the Matter* and *The End of the Affair*. These novels contain material that might make a Traditional Catholic cringe; indeed, the novel *The Power and the Glory* was condemned by the Archbishop of Winchester in 1953 amidst considerable controversy. Nevertheless, this writer believes these books worthy of being read and discussed by every Catholic with an interest in keeping Catholic culture alive.

Meanwhile, *Remnant* readers have the opportunity to support the efforts of a rising star among our “men at arms”, to support the Catholic press, to get folks talking about Catholic culture and its neglected importance to the stability and continuity of Western societies. *The Mosque of Notre Dame* is a combination of a Graham Greene style thriller “entertainment” combined with a literary exploration of Catholic issues every informed reader must take into consideration.

Read, discuss, debate... Take up your intellectual arms and enter the fray! And please do all that you can to support those “men and women at arms” whose work is carrying our banner! ■

<sup>1</sup> *Life Magazine*, “Fan Fare”, 8 April 1946.  
<sup>2</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evelyn\\_Waugh#cite\\_note-244](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evelyn_Waugh#cite_note-244)



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“[gay marriage](#),” purports to “ordain” women as “priests” and “bishops,” and would be denounced even by Luther as a diabolical caricature of Christianity?

By the way, conservative Lutherans, such as those of the Missouri Synod, want nothing to do with “ecumenical dialogue” or visits from Francis because, unlike the Lutherans with whom Francis hobnobbed last Sunday, they (like Catholic traditionalists) actually believe that Christianity involves fixed and unalterable doctrines that cannot be papered over with “ecumenical” palaver. Accordingly, Missouri Synod Lutherans reject membership in the loony Lutheran World Federation to which Francis’s heretical hosts belong and with which the Vatican has been wasting time and resources for decades.

Naturally, in answer to questions from his Lutheran audience, Francis insisted on telling the world what *he* thinks whether or not it corresponds to what the Church actually teaches. Hence—with the cameras rolling and in the presence of his favorite heretic, Walter Kasper—Francis gave a meandering, [ten-minute-long reply](#) to a Lutheran woman who wanted to know what could be done to make it possible for her to receive Holy Communion in a Catholic parish along with her Catholic husband.

The answer seemed crafted to say both yes and no to Catholic intercommunion with Protestants while allowing Francis—along with the usual neo-Catholic first responders to the scene of the latest disaster—to deny that he had said anything controversial. The unmistakable sense of the rambling discourse, however, was that the woman should “talk to the Lord” and decide for herself what to do, even if Francis could not give her explicit permission to commit sacrilege. On the way to that conclusion, Francis committed the usual rhetorical mayhem. Don’t bother reading the neo-Catholic whitewash of what the Pope said. Allow me to unpack it for you from the [original Italian transcript](#) (translation mine with corrections to the Vatican transcript based on the video). As always, The Remnant does the analysis so that you don’t have to:

- “To the question on sharing the Lord’s Supper it is not easy for me to respond to you, above all in front of theologians like Cardinal Kasper. I’m afraid!” [Uproarious laughter as Kasper beams for the cameras].

Francis declined to tell the woman simply what the Church has always taught and still teaches: that non-Catholics cannot partake of the Holy Eucharist because they are not members of the Catholic Church, do not profess the Catholic faith, positively reject Catholic dogmas,



Francis receives lady “Archbishop,” head of insane Lutheran “Church” of Sweden, calling her “esteemed sister”

including the Real Presence, and therefore are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament without committing sacrilege. Instead, Francis called Holy Communion “the Lord’s Supper,” just as Luther did, and suggested (quite falsely) that this is a complex question only theologians like Kasper the heretic can answer.

- “... But on the way [to the final banquet in Heaven], I ask myself, and I do not know how to answer—you ask me a question and I ask myself—To share the Lord’s Supper, is it the end of a road or the viaticum [*viaticum*] for walking together?”

“I ask myself” is the standard Modernist prelude to casting doubt on Catholic doctrine. Here Francis asks himself if Lutherans and Catholics could “walk together” by sharing the Eucharist now instead of waiting for “full unity” to materialize at the end of the “ecumenical journey” to nowhere.

- “I leave the question to theologians, to those who know.”

Nonsense, of course. Francis already knows the answer to the question. The answer has been known from the very foundation of the Church. But Francis prefers to hide it behind coy ambiguity.

- “It is true that in a certain sense to share is to say that there are not differences between us, that we have the same doctrine—I underline the word [doctrine], *a word difficult to understand*. But I ask myself: Do we not have the same Baptism?”

Another telltale “I ask myself.” Here Francis, who is supposed to be the Vicar of Christ and the first defender of the Deposit of the Faith, asks himself whether doctrine, being so difficult to understand, really matters for the question of Eucharistic sharing and whether Baptism

alone, rather than profession of the one true religion, is all that is necessary. He’s just *asking*, you see.

Is this a Pope speaking? Yes, indeed. And Francis has the paperwork to prove it.

- “And if we have the same Baptism, we have to walk together....”

So, if Catholics and Lutherans are both baptized they just *have* to “walk together” by sharing Holy Communion, don’t they? It’s all just a matter that “those who know,” such as a “[clever theologian](#)” like Cardinal Kasper, will have to work out somehow.

Clearly, Francis does not care that the Church has always taught that it is impossible for non-Catholics to participate licitly in the Holy Eucharist. Hence he refuses to mention this infallible teaching of the Magisterium. Likewise, his puppet show of a Synod refused to mention the 2,000-year-old discipline of the Church barring public adulterers from receiving Communion. If a doctrine or discipline displeases Francis, it gets the heave-ho after demagogic disparagement. That is why the media love him so.

- “We have the same Baptism. When you feel yourself a sinner—I am all the more a sinner—when your husband feels that he has sinned, you go before the Lord and ask pardon. Your husband does the same and goes to the priest to ask for absolution. They are remedies for keeping Baptism alive. When you pray together, that Baptism grows, becomes strong; when you teach your children who Jesus is, how Jesus came, what He did, you do the same, *be it in Lutheran language or Catholic language. But it’s the same*. The question [draws question mark in air]: ‘And the Supper?’”

Here Francis equates the Sacrament of Confession with a Protestant merely asking God for pardon. The very Vicar of Christ reduces the remission of mortal sins by an absolving priest, acting *in persona Christi*, to a religious accoutrement of no great moment.

For Francis, in fact, *all* differences between Catholicism and Protestantism are rather trivial, being just a matter of “language,” Lutheran or Catholic—it’s all good. Heresy? What’s that? Flatly contradicting the teaching of all his predecessors, including [Pius XII](#), [Pius XI](#), and even [John Paul II](#), Francis has made it quite clear in various [statements](#) to Protestants that “our baptism is more important than our differences,” that “[we all have the Holy Spirit within us](#),” and that doctrinal differences between Catholicism and the innumerable forms of Protestantism are merely “[a wound in the body of the Church of Christ](#).”

That is, Francis believes that Protestants and Catholics belong to the same “Church of Christ,” from which follows the logical outcome of “ecumenism”: that Protestants have no need to convert to Catholicism. Leaving no doubt of his view, Francis [declared](#) only days ago that “*all the baptized are members of the same Body of Christ, his Church*.” Thus does the Catholic Church, the one and only Church founded by God, effectively disappear in the ever-thickening Bergoglian miasma. Francis casually heaves overboard even the teaching of [John Paul II](#) and [Benedict XVI](#) that Vatican II did not alter the Church’s infallible doctrine on “*the full identity of the Church of Christ with the Catholic Church*.”

This being Francis’s view, and given that both Catholics and Lutherans are baptized, why can they not share “the Lord’s Supper” in common? He asks himself. Having put the pregnant question into play, Francis next provides an equally pregnant ambiguous answer, which must be extracted from the characteristically garbled syntax:

- “There are questions that only if one is sincere with oneself and with the few theological ‘lights’ that I have, they have to answer the same, you see. ‘This is my Body, this is my Blood,’ said the Lord. ‘Do this in memory of me.’ And this is a viaticum [*viaticum*] which helps *us* to walk.”

Again there is the suggestion that Catholics and Lutherans could share the Holy Eucharist as part of their “walk,” which is a matter enlightened theologians like Kasper must ponder—as if the Magisterium had not already definitively and infallibly ruled it out.

Next comes a staple of Bergoglian propaganda: the touching personal story offered to make a staunch defense of

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Catholic doctrine and discipline look petty:

- “I had a great friendship with an Episcopalian bishop. 48 years old, married two children. [A reference to the late Tony Palmer, “bishop” of a breakaway Anglican sect that “ordains” women.] And he had this disquietude: the wife Catholic, the children Catholic, him a bishop. He accompanied his wife and children on Sunday, his wife and children to Mass, and then went to worship with his community. It is a step toward participation in the Lord’s Supper. Then he went ahead [was killed in a motor cycle accident]. The Lord called him, a just man.”

Having told the touching story of a just man—a “bishop” ordained by a bizarre Anglican cult—who was unable to receive Holy Communion, Francis delivered the punch line:

- “To your question I can only respond with a question: What can I do with my husband, that the Lord’s Supper accompany me on my way? It is a problem to which everyone must respond. But a [Protestant] pastor friend said to me: ‘But, we believe the Lord is present. He is present. You believe that the Lord is present.’ And what is the difference? Eh, [adopting flippant tone] *there are expla-na-tions, interpret-ta-tions.* [NOTE: The Vatican transcript attributes the italicized sentences to Francis’s pastor friend, placing quotation marks around them, but the video clearly shows Francis looking up and expressing his own view rather than quoting the pastor.] *Life is greater than explanations and interpretations.* Always refer to Baptism: ‘one faith, one Baptism, one Lord.’ So says Saint Paul, and from there you take the consequences.

Francis appears to conflate baptism and faith, as if “one baptism” also means “one faith.” Infinitely worse, the very Vicar of Christ demeans the central Catholic dogma of the Real Presence, flippantly characterizing it as mere “interpretations” and “explanations” as opposed to an ontological reality Protestants adamantly reject and even many of Christ’s own disciples, who had walked with Him, rejected when He revealed it in person. Evoking the risible [slogan](#) (from *Evangelii Gaudium*) that “realities are greater than ideas,” Francis declares that life is greater than the reality of the Real Presence of God Incarnate in the Holy Eucharist!

What is this if not at least proximate to heresy (even if Francis thinks his opinions are orthodox)? Does it not perhaps explain why Francis never genuflects before the Blessed Sacrament although he is perfectly capable of kneeling when receiving the “blessings” of charismatics, going to Confession in front of the cameras, or washing the feet of Muslim prison inmates in his personal version of

the traditional Holy Thursday rite?

Throughout ten minutes of calculated evasion, Francis declined to tell the woman that if she wishes to partake of Holy Communion she should convert and join her husband as a member of the Catholic Church. He refused to tell her the simple truth not only because the pseudo-dogma of “ecumenism” forbids it, but also because, for Francis, *it does not matter in the least* to which denomination she belongs or what heresy she professes. For doctrine, after all, is “difficult to understand” and in any case is merely a matter of “Catholic language” versus “Lutheran language,” whereas all of the baptized already belong to the “Church of Christ” no matter what they believe.

So what, then, prevents Catholic-Protestant intercommunion? The woman wants an answer. But Francis, according to his latitudinarian view of Christianity, which even Luther would find appallingly lax, can only suggest that he really doesn’t know but that it can’t be very much, if anything, can it? At any rate, Francis cannot answer, for he is only a humble Pope who won’t live in “the Palace” or ride in any car larger than a Honda Civic. He must consult his clever theologian, Cardinal Kasper.

Consistently ignoring what the Church has always believed and defended in her Eucharistic discipline, Francis reduces the question of Lutherans receiving Holy

Communion to a “problem” to which he pretends neither he nor the Church has any solution but which, to conclude, he suggests that the woman can solve on her own:

- “I would never dare give *permission* to do this because it is not my competence. One baptism, one Lord, one Faith. Speak with the Lord and then go ahead. I dare not say more.”

In fact, no one has “competence” to give permission for intercommunion with Protestants because no one is competent to authorize sacrilege, including the theologians to whom Francis professes to defer. Yet, having suggested that this is merely a matter in which he *personally* is not competent, as opposed to a divine prohibition no one may transgress, Francis tells the woman to “speak with the Lord” and then “go ahead” in whatever way she thinks “the Lord” has indicated. Not once in ten minutes of dithering does he even intimate that this woman cannot possibly approach the Blessed Sacrament as long as she remains an adherent of her absurd Lutheran sect.

Over the past three-and-a-half years, Francis has been a font of errors, captious propositions, insults for the faithful, and twisted readings of Scripture. (During the same Q & A session he likened the Tower of Babel to a wall to keep out immigrants rather than an attempt to storm heaven in a rebellion against God). Is Francis

subjectively aware that he is departing from sound orthodoxy and giving rise to unprecedented scandal? Only God knows. This much, however, is clear: as Paul IV solemnly declared, we have every right to contradict papal errors that are wounding the Church while delighting the mass media almost weekly.

Further, as [Antonio Succi](#) has just written: “By now it is clear to those who are free enough to recognize reality that Bergoglio is *dramatically unfit* [Succi’s emphasis] for this ministry and that he causes enormous damage (amidst the applause of the enemies of Christ and His Church who can finally deride Catholics triumphantly).” Indeed, how much more of this pontificate must the Church endure? Must we wait for a catastrophe, such as the widely anticipated post-synodal apostolic exhortation granting permission for a “regional” approach to allowing sacrilegious communion for public adulterers—an abomination to which Francis seems to have devoted his entire pontificate? At what point would it become appropriate to petition Francis to consider renouncing the office for which he is so clearly unsuited?

Francis himself has said that he would follow Benedict’s example should he find himself incapable of exercising the Petrine ministry. Perhaps it is time for the faithful, along with cardinals and bishops, to suggest that Francis honor that commitment now. ■

## Cardinal Sarah: *The pope cannot change divine law on Communion*

by David Martin

The Vatican chief of the sacraments Cardinal Robert Sarah has spoken out against the profanation of the Holy Eucharist being proposed by some of the ruling fathers in the Vatican. His action comes on the heels of Pope Francis’ recent suggestion that non-Catholics can receive Communion if they decide this is what they want to do. The pope told the congregation at the Lutheran Evangelical Church of Rome last Sunday that the question of whether or not a non-Catholic can receive Communion in the Catholic Church is one that “must be responded to on one’s own.”

Cardinal Sarah, who is prefect for the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, sharply disagrees, pointing out that there are divine laws forbidding the administration of Communion to non-Catholics or to baptized members living in mortal sin (i.e. adultery), so that should such a person petition the Catholic Church to receive Communion, the clergy “have no right to give him Communion.”

Sarah also gives this warning concerning priests who would dare to administer Communion to non-Catholics: “If they do so, their sin will be more grave before the Lord. It would be unequivocally a premeditated complicity and profanation of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus.”



The prefect reminds us that not even the pope can change divine law on Communion. “The entire Church has always firmly held that one may not receive communion with the knowledge of being in a state of mortal sin, a principle recalled as definitive by John Paul II in his 2003 encyclical ‘*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*,’” he said. “Not even a pope can dispense from such a divine law.”

Cardinal Sarah’s words are most faithful and true. There is actually no doctrinal

teaching that the pope can change. He can enact slight disciplinary changes, provided they keep firmly with tradition and do not slight doctrine, but to change a divine law or teaching is not something the pope or any bishop is authorized to do. Their authorization is to keep the law and pass it on to the people, just as Moses did at Mt. Sinai. Sarah laments this is not being done. “I feel wounded in my heart as a bishop in witnessing such incomprehension of the Church’s definitive teaching on the part of my brother priests,” he said. “I cannot allow myself to imagine as the cause of such confusion anything but the insufficiency of the formation of my confreres.”

Not to mention, too, that Satan is reigning and ruling today in the Eternal City. The Blessed Virgin at Fatima warned how the enemy would infiltrate the Vatican hierarchy and bring about that time when it would be “bishop against bishop, cardinal against cardinal.” Those days are now upon us, largely because the Fatima Third Secret was not released in 1960 as Our Lady requested be done. She was attempting to avert this disaster to the Church.

Now the members of Christ have to tough it out. The faithful have no recourse but to continue their fight for the truth, most especially by imitating Cardinal Sarah’s example to be defenders of the Faith. ■



# Zombieland: Convert or Die!

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decides to go to the nearby convenience store to get something to eat. As he ventures outside on his short walk, there is evidence all around that the world has fundamentally changed, but things are still similar enough to how they were before for him to not notice.

Consumed with self, our hungover hero stumbles through his shopping trip oblivious to the death, blood, and undead that surround him. The world has fundamentally changed, but he is very slow to notice it.

This is the scene that immediately came to mind as I gathered for dinner, the week before last, with a large group of colleagues in Germany. After several beers, the conversation of my international group turned to the current "refugee crisis" that has been such a hot topic in Europe lately.

Several people at the dinner table gave voice to their concerns that the new Muslim immigrants, like the Turks before them, have no real interest in becoming German and of integrating themselves into the German culture. Others, myself included, noted ISIS' boast that they were secreting terrorists among the refugees. I said to the German sitting next to me, "Islam is fundamentally different and these people have no interest in becoming German and many of them fundamentally despise your culture. These people will be the death of you."

He responded by assuring me that if Europeans were just nice to them, they would like us and become like us and everything will be fine. Besides, he said, we need them to pay taxes. Of course, in the most predictable attack ever, just days later, Muslim terrorists, including some of the very same refugees, murdered over six score people in Paris.

And it occurred to me, my colleague, and so many like him in Europe (and America), are oblivious to the fact that everything has changed. They are like Simon Pegg in "Shaun of the Dead" wandering through life thinking everything is the same when everything's different. They are oblivious to the threats around them and where this is all heading.

It should come as no surprise that they cannot perceive the death around them, since this is not a new phenomenon. Europe has for the last century, and maybe since 1789, been living in a zombie culture. Since Europe's Catholic soul perished at its own hand, its culture has been slowly rotting. Yes, it still walks and talks and, seen from a distance, gives all the appearance of life, but on closer examination, it is a rotting corpse that knows only death.

I shake my head whenever I hear a western leader make his or her way to a microphone to say that the latest terror attack will not change our values; we will welcome our destroyers with open arms, because that is what our values dictate. Never was a truer statement made by those unconscious of the truth of it.

Of course, this folly is not limited to



Shaun of the Dead

secular leaders. We hear the same drivel from our Church leaders. And again, this is just the latest in a continuing pattern. For the last 50 years, we have abandoned our actual values for the false values of tolerance and acceptance, thinking that if we are just nicer to people, they will become more like us, even as we become less like us day by

day. Europe and the Church face an inevitable future and a certain fate in the face of Muslim immigration and aggression. They have but one choice, even if they don't yet acknowledge it: They must convert or die!

Europe is currently powerless to resist the Muslim threat precisely because it

has no faith. Western liberalism, the zombie corpse of western Catholicism, is powerless against Islam. This has been proven time and again and Muslim leaders fully understand this weakness. So too is Neo-Catholicism incapable of resisting Islam for the very same reason. They don't actually believe in anything. They don't believe Islam to be a satanic and evil lie, because they no longer believe in actual truth. In their offerings of tolerance and false mercy, they seek only an incremental Dhimmitude with a relentless enemy that will not be satisfied with it.

So what is the answer? Europe and the Church must face the only real choice they have left. Convert or die! Either convert to genuine traditional Catholicism, a Catholicism that actually believes in the Truth, and that which will fearlessly preach the Truth and will seek to convert the Muslims to that Truth. If they will not, Europe will die. Then Europeans will have to choose again. Either convert to Islam or die.

Either way, the choice is the same. Convert or die. Either way, western liberalism, properly called zombie Catholicism is dead. ■

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# Civilization on the Eve of Destruction

## (It's All Happened Before)

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their military budgets? What if at that very moment, global “food security” were suddenly severely tested by ongoing environmental challenges? Drought, in a word.

Would this create some kind of vast instability? Could there be some kind of collapse? There have been a lot of people throwing around terms like “civilisational collapse” and “world war three” lately. But what does it take to actually bring down such an entity? Has it happened in the past?

What if I were to tell you that most of this had already happened in another remote time in history? And that the result was the near-annihilation of a hugely successful, cosmopolitan, multi-national civilization, in many ways like our own?

This week I was fascinated to discover that there had once, long ago, been a massive system of economically and technologically and socially advanced nation states that were interconnected enough to comprise one giant, “globalized,” multinational civilization, one that had *entirely, abruptly disappeared, following a confluence of unfortunate events, in the space of 50 years.*

That was what archaeologists call the [Late Bronze Age Collapse](#), one of the great unsolved puzzles of Near Eastern archaeology. Wikipedia blandly describes it as “a transition” in what was then the known world, from “the palace economy of the Aegean Region and Anatolia [modern Turkey] ... after a hiatus, [to] the isolated village cultures of the Greek Dark Ages” The Greek Dark Ages – a polite term for a 300-year period in which people lived in isolated groups of illiterate survivors, barely remembering their own history, scratching out a miserable existence as subsistence farmers after fleeing their cities into the countryside with nothing but what they could carry.

Archaeologists have found caches of treasures and even plain household goods, that had obviously been hastily buried with a view to later retrieval, but which had instead sat waiting in the ground over 3000 years to be rediscovered. Whatever happened, the people of these cities simply fled.

One of the researchers, Robert Drews, writes, “Within a period of forty to fifty years at the end of the thirteenth and the beginning of the twelfth century almost every significant city in the eastern Mediterranean world was destroyed, many of them never to be occupied again.” That’s all the famous ones: Mycenae, the Minoan civilization with its palace of Knossos, the Hittite Empire and the New Kingdom of Egypt. It includes some names of towns that are famous enough to be well known even to people who are not armchair archaeologists, including the great city state of Troy (“Troy VII”).

The experts have said that the cities and towns of the Mycenaean civilization,



The New Sea People?

among the first to go down, had begun to be “abandoned or destroyed” in the early 11<sup>th</sup> century BC, and were gone entirely by 1050. [One researcher](#) has pinpointed 1177 BC as the year “civilization collapsed,” nearly all of it that existed in the world at the time, outside China.

The Collapse itself was horrifying: cities and palaces were burned and whole empires were abruptly abandoned by their citizens; technologies like writing, mathematics, art, astronomy, advanced ceramics, metal smelting, architecture and ship building were all forgotten. But no one knows exactly why. A number of different explanations have been offered, but no single cause, whether, war, famines, earthquakes, drought or violent invasion is alone enough to fit all the evidence.

Professor Eric Cline, director of the Capitol Archaeological Institute at George Washington University, maintains that the collapse came after a long drought, possibly as long as two centuries, that so weakened these Mediterranean states that they were unable to withstand the attacks of the “Sea Peoples,” violent raiders, like proto-Vikings, who turned to pillage as a profession after a prolonged war between Egypt and the Hittite empire.

[“I would argue that the civilizations of the Mediterranean and the ancient Near East were so interconnected ... that when one collapsed, it affected the others, so that one by one they fell, like a chain of dominoes,”](#) he said. Some have posited that the [destruction of the island economic hub of Thera](#), the trade centre, the Hong Kong of the Minoan empire – in what some geologists have said was the largest explosion in human history – had affected the climate around the world, causing drought and consequent economic changes around the Mediterranean and Near Eastern world and even as far away as China and Greenland.

And *everything* was lost. People who were accustomed to all the things civilisation offers were reduced to a style of existence barely above the level of the stone-age. The early Greek writing system, now called Linear B, that was used by the Minoan and Mycenaean business and government administrators, disappeared entirely with the Collapse

and during the following “Greek Dark Ages” there is *no evidence of the use of writing anywhere*. The ancient Greek alphabet developed later was an entirely new invention.

Trade, travel and communication between nations ceased since there were no more nations – other than a greatly diminished Egypt, its New Kingdom gone. All the intangible benefits that we associate with civilized life were gone with it: personal and national security, what the UN calls “food security,” that is, knowing where your next few meals are coming from, hope for the future, the assumption that one’s family will survive the week.

One of the most poignant stories from this cataclysm was discovered recently; a clay tablet was found in the burnt ruins of the Semitic city state of Ugarit in what is now Syria, an important trade, cultural and literary centre that had existed since the 3<sup>rd</sup> millennium BC. On it was written a desperate letter from Ugarit’s king, warning that seven ships of the violent “Sea Peoples,” who have never been definitely identified, had been spotted offshore, and calling for aid. The letter was never sent and the city was burned, never to rise again. The tablet itself was found still sitting in the kiln, unfired and unsent.

Why do I find this story from ancient history so fascinating and so relevant? What are we seeing now on a larger scale in our own, finally, truly global civilisation?

Let’s look at our own current situation. Over the last 30 years, most western nations have contracted out most of their producing economy. Western countries no longer make the things they buy. And our people no longer make things; we mostly just buy things made far away. The goods we use, the clothes we wear, the furniture we sit on, the cars we drive, the computer I’m typing on, are not made by the people of our countries. To put it simply, when the post-war western powers were reorganizing the global economy, Westerners were deemed to be just too demanding. We want, at the very least, a living wage and other wacky stuff like retirement and health care benefits, minimal health and safety standards and bans on child labour.

*Is there anyone left (besides me) who doesn’t have an iPhone? Whoopee! We’ve all got 5 pairs of jeans and a new iPad! Our lives are fulfilled! Our existence, justified!*

But the people who owned the companies that wanted to sell us things – at a rate that has never in human history been imagined before – realised that the price of those goods would necessarily be beyond the means of regular wage-earning Western folks if they were being made by people who were being paid decently. So, the notion of “free trade” was invented, and nearly all the western world’s manufacturing industries were shipped offshore. Now, these things are produced, very cheaply indeed, in countries where, let’s just say, the work force is less demanding.

China, with its enormous and very undemanding labour force, has taken the lead in producing most of the consumer goods that we buy... and buy... and buy... The great bulk of China’s considerable global economic power (the EU recently sent a distressed begging letter to the Chinese government to bail out the Euro with a huge cash grant, which request was promptly refused) comes from exports. They make the stuff we buy.

And as a result of this unprecedented avalanche of cheaply manufactured goodies, we have become a world of consumers beyond the wildest fantasies of the men who created this system. Is there anyone left (besides me) who doesn’t have an iPhone? Whoopee! We’ve all got 5 pairs of jeans and a new iPad! Our lives are fulfilled! Our existence, justified!

But there are a few problems with the whole thing. First, since shipping away all the mid-level jobs, the ones where a man contributes to making something for sale, that were once the backbone of western economies, the money people are using to pay for these goods is mostly imaginary. It’s not money, it’s “credit.”

And we don’t have those kinds of jobs anymore, the steady, old fashioned, boring, reliable ones that offered a living wage at a steady rate to a man who started after high school and kept on until retirement and used it to support a family in a house he owned. In fact, we don’t even have the kind that such a man’s son used to get, through the 60s and 70s, where there was a genuine prospect of advancement after a long slog through university. We don’t even really aspire to them anymore or to the permanence and social stability that they brought. Our atomized, fragmented families are no longer even interested

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in staying together, or developing intergenerational wealth and stability.

Our jobs are less involved in making things than in talking about them and our wealth and our lives are more transient. We do more temporary contract work, more part time work, more “service industry” work, where our pay scales are mainly incommensurate with the standard of living – that is, with the level of consumption of manufactured goods – that is now considered normal. We do less and get paid less, but we still buy more and more things.

Our “money” is mostly credit cards, which means that, in old fashioned terms, nearly everyone is “living beyond their means,” from individuals to nations. If you have read Dickens or Flaubert, it is not difficult to imagine the catastrophic results of everyone buying, but no one paying.

Then there’s the debt that our countries are incurring at the macro-level, as nations, that is now so far into the groups of triple-zeros that no one can really understand what the numbers even mean, and the suggestion that it will ever be paid off is laughed away as naïveté. Wikipedia helpfully tells me that the current US national debt “exceeds \$18 trillion and is projected to approach \$21 trillion by 2019.” Then there’s Canada, with a comparatively paltry \$1.65 trillion and Britain, with £1.56 trillion, (\$2.37 trillion US) or 81.58% of the UK’s total GDP.

We no longer have steady employment, no longer have children, no longer stick around near our parents and grandparents, no longer aspire to own a home or to build up wealth or security for our non-existent children and even the paltry trinkets we are enticed to buy in compensation for all these losses we no longer pay for with real money.

Now, let me ask you, when was the last time you made a loaf of bread at home? (Bread machines don’t count.) Do you know how to fix your toaster? Can you replace the spark plugs in your car? What if it broke down and your credit cards were no good and there was no cash-money to have it repaired? What if there were no gas in the pumps to put in it? What if you went to the shops one day and there were no food there to buy?

Do you know your neighbour’s names? Does your work connect, with fewer than, say, three degrees of separation, with your town’s major industry? Does your town even have a major industry? How far away do you live from your closest relatives, your parents or grandparents? Do you have the skills to build a garden shed in your yard with hand tools?

Despite our pride in our iPhones and the GPS in our cars, are we really better equipped for survival than the fleeing inhabitants of Mycenaean villages 3100 years ago? Many of them were skilled tradesmen, the kind of people who knew how to dig clay out of the ground and turn it into useful cooking vessels. Who knew how to make a net to bring fish out of the sea. Who knew how to work leather, wood and metal and how to harness a draft animal to pull a plough. [A Daily Mail article](#) described the Collapse as marking “the moment when the civilised world entered the Dark Ages and some of the most spectacular societies in the world disappeared,”

and did so almost overnight. We have all seen documentaries on the beautiful palace of Knossos in Crete, on the “global” use of cuneiform writing for all business and political transactions, on the development of robust and well-defended international trade routes between the Far East and Egypt all the way to the Western Mediterranean. All of that was gone. Most of these cities and towns never rose again.

Could you build a house? I couldn’t. About 1964, my grandparents bought an empty piece of property on Vancouver Island, about 50 feet above the sea, up the side of a cliff, in what was at the time the middle of nowhere, and built their own house. They had lived in that remote part of the world since before the War, going back and forth between British Columbia – at the time very much a British colony – and Britain since the early 1920s. They were among the group of English and Scottish ex-pats who came out to the farthest reaches of the Empire to carve a civilised community out of the woods. These were some pretty hardy folks, the kind who helped to build our nations in the rough and tumble New World. Could we do the same today?

I know I am not alone in watching with horror the video clips being made of the thousands of young, fighting age men, men accustomed to hardship and inured to violence in war-ravaged countries, products of a violent religio-political system that is wholly antithetical to ours. These young men, these New Sea Peoples, all of them aiming at north-western Europe, are deterred by nothing; not the fear and lack of welcome by the people of the states they are flooding into, not even by the water canon and tear gas employed to try to hold them back at the Hungarian/Serbian border, at the edges of Austria, Croatia, the coasts of Greece and Spain.

And now, very shortly after the start of the “migrant crisis,” we have seen what this influx of violent young men will be bringing us. What was the final death toll in Paris? Have you read the articles about what they did to the people cowering on the floor of the Bataclan theatre? The torture? The dismemberment?

What are we to think now of the letter sent by the king of Ugarit to the head city of the Hittite Empire to whom he sent for aid in the last days before the storm hit? Some of the archaeologists have suggested that the Sea Peoples, whoever they may have been at the start, were finally an international force of displaced soldiers, low-ranking infantry men and mercenaries who had nowhere to ply their trade once the wars between Egypt and the Hittites were finally over. Young men, accustomed and trained to war, with nowhere to go, creating war to keep themselves occupied... Sound familiar? King Ammurapi describes the desperate plight facing ancient Ugarit:

“My father, behold, the enemy’s ships came (here); my cities were burned, and they did evil things in my country. Does not my father know that all my troops and chariots are in the Land of Hatti [the Hittite capital] and all my ships are in the Land of Lukka?... Thus, the country is abandoned to itself. May my father know it: the seven ships of the enemy that came here inflicted much damage upon us.”

A letter to Ammurapi came from the king of neighbouring Carchemish, one of the few states to survive the Collapse:

“As for what you [Ammurapi] have written to me: ‘Ships of the enemy have been seen at sea!’ Well, you must remain firm. Indeed for your part, where are your troops, your chariots stationed? Are they not stationed near you? No? Behind the enemy, who press upon you? Surround your towns with ramparts. Have your troops and chariots enter there, and await the enemy with great resolution!”

Sorry, you’re on your own.

What is happening today? [A hotel in Mali has been besieged](#), 170 “hostages” have been taken. The outcome is unknown as I write this. Last week was Paris and Beirut. Then, of course, we have Nigeria and many of the African nations under constant threat, constant attack, children and girls kidnapped... the whole litany of horror.

[Even the New York Times](#) – one of the great boosters of the enthusiasms of anti-nation state, “open borders” social engineers like Angela Merkel and George Soros – is getting apocalyptic over the unimaginable scale of the “migrant crisis”:

**“There are more displaced people and refugees now than at any other time in recorded history** — 60 million in all — and they are on the march in numbers not seen since World War II.”

The experts are starting to admit that the migrant crisis is not about Syria. Simply put, it is a civilisational alteration, perhaps the last one: the “global south” has finally decided to just move to the “global north” to see what it can get for itself.

“They are coming not just from Syria, but from an array of countries and regions, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Gaza, even Haiti, **as well as any of a dozen or so nations in sub-Saharan and North Africa. They are unofficial ambassadors of failed states, unending wars, intractable conflicts.**”

[Headlines in Europe warn](#), “Germany now is somewhere at the edge of anarchy and sliding towards civil war.” Tiny German villages in the Bavarian countryside, hamlets really, are bracing themselves for the arrival of hundreds of these people. [The mayor of Sumte](#), (population 109 souls) Christian Fabel, thought it was a joke when he received the instructions from his district government that his village were to take in 1000 “migrants”.

British columnist [Leo McKinstry](#) had a rant about it in the Express the other day: “Mass immigration is on the verge of DESTROYING Europe.”

“Dressing up their vandalism as compassion and their cowardice as moral superiority, these leaders have created an immigration crisis so profound that the very existence of our European culture and heritage is under mortal threat.

“The tragic paradox of the obsession with free movement and the abolition of national identities is that Europe in any meaningful sense will probably cease to exist this century.

“As the social revolution accelerates traditional values of democracy, freedom and solidarity will be replaced by conflict, sectarianism, oppression and intolerance. Increasingly Islamified, barbaric and poverty-stricken, Europe will become indistinguishable from large swathes of North Africa and the Middle East.”

“A modern day mass migration is taking place ... that could change the face of Europe’s civilization,” warned Hungarian President Viktor Orban. “If that happens, that is irreversible. ... There is no way back from a multicultural Europe,” said Orban. **“If we make a mistake now, it will be forever.”**

The empty towns and cities of the Late Bronze Age, abandoned and finally forgotten by the people who packed up their children and their tools and fled in the space of hours, seem to echo with these words.

“I don’t think this wave can stop,” said Sonja Licht of the International Center for Democratic Transition. “It can maybe from time to time be somewhat less intensive, we simply have to prepare. **The global north must be prepared that the global south is on the move, the entire global south.** This is not just a problem for Europe but for the whole world.”

In his interview with the Daily Mail, the archaeologist David Cline said that he could see certain parallels with the ongoing crises of our modern day: “The fact that similarly-intertwined civilizations collapsed just after 1200 BCE should be a warning to us; **if it happened once, it can happen again.**” He mentioned the collapse of the Greek economy through EU demands and the threat of violent extremist Islam in Libya, Syria, Egypt and Iraq. We would today add, in Paris and potentially Rome and London.

The Mail added: **“Cline even suggests that ISIS could be the modern day equivalent of the Sea People, sparking mass migrations and destabilising the lands they invade.”**

“Even with all of our technological advancements, we are not immune,” Cline said.

Civilisation is more fragile than we or any of our ancestors realized. A confluence of factors can come about, and down it will go like a cataclysmic Rube Goldberg Machine, unstoppable and tragic. General civilisational decline, lack of energy and confidence, drastic, large-scale economic alterations over a long period followed by some unexpected or unavoidable catastrophe like Thera, and down the dominoes come.

One documentary suggested that the 1177 BC Collapse did not come to the Minoans until 100 years after the [Theran explosion](#), after the tsunami had destroyed nearly all of their towns and infrastructure and 80 per cent of their population. They had, in short, lost the civilisational will to live, and the archaeological evidence shows they had turned, at the bitter end, to sacrificing their children – before the Sea People attack put a merciful final end to it.

It all sounds so very familiar. ■



# Apollyon Unleased

By Susan Claire Potts

## Part II

### The Background

The year was 1960. Catholic life had not yet been ripped apart. The Arrows of Destruction had not yet been shot from Rome. The Western world was at peace.

Or seemed to be.

But the revolution unleashed in France long ago, that violence that toppled the Catholic monarchy and marred the face of Europe, had not died away. It lived on in the battlefield of the intellect, in a flood of antichristian thought—from Marx to Nietzsche to Teilhard, all stirring the witch's brew, and poisoning the minds of Christians.

As decades passed and centuries turned, foment lurked below the surface of society, ready to erupt at the slightest provocation. And in 1960 it did. The banner of the Revolution, *l'étendard sanglant*, was raised over Rome, and no one dared climb the flagpole and take it down.

Not even the high clergy. Not even the pope. They could sing with the *sans-culotte*: *Le jour de gloire est arrivé!* The day of glory has arrived!<sup>1</sup>

It was a *volte-face*, a turnabout by those in high places, by those we obeyed. Upheaval and disaster followed, and then bleakness—manifest now in the song played outside the concert hall on the thirteenth of November while the barbarians sacked Paris. It was John Lennon's *Imagine*, the song whose mesmerizing cadence and lyrics breathe the fire of the dragon.

In once-Catholic Paris on that terrible night, there was no *De Profundis* or *Ave Maria*, no public cry to Heaven for mercy and help. No rosaries. Only a paean to an annihilated Christianity, a time when there would be *no heaven... no hell...no countries, no religion, too... Nothing to kill or die for. A time for all the people living for today.*<sup>2</sup>

Yes, imagine that. And on the hastily set-up piano was the mark of the Antichrist, the inverted cross, the Peace sign.

And the people mourn.

The world has been forever changed. The Catholic City is in ruins. We can all see that. But what was it before?

Only the old remember now.

Come back with me in time. Let me tell you how it was before the banner of Christ the King was torn and the pieces thrown to the wind.

In the days before the ecclesiastical Revolt, most Catholics were sane. Even the mental health professionals noticed it—to their bewilderment. When I was a graduate student in psychology, a visiting Jesuit psychiatrist remarked

<sup>1</sup> *La Marseillaise*, the National Anthem of France  
<sup>2</sup> John Lennon's *Imagine*. Wikipedia reports that it is ranked #30 of the 365 songs listed by Recording Industry Association of America's as songs bearing the most historical significance. (emphasis mine)



Never forget...what they have destroyed.

on the “phenomenon” that, in the past, Catholics didn't seem to need psychotherapy. It might have something to do with confession, he said, stroking his chin. It was a puzzle.

I guess he didn't know that it had to do with the fact that before their religious world caved in, Catholic identity was secure—grounded in truth and conviction and meaning. That must have been beyond his scope. After all, it was hammered into us—fledgling psychologists that we were—we couldn't actually *know* anything. Man was always searching, never finding. It was all a process of *becoming*.

But before that, Catholicism was stable.

It was the duty of Catholics—men and women both, and children, as well—to be salt and light in the dark impoverished world. They were called to live and work and love in the spirit of Truth, to be signs of joy and hope, justice and mercy—and, then, in sorrow, to be the heart that bleeds and breaks for Christ and His people. There was unity born of shared customs and values—a unity that spanned the Earth, touching all peoples.

Christian life was oriented toward Heaven. No matter what their place in society, Catholics knew there was something more. They didn't have to search for meaning. Protected from the existential angst that gripped the City of Man, their thinking was sound. The Faithful knew why they had been created. They had a luminous destination, a place beyond the stars, a home prepared for them before time began. They didn't have to figure out how to get there.

The Church would show the Way. Christ was with her; she was His bride. *Mater et magistra*, our Church was the divinely appointed teacher of the elect, mother of those chosen to love and serve Him in this world and be happy with Him forever in the next.

The map to Heaven was handed down, priest to people, mother to child, generation after generation. Faith was the light; sacraments, the treasure; discipline, the path. People knew what to do: Just follow the *camino real*, the royal road, one step after another, until death ended the trials and struggles along the narrow way.

And the Catholic world was at peace.

Or so it seemed.

But deep in the halls of Hell, a revolution was plotted, perhaps the final one, the *bouleversement* that would bring the Antichrist to power, to reign in full view and plenitude of power, to destroy once and for all the splendid Kingdom of God on earth.

The plot was hatched; the people, betrayed.

In 1960, John XXIII did the unthinkable: he refused to reveal the Third Secret of Fatima. With an *in your face* defiance, he flouted Heaven's request.

Minds reeled. Faith was undermined.

The people were supposed to ignore the fact that a secret was to be revealed to them—a secret so important that the Blessed Mother had made the sun dance in the sky in Portugal to convince an unbelieving world that what she said was true.

But the pope refused. How could he do

that? No one knows. Catholics waited in vain to hear the words of the Queen. But after awhile, they forgot about it as they dashed headlong through the decade that would change the face of the earth.

Those who remember that refusal believe that the secret contained a warning about woes to come—wars, apostasy, apocalypse. They could sense it. The second secret led toward some dire revelation, some danger to the Faith. Why else would Our Lady say “But in the end...” The end of what?

In every warning given by God, the people are always told what they must do to forestall chastisement or catastrophe. Was that true at Fatima? Was some preventative action part of the Secret? Was something more than the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays required?

Despite the purported revelation in 2000 of a silent vision and official interpretation, we still don't know what the Blessed Mother said. And we still don't know what we should do.

The laying aside of the Secret was the precipitating event—the catalyst that changed the milk of daily life to witch's brew. The pope's mysterious refusal laid the groundwork for the rampage that would follow over the next ten years.

The conclusion people drew—whether conscious or not—was that we were on our own. Man would forge his own destiny. He would embrace the defiant words of Henley's *Invictus*: he would be the *captain of his fate, the master of his soul*.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> *Invictus*, William Ernest Henley (1849–1903)



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After all, people reasoned, it didn't matter what Heaven thought. If it mattered, the Pope would have said so. Maybe Mary didn't really come to Fatima—or Lourdes or LaSalette. Maybe she didn't really give us the Miraculous Medal. Maybe it was all make believe. Maybe Mary was an archetype, a symbol like the Statue of Liberty. She couldn't really come to Earth, could she? Images, holograms, ephemeral visions at best—that's what Fatima was.

*There's nothing to see here, the Vatican seemed to say. Let's bury the whole idea. Let's unleash a sociological experiment.*

And that's what they did.

What better way to do that than through an ecumenical council? New ideas could spring forth like twisting lacunae, connected to the head, reaching all the corners of the earth. The people were caught. There was no escape.

At the opening of the Council, the pope declared: "We feel we must disagree with those prophets of gloom who are always forecasting disaster, as though the end of the world was at hand."

To whom was he referring?

His own holy predecessors, that's who. It was Pope St. Pius X who saw in vision one of his successors "taking flight over the bodies of his brethren... fleeing Rome... and dying a cruel death."<sup>4</sup> And it was Pope Pius XII who said that "We believe that the present hour is a dread phase of the events foretold by Christ, that the present wickedness of the world is only the beginning of the sorrows which must take place before the end of the world."<sup>5</sup>

And the most powerful warning had come from Our Lady herself at LaSalette—and then, perhaps again, at Fatima.

Pope John waved it off. No reason to pay attention to any of that. He saw the dawning of a new age, "a new order of human relations."<sup>6</sup>

The demons must have danced when they heard those words.

And that's what we got—a new direction, a new focus on the world. It was an attack on all the things—little and great—that made up daily life, especially for women, especially in the home.

What is a "new order of human relations?" Was it revolution and change? Was it disorder and reorientation? How could this be? And how would it come about? Most people weren't clamoring for a drastic change in the social order. Things were fine as they were. Home, family, work, friends. Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society. Fish on Friday and Mass on Sunday. Holy Hours and Mother of Perpetual Help.

No, we had gotten our orders. Get in step, everybody, forward march. Onward to the Omega Point, the ultimate transformation of the Cosmos, the Christification of the Universe. An end to division, an end to distinctions. All

together now. Onward to victory. The engagement of the Bride of Christ and the Spirit of the World was announced. The Banns were published.

But first, the Old Order had to go. Old customs, ancient attitudes, traditional values. Away with them! And how best to do it? The answer was as old as Eden: through the woman.

At that time, in the world of laypeople, there were two distinct spheres of influence, power, and love: The Outside World—the place of professions and industry and commerce—and the World of the Home. Generally, men ruled the one; women, the other. His rule was active, constructive, ordered; hers, gentle, nurturing, but equally well ordered. There was overlap, of course, but the distinctions were there. Children were begotten and raised, the City was built, and, at the end of the day, there was bread on the table, flowers in the garden, and books on the shelves.

People think the first sphere is more important; the second, easily dismissed. But they're wrong. The first is built from the second; the city, from the home. For it is the home, and the woman who keeps it, that is central to civilization. Just as each soul enfolds a universe within itself, so, too, the home. Every aspect of the Catholic city is born there. There is language, art, music, food, and beauty. There is love engendered and shared. Without the home and the woman's place in it, the world is a veritable hell.

Next to the sanctuary and the cloister, the home stands closest to the veil between Heaven and Earth. There the veil can be lifted to glimpse the world beyond. There the woman presides close to nature. She bears life, sustains it, and, at sad times, kneels by the dying, giving



God help us, this is the Catholic thing on which they declared total war.

her gift of comfort and consolation, pouring out her love.

But that social order would not be allowed to remain. The spheres had to converge. Distinctions must be blurred. There was a new imperative: *And the world would live as one.*<sup>7</sup>

The Council met. The quiver was filled. A year later, Pope John died, and the Arrows of Destruction were handed to

<sup>7</sup> *Imagine*. John Lennon.

Pope Paul VI—the three weapons that would eventually destroy the Catholic way of life and the honor of Catholic women: the end of Friday abstinence, the changes in the calendar, and then, most lethal of all, the "taking the pill under advisement"

Apollyon must have licked his lips. All hell had broken loose.

**To be continued...**

## American Band in Paris Sings "Kiss the Devil" as Terrorists Attack

By Michael J. Matt



The French secular newsmagazine, **Le Point**, reported that the American rock group Eagles of Death Metal, traumatized by the terrorist attacks in Paris on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, have now returned home to California. They were reportedly in the middle of a song aptly entitled *Kiss the Devil* when the terrorists stormed the concert hall and starting killing people.

How about some lyrics from that song by this "fun-loving" American band:

**"Kiss The Devil"**

Who'll love the devil?...  
Who'll song his song?...  
Who will love the devil and his song?...

I'll love the devil!...  
I'll sing his song!...  
I will love the devil and his song!...  
I WILL LOVE THE DEVIL AND SING HIS SONG!...

Cute, eh?

You know, what ever happened to the culture war? Why has everyone surrendered in the campaign against "Satan's music" that our fathers and grandfathers fought against tooth and nail?

Remember how vigorously traditional Catholics used to fight against the pop music industry—an industry that spends billions attempting to indoctrinate our

kids 24/7 with a Luciferian catechism lesson? What happened? Why did we raise the white flag?

Maybe it's time to get back to that.

Many thanks for our friends at the Fatima Center for their timely post this week of an old talk on rock/pop music that I gave down in Sao Paulo, Brazil years ago. The talk is quite long but can be accessed on the Internet here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEsxdg17qec>

It was delivered at one of the late Father Nicholas Gruner's conferences for Catholic priests. My hope in posting it again is that it might rekindle the discussion (and maybe even the war) against pop music rot that not that long ago was nearly as important to traditional Catholic polemicists as the liturgical revolution and the restoration of the Tridentine Mass.

We can go to Latin Mass every day of the week and home-school until we're blue in the face, but if our kids are listening to Miley, Iggy, Justin and Gaga—well, forget about it. The war is over and we lost. ■

<sup>4</sup> DuPont, Yves, *Catholic Prophecy*, Tan Books, Rockford, IL, 1970, p.22.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*



# Mass Against the Heathen:

## *Islamic and Liturgical Terrorism*

By Father Ladis J. Cizik

**Editor's Note:** The following sermon was delivered on September 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. We had intended to use it next year on or around the anniversary of the horrific event. Recent developments in Paris and elsewhere, however, involving Islamic terrorist attacks, prompt us to use it immediately and for obvious reasons. **MJM**

*In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.*

Today, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, a day that will live in infamy, we call to mind the despicable, deplorable, inhumane, and barbaric acts of Islamic terrorism that resulted in 2,977 innocent human beings being slaughtered fourteen years ago. With this in mind, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered this evening is the traditional "Votive Mass Against the Heathen." This Votive Mass is so very appropriate to offer in response to the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the heinous, ungodly, lamentable, and savage acts of Islamic terrorism of September 11, 2001.

The **Collect** or opening prayer for this Mass implores Almighty God to intervene on our behalf against the heathen:

"Almighty, everlasting God, in Whose Hand are the power and government of every nation, look to the help of the Christian people, that the heathen nations, who trust in the fierceness of their own might, may be crushed by the power of Thy Right Hand."

I have prayed at the site of the acts of terrorism in New York City, where the World Trade Center buildings used to be before they were totally destroyed without warning by the followers of Mohammed. To Christians, this site is considered to be holy ground because of the countless souls who unexpectedly faced their eternal judgment on that sorrowful day. To countless numbers of Muslims, it is also considered to be holy ground because of the deaths inflicted on countless "infidels" who did not offer worship to their god, Allah. We recall a selection from the **Tract**, which would be said for this Mass after Septuagesima:

"Avenge the blood of Thy servants which has been shed, let the sighing of the prisoners come in before Thee." (Ps. 78: 10-11)

I have also prayed at the site of the Islamic act of terrorism in Shanksville, Pennsylvania; where an airplane full of innocent passengers crashed into the ground before it could reach its ultimate destination, which is thought to have been Washington, DC. In the memorial center, at the time of my visit, they had a transcript of the voice cockpit recorder available for the public to read. Most telling in that transcript were the words of the Islamic terrorists who plunged down to the earth, and into their pit of destruction shouting out the words: "Allahu Akbar! Allahu Akbar!" These words translate to "Allah is greater!



An Iraqi Christian woman, fleeing the violence in the city of Mosul, sits inside the Sacred Heart of Jesus Chaldean Church in Telkaif, which was vandalized in a manner reminiscent of that conducted by liturgical "reformers" of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago. (Photo Credit: Reuters)

Allah is greater!" From the **Introit** of our Mass:

"Arise, why sleepest Thou O Lord? Arise, and cast us not off to the end. Why turnest Thou Face away, and forgettest our trouble? Our belly has cleaved to the earth: arise O Lord, help us and deliver us." (Ps. 43: 23-26)

So, in the name of Allah, those Islamic terrorists, as like many other followers of Islam around the world, were willing to offer their own lives in order to extinguish the lives of those who did not adhere to their false religion. Let us be very clear that the One True Faith on the face of this Earth was founded by the Only Begotten Son of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ. That Faith is the Holy Catholic Faith, which is considered to be an abomination in the sight of Allah by the devout Muslim.

It is therefore disconcerting to read in the current "Catechism of the Catholic Church," paragraph 841, that "together with us" Muslims "adore the one, Merciful God, mankind's judge on the last day." The god of the Muslims is Allah. The One True God that Christians worship is the Blessed Trinity: God the Father; God the Son; and God the Holy Ghost. Muslims deny the Divinity of Christ, Who is truly mankind's Judge on the last day. Devout Muslims, who follow their "holy book," the Koran, would strongly object if you would suggest to them that they worship the same God that we do, the Blessed Trinity. Islamic terrorists would decapitate you for even suggesting that they worship Our Lord and God, Jesus Christ, the same God that we worship. The Koran (8:60) of the

Muslims directs them to "strike terror into the hearts of the enemies." Suicide bombings, roadside bombings, hostage taking, and serial rapes: all in honor of Allah, are all modes of conduct against non-Muslims, the "enemy," – who are not "innocent" in the eyes of Islam, but "guilty" of not being Muslim.

As horrible as Islamic terrorism is, there is another, perhaps even a more sinister type of terrorism to be considered: it is a form of Modernism, which can be termed "Liturgical Terrorism." Liturgical Terrorism, inflicted upon faithful Catholics over the past fifty years has wreaked great spiritual havoc in the Catholic Church for countless souls. Souls being lost for eternity by being turned away from the venerable traditional liturgical practices and teachings of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church are of far greater consequence than people in a state of grace losing their life in this world (not to ever minimize Islamic atrocities – which can also lead to the loss of souls). Our Lord Jesus said: "Fear not them that kill the body, and cannot kill the soul: but rather fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28). Perhaps it is fitting for our troubled times, that the Votive Mass Against the Heathen has been renamed in the 1962 Missal as *Pro Ecclesiae Defensione* (for the Defense of the Church), with ALL of the prayers remaining the same.

Following Vatican Council II, Catholics were once told that the Traditional Latin Mass was forbidden and that all must attend the Novus Ordo Mass. Those who resisted this demand were considered by most to be disobedient or schismatic and were treated as if they were an "infidel" in a Muslim country.

Faithful priests would clandestinely offer the Traditional Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the basements of Catholic homes, as if they were in the catacombs. It would only be officially affirmed much later, by Pope Benedict XVI in the Apostolic Letter, "*Summorum Pontificum*" (given *Motu Proprio* on July 7, 2007), that the Immemorial Tridentine Mass was never abrogated; that Catholics always had a right to attend the Pre-Vatican II liturgy. In the **Secret** prayer of the Mass in Defense of the Church, we pray:

"Look, O Lord upon the sacrifice we offer; that Thou wouldst deliver Thy champions from all wickedness of the heathen, and keep them safe under Thy protection."

In the wake of Vatican II, in many Catholic churches, the Traditional Latin Mass High Altars were savagely ripped out and replaced with tables, although this was never specifically mandated by Vatican II. Like seeing a loved one being beheaded before their eyes, countless are the horror stories of faithful Catholics who saw their treasured venerable parish High Altars smashed into pieces and thrown into the scrap pile: a "Liturgical 9/11." I know of an instance where the marble pieces from such an obliterated Altar were used as paving stones in a rectory garden; and, another case where Altar pieces were used in a church parking lot as wheel stops for parking spaces; calling to mind the Muslim practice of displaying the severed heads of their victims in public places. The following appropriate verse from today's Epistle is well complemented by the **Alleluia** verse:

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“...have mercy on Thy people because our enemies resolve to destroy us, and extinguish Thy inheritance.” (Esth. 13: 15)

“Stir up Thy might, O Lord, and come: that Thou mayest save us.” (Ps. 79: 3)

When the Latin Mass was “outlawed,” the faithful were ordered to stand for Holy Communion and often times intimidated to receive “Communion in the hand,” even though Communion on the tongue is still officially considered the norm and kneeling is an acceptable option within the Church. There have been instances of Liturgical Terrorists humiliating faithful Catholics, at the point of receiving Holy Communion, if they “dared” to kneel or stick out their tongue. Over the years, this has not only caused great spiritual anguish for the laity, but also for those long suffering priests who were and still are being forced under obedience to distribute the Sacred Host to communicants in this lamentable Protestant-like manner. In the **Communion Antiphon** of the Mass in Defense of the Faith, we pray:

“My soul is in Thy salvation, and in Thy word I have hoped: when wilt Thou execute judgment on those who persecute me? The wicked have persecuted me: help me, O Lord my God.” (Ps. 118: 81, 84, 86)

There is a perception among many faithful Catholics that a spiritual *jihad* (Islamic for “holy war”) has been waged since 2013 against the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate (FFI) for the “crime” of offering the Traditional Latin Mass and holding fast to traditional Catholic Church teaching. The FFI were forbidden to offer the Traditional Latin Mass; their thriving seminaries were closed; their founder, Father Stefano Manelli, was sent into exile and placed under house arrest; and their priest friars who fled to other places to continue offering the Traditional Latin Mass were hunted down like prey. These and other numerous acts of Liturgical Terrorism inflicted upon those faithful to the Traditional Latin Mass and to God-centered Traditions by Modernist man-centered liturgical “experts” call to mind the **Offertory Antiphon** for today’s Mass:

“Thou wilt save the humble people, O Lord, and wilt bring down the eyes of the proud: for who is God but Thee, O Lord?” (Ps. 17: 28, 32)

We thank God for the process begun by Pope Benedict XVI in *Summorum Pontificum* for the restoration of the Traditional Latin Mass. The Mass of the Ages is a sure remedy against Liturgical Terrorism. We thank God for all bishops who are welcoming of refugees from Liturgical Terrorism to the safe haven now officially referred to as the “Extraordinary Form” of the Liturgy. We continue to pray for an end of both Islamic and Liturgical Terrorism, all over the world, as reflected in what will be our **Postcommunion Prayer**:

“Look upon us, O God, our Protector, and defend Thy champions from the perils of the heathen, so that by the removal of all disturbance, they may serve Thee with free minds.”

AMEN.

**In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. ■**

*The Last Word...*

# The Deafening Silence of Pope Francis

By Father Celatus

A few years ago Jehovah’s Witnesses opened a kingdom hall near my parish. Soon after this its members starting going door to door witnessing in the neighborhood. Fortunately, they had little success locally and unsurprisingly they failed to make a single convert from among traditional Catholics. The JW’s were no match for solidly formed and educated Catholics.

The same cannot be said for the faithful of the nearby progressive parish. Long in the hands of a *Thoroughly Modernist Millie* pastor, the misled sheep were easy pickings. Actually they may have been better off going to a kingdom hall than a modernist church.

*The Last Word* suggests this in light of the most recently published Pew Research Center statistics regarding the acceptance of homosexuality among various *Christian* groups. Setting aside the fact we dispute their inclusion of various denominations and cults as Christian, this study is as revealing as it is alarming.

The study, which spans a period from 2007 through 2014, concludes that nearly all major *Christian* groups have become more accepting of homosexuality in the past seven years. At the very top of the *Christian* pile of those accepting homosexuality are Catholics, at a rate of 70%. In other words, from among those Americans identifying themselves as Catholics who were polled, 70% now believe that homosexuality should be accepted by society. No doubt that number is even higher now as we end 2015.

So guess which religious group is at the bottom of the homosexual heap? Yep, you guessed it: Jehovah’s Witnesses. According to the study, only 16 percent of the members of this cult believe that society should accept homosexuality. They also show the smallest measure of increase of homosexual support over the seven-year span, with only 12 percent of JW’s open to homosexuality in 2007. Next lowest in support for homosexuality come the Mormons, with 36 percent of its members supportive of homosexuality. Imagine that, *Christian* cults that do not even practice baptism are more morally solid than mainstream Catholics.

It will be interesting to see what the statistics will read when 2015 is eventually included in this study. I predict that the numbers of *Christians* supporting homosexuality will spike even higher, especially among *Catholics in Name Only* (CINOs). Frankly, as far as *The Last Word* is concerned and as this study reveals, CINOs are less *Christian* than cultists, at least when it comes to fundamental morality. God have mercy!

There are several reasons to assume that support for homosexuality will continue

to increase, taking into account an ever increasing support for homosexuality just this past year, in the V2 *church* and the world.

In 2015 once Catholic Ireland—but now CINO—became the first country worldwide and throughout all time to legalize same sex marriage by popular vote. In the words of one activist following the vote: “To the people of Ireland, we offer our thanks. You have done what no other country in the world has done. You have chosen, as a nation, to extend marriage rights to your LGBT family, friends and neighbors and this will go down in history as another example of the decency and fairness of the Irish people.” Gag!

In 2015 the United States Supreme Court legalized homosexual marriage nationwide by ruling that the U.S. Constitution bars states from denying marriage licenses to same sex couples. The President of the United States, who set the stage for this ruling by refusing to enforce DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act), tweeted this following the unconstitutional judgement: “Today is a big step in our march toward equality. Gay and lesbian couples now have the right to marry, just like anyone else. #LoveWins.” Double Gag!

In 2015 Francis of Rome visited the United States—to the dread of many—and used it as an opportunity to spread some of his *Francis Effect* contagion on our soil. Just months following the legalization of same sex marriage through the evil manipulations of a president and Supreme Court justices, *Your Pope* was dead silent on the issue. This despite the fact that his visit was in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families! Can anything be more damaging to families than institutionalizing homosexual *marriages*?

Not only do we note the silence of Francis on this moral matter but upon his departure we learned that he had personally arranged for a private audience with an openly homosexual couple during the course of his visit with the Apostolic Nuncio. This was confirmed by the official Vatican spokesman, even while that same *double-speaker* distanced Francis from a private meeting with a Kentucky clerk who was jailed and faces criminal charges for refusing to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples. Gag, gag, double gag!

Then there is the Synod on the Family 2015, which had very little to do with Christian families and much more to do with papal advocacy for the acceptance of adulterous couples, cohabitating couples and homosexual couples. Clearly unhappy that he was not able to manipulate and control the Synod sufficiently to get his desired outcome, Francis of Rome castigated conservative synod members for their “closed hearts which frequently

hide behind the Church’s teaching and good intentions.” Big papal gags!

And recall that the Synod was preceded by the *coming out* of an actively homosexual Vatican Monsignor who had served on the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for the past ten years. He was dismissed from his position NOT for his personal (perverted) lifestyle, which the Vatican said “merits respect,” but because “the decision to make such a pointed statement on the eve of the opening of the Synod appears very serious and irresponsible.” And now, following the Synod, *Vatileaks II* has uncovered brothels and bathhouses for curial clergy. Can there be any doubt that there is a Vatican Gay Lobby? Gagged to death!

Starting in the sixties homosexuals infiltrated the Church and attacked her like a filthy venereal disease in religious orders, in dioceses, in seminaries, in universities, in chanceries and in the Vatican. The disease has taken its toll and the Vatican II *church* is now supernaturally and spiritually dead. Those V2 windows of the Church that a previous pope threw open for fresh air are now belching out the stench of death. Congratulations, homosexuals! After fifty years you have homosexualized a majority of the V2 *church*. ■

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# The abortionists want to destroy pro-life hero David Daleiden in court!

Dear *Remnant* Reader,

As you know, David Daleiden is the gutsy 26-year-old pro-life hero who went deep under cover to expose Planned Parenthood's ghoulish trafficking in aborted babies' body parts. The abortionists are furious. They're determined to stop him.

The abortionists slapped David with a monstrous lawsuit. They want to ruin him financially with triple damages. They want to cripple his pro-life work through injunctions. They also want David jailed for contempt of court.

The National Abortion Federation (NAF) lawsuit accuses David of "racketeering." That's right. The abortionists are suing him in federal court in San Francisco under RICO—the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. This is ironic because David's videos expose abortionists laughing and joking about their lucrative racket of selling aborted babies' livers, hearts, brains, and other body parts. These abortionists are the real racketeers.

The abortionists' RICO lawsuit against David Daleiden is perhaps the pro-life case of the century.

Let me briefly introduce myself to you. I'm David Bereit, the founder of 40 Days for Life. Whenever one of our prayer warriors is harassed or falsely arrested, I call the same attorney who's now defending David Daleiden: Tom Brejcha.

You see, Tom Brejcha is the best pro-life attorney I've ever worked with. He's the attorney I have on speed-dial during 40 Days for Life campaigns. Tom always defends us to the hilt, solves our legal problems, and educates police officers and city officials who are confused about our First Amendment right to pray outside the abortion centers. Here's why it's so crucial for Tom to help win the RICO lawsuit against David Daleiden. The abortionists want to make an example of David. They want to crush him financially. The abortion lawyers have twice urged Judge William Orrick, presiding in the RICO case, to find David in "contempt of court"—a finding that could put David in jail.

Tom says defeat is not an option. David MUST prevail.

NAF's lawsuit claims that David violated several "confidentiality agreements." But these agreements can't trump reports of illegal conduct. David found and reported evidence of illegal trafficking in babies' body parts for profit.

Here's the key point: David's civic duty to **blow the whistle** and report serious crimes must prevail against "confidentiality agreements" because cover-ups of crime are crimes too!

Indeed, David's videos show evidence of *multiple* crimes, such as partial-birth abortions, which are banned by federal law, and altering abortion procedures to enhance the commercial value of babies' body parts for sale.

The Planned Parenthood abortionists are the ones who must be prosecuted for their crimes!

You've probably seen the footage of some of David's videos. They're devastating and incriminating. To Planned Parenthood and its supporters, the videos are a huge scandal and embarrassment.

It's hard to get this image out of your mind from David's very first



David Daleiden is the gutsy 26-year-old pro-lifer who went undercover for nearly three years. He then released a series of shocking videos exposing Planned Parenthood's ghoulish, illegal trafficking in aborted babies' body parts (hearts, livers, brains, etc.). He faces a crisis. The abortionists are suing him in federal court in California and are determined to crucify him. Please rush your emergency tax-deductible gift to the Thomas More Society for David's legal defense!

**"The abortion lawyers are vicious. They're relentlessly attacking David."**

video: Planned Parenthood abortionist Deborah Nucatola sipping wine and munching on a salad while describing how she can kill a baby without mangling the organs that can be sold for a tidy profit. She says:

"We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that. So I'm not gonna crush that part. I'm gonna basically crush below. I'm gonna crush above. And I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact. Often, the last step, you can evacuate an intact calvarium [head]."

Then there's abortionist Mary Gatter, the President of Planned Parenthood's Medical Directors' Council, who says in the video that she wants to make enough money from selling babies' body parts to buy a Lamborghini. (A Lamborghini sports car costs nearly \$200,000.)

**This abortionist uses a "less crunchy" method of killing a baby**

Gatter also made herself famous by saying that she can use a "less crunchy" method of killing a baby in order to preserve intact specimens for sale. Crushing the baby the wrong way would destroy the organs, making them worthless.

Then there's Dr. Savita Ginde of Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood in Denver. She couldn't help laughing while gloating about the money she's going to make selling babies' body parts. Another Planned Parenthood employee giggled about the large number of scrambled babies' remains jumbled together after a busy abortion day.

Another video exposes how the abortionists harvest the brain so they can sell it: they "snip" the baby's face

from bottom to top in order to extract the brain intact. This kind of evil is mind-boggling.

An illegal temporary restraining order (TRO) in San Francisco still prevents David from releasing videos about the National Abortion Federation. This is a "prior restraint" on free speech and a grave violation of the First Amendment. Tom Brejcha and his team are working to reverse that TRO and defeat the abortionists' plea for a permanent injunction.

If you've seen David Daleiden on TV, you know how articulate he is. He presents himself well. He's always calm and answers even the journalists' toughest and most hostile questions with ease. You won't be surprised to know that David is a devout Catholic.

David deserves our nation's highest civilian medal for what he has done. Instead, the abortionists target him as "Public Enemy No. 1." They want to ruin him to discourage anyone else from exposing the abortion industry as David has.

**Tom beat the abortion lawyers who tried to destroy Joe Scheidler**

David needs and deserves a strong legal defense! As I mentioned earlier, the legendary pro-life attorney Tom Brejcha, founder of the Chicago-based Thomas More Society, is on the firing line for David's defense. Tom established his reputation when he defeated the abortion lawyers before the U.S. Supreme Court in another major RICO lawsuit, which was filed against Joe Scheidler, the "Father of Pro-Life Activism."

The abortion lawyers hate Tom. But they respect him as a tough opponent.

There's no attorney with more experience than Tom Brejcha in defending pro-lifers against RICO accusations.

The abortion lawyers are hell-bent and vicious. They're relentlessly attacking David, hoping his legal team will go broke so they can put him out of business and suppress his videotapes. Tom Brejcha and his able, gifted co-counsel can prevent that, but it will be very costly to give David a winning legal defense.

You see, Tom's organization, the Thomas More Society, runs on a shoestring. Tom never charges a fee to his pro-life clients. He and his team have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of legal work for 40 Days for Life—and never asked me for a single dime. Instead, he depends on the sacrifices and prayers of people like you.

Because David's case is so challenging, involving multiple and complex charges (13!), subpoenas from several states as well as Congress, and numerous court appearances in San Francisco—the financial needs for David's defense are enormous.

**Please support David Daleiden's legal defense now!**

Tom Brejcha's team of seasoned pro-life attorneys includes some who are in private practice. Even though these pro-life attorneys charge Tom reduced rates, the defense costs over the next several months could easily exceed a half million dollars. (In one month alone, the cost exceeded six figures.) That's only a fraction of what the abortionists' spend to destroy David.

Victory for David is a must! But victory will come neither quickly nor easily nor cheaply. Tom Brejcha won't quit, and he intends to win.

He's committed to fight over the long haul. Nothing can stop Tom but shortness of funds. My wife and I sent Tom a donation for David Daleiden's legal defense, and I invite you to do the same.


I'm praying that two heroes will step forward with a tax-deductible sacrifice of \$10,000 or more. Could you consider being one of those heroes? If not, please join me in praying that someone else will step forward with a gift like that.

Could you consider making a gift of \$1,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000? Tom's organization needs a few gifts in that range to meet the urgent need.

Tom also needs many gifts of \$500, \$250, or \$100—and lots of gifts of \$50, \$35, or whatever you can sacrifice. No gift is too large, and no gift is too small. Please dig deep and send the biggest sacrifice you can. Your gift will help Tom defend not only David Daleiden but other innocent pro-lifers who depend on the Thomas More Society for free legal help.

Every sacrifice is precious to the Lord—even a widow's mite, as the Gospel says. Please rush your tax-deductible gift now, made payable to the Thomas More Society.

Very truly yours,

  
David Bereit

Founder, 40 Days for Life

P.S. The abortionists hope you'll ignore this appeal. They hope David Daleiden's defense team will run out of funds so they can win by default. Please don't let that happen. Please pray for David's victory, and mail your sacrificial gift right now while the reply coupon is at hand.



David Bereit, the founder of 40 Days for Life, says, "I depend on pro-life attorney, Tom Brejcha, to defend innocent 40 Days for Life prayer warriors who are falsely arrested or harassed. Please rush a tax-deductible gift to Tom's organization, the Thomas More Society, to support the legal defense of pro-life hero David Daleiden."



Tom Brejcha, the founder of the Thomas More Society, is the legendary pro-life attorney who won successive victories in the U.S. Supreme Court against the abortion lawyers who mounted a fierce 28-year RICO attack against Joe Scheidler, the "Father of Pro-Life Activism." Tom is at the forefront of David Daleiden's legal defense team. He's determined to whip the abortion lawyers in court once again. Please send a tax-deductible gift for David's legal defense.

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**Yes!** I want to support David Daleiden's legal defense! Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift, payable to the Thomas More Society, to help Tom Brejcha defend David and other innocent pro-lifers:

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