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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

Christmas and the Chickens at Chick-fil-A

Christmas Specials

As Advent slips away, I hasten to ask friends and subscribers to consider helping The Remnant out this Christmas. The cost of newsprint and postage is ever on the increase, especially as printing companies struggle to compete with online content distribution systems, inducing more and more newspapers to either go out of business or switch over entirely to an electronic option.

I have no intention of doing either, but I do need a little help. If you're not already a subscriber to The Remnant, please consider remedying that as soon as possible.

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François-Louis Dejuinne (1786–1844), The Baptism of Clovis

A Letter from Rome. . .

Coronation of Charlemagne: Nativity of Christendom

BY ROBERTO DE MATTEI

If there is any true moment of grace and conversion of heart, it is Holy Christmas, the day of the Nativity of the Lord, the day from which the years of the world are counted. The familiar atmosphere of

the day of Christmas softens the hardest hearts, but above all it is the beauty of the liturgy that is capable of touching them, as happened to the French writer Paul Claudel (1868-1955) on December 25, 1886.

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When Love Became Hate

(Escaping from “Absurdist World”)

BY DR. JOSEPH ROMANOSKI

“One cannot condone the error out of a false charity for the person”

False faith. False hope. False charity. These three notions have arguably been the defining characteristics of the organizational Roman Catholic Church over the last sixty years. From doctrinal integrity and soundness to doctrinal disintegration and chaos within one comparatively short generation. Absurdism—currently defined as the “new” faith—has, for the last sixty years, systematically destroyed all semblance of True Faith, True Hope, and True Charity both within and without the organizational Roman Catholic Church.

The question is not of A faith, A hope, or A charity, but of The Faith, The Hope, and The Charity. The question is not of subjectivity but of objectivity. The question is not of ad hoc, notional conjectures in the fantastical or imaginative order, but of definitive, verifiable facts in the rational or intellectual order. The question is not of emotive, unsubstantiated ravings on subjects, remote and proximate, all and sundry, but of clear, reasoned expositions

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PAPAL POLITICIAN

Down with Presidente Bergoglio

BY CHRISTOPHER FERRARA

Francis is Pope for life. But Jorge Mario Bergoglio the politician can and *must* be voted out of office.

Enough, already!

An [ABC News headline](#) back in 2014 inadvertently exposed the core at the meltdown of the papacy provoked by the current holder of the office: “Pope Francis Renews Passport as Jorge Mario Bergoglio.” Above the name Jorge

Mario Bergoglio on the passport's first page is a photo of Bergoglio wearing his white papal cassock as if it were merely the suit he had worn for a photo taken in the Vatican rather than a sign of the august office—Vicar of Christ—to which he, like any Pope, must be prepared to subsume his personal identity and peculiar ideas. Hence the apostolic tradition of adopting a papal name.

For Bergoglio, however, it appears that

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We just produced a new how-to video for the E-edition, which we'll be posting on the landing page for our E-edition this month. If you check that out and spend a few minutes poking around, I'm sure you'll agree that this really is a nice addition to our subscription services. And if you have any problems with it, just email our support team: Moderator@RemnantNewspaper.com

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We have a number of different projects going right now that need your help – Remnant TV especially. Our last three “Editor’s Desk” programs on RTV topped 200,000 views in just over one week. But it’s only a matter of time before the Google-owned YouTube takes steps to eliminate “hateful” channels like ours.

I’m in conversation right now with experts who tell me it is possible to host RTV on a network that provides service as good or better than that offered by YouTube. It’s not cheap, but it’s not out of reach, either. Any donation to The Remnant Foundation can be earmarked for Remnant TV, which is growing so fast we can hardly keep up. We use RTV to promote The Remnant’s brand and thus to support and strengthen the newspaper, as well.

So, this Christmas, please consider a donation to The Remnant Foundation. Since the Remnant still operates with a low overhead and a volunteer staff (mostly my children) I can guarantee your donation will be put to immediate good use. There’s obviously a war on right now, but here at The Remnant we remain absolutely committed to fighting back. Please help us.

Chick-fil-A Surrenders

Speaking of war, the Christian fast-food giant and one-time defender of Christian marriage has surrendered. After a courageous stand against gay ‘marriage’, the company’s bottom line soared as Christians flocked to defend the chicken-sandwich giant.

A few years later, however, Chick-fil-A began pulling back, not only bowing to the Alphabet Gestapo, but even going so far as to donate to the Christophobic Southern Poverty Law Center, God help us. Why? Because the pursuit of money is the root of all evil.

Disheartening as this is, it should come as no surprise. Since the leader of the largest Christian Church in the world has gone virtually silent on moral issues such as homosexuality and abortion, it should surprise no one when Protestants begin to question their own Bible-based convictions. Indirectly, I blame Francis for the shameful surrender of Chick-fil-A, even as I promise to never again buy a chicken sandwich from the chickens who run Chick-fil-A.

The following LifeSiteNews article fills in the sad and desperate blanks. Written by Patrick Craine, we’re pleased to print it here with his written permission and we encourage our readers to support the good work of our friends at LifeSiteNews.com.

Chick-fil-A has Emboldened the LGBT Mob

Chick-fil-A has betrayed its Christian customers and emboldened the LGBT

“Chick-fil-A is, in fact, encouraging the persecution of faithful Christians who cannot and will not capitulate.”

mob. If you’re still defending them, then please, read on. Chick-fil-A provoked the ire of the LGBT lobby in 2012 when its CEO Dan Cathy affirmed the Biblical view of marriage. But in the process they became a cultural icon for Christian conservatives, who flocked to the restaurant in droves. With their support, Chick-fil-A’s sales have [more than doubled](#) since 2012.

But after seven years of attacks from the LGBT mob, Chick-fil-A [announced](#) Nov. 18 that it would cease funding its remaining grantees that oppose same-sex “marriage,” including the Salvation Army.

Many of Chick-fil-A’s supporters, [including LifeSite](#), have decried the decision as a capitulation. LifeSite has run countless articles over the years touting Chick-fil-A, and now they have taken a leading role in raising the alarm. LifeSite launched a [petition](#) to the company,

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Seeking Pilgrimage Sponsors

Dear Remnant Readers: My name is James Schwartz. I am 17 years old, home/cyberschooled, and the youngest of 6. I have been a member of St. Stephens of Hungary Church in Allentown for about as long as I can remember. I was also an acolyte there



for many years and have experienced a great growth in the parish. Personally, I love the Traditional Latin Mass, not just for its beauty but for the people that also attend. Every Sunday is a learning experience and a sense of unity grows stronger as more families attend. Meeting new people in love with our Faith has strengthened my faith, encourages me to learn more about it and participate in its activities.

I have never gone on a pilgrimage before, but it has always been a desire. Two years ago, one of my brothers went on the Chartres Pilgrimage and upon his return he had such amazing stories. He had met lots of Catholics, of course, and his stories were intriguing, but it was not his experience itself that interested me but his transformation.

He seemed happier, smarter, and above all, stronger in his faith. His positivity and happiness had latched onto me and ever since then, my desire to travel and participate in the pilgrimage has grown stronger. Being very active in my local town's sports, I am constantly surrounded by controversy and non-Catholics of various beliefs. It would be a blessing to get away from it all and be with fellow Catholics, to strengthen my faith and be more enthusiastic to share it with my non-Catholic friends. The Chartres Pilgrimage will hopefully do just that and would be a way to come back home with a fresh mind and soul.

Personally, I have always loved European history and it would be a dream come true to visit the places of the world that I have read and imagined so much about. It is on my bucket list to eventually travel to all the greatest landmarks in the world and there would be no better way to start that than with a pilgrimage. My main intentions are to pray for my many extended family members who have fallen from the Church and for my future nephew. I also will include prayers for the success of my parish which has brought so much

happiness, especially since the FSSP was given charge. I hope that the Pilgrimage will help me rise up as a soldier of Christ with the courage to protect my faith and grow closer to Our Lady. My parents have registered me, and would love to get me out their hair, so I will be sincerely grateful for any given assistance. My life has had more ups than downs so let me carry your burdens for you and pray for any intentions you wish before and after the pilgrimage. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

God Bless!

James Schwartz

Dear Remnant Readers: My name is Thomas Conroy and I am from St. Paul, Minnesota. I am eighteen years old and in the middle of seven children. I



am currently a senior in high school and have been homeschooled my whole life. Our family has been blessed for the past seven years to attend a FSSP parish here in Minnesota where I have been privileged to serve the Traditional Latin Mass. Serving and attending the Traditional Latin Mass has given me a deeper appreciation for the richness of Catholic Tradition, including the Chartres Pilgrimage.

I have known about the Chartres Pilgrimage for a while now, but this is the first year that it may be possible for me to attend. It is an extraordinary event that gives true Catholic witness to an increasingly anti-Catholic world. The Pilgrimage encourages traditional practices of penance and prayer, and also serves as a reminder to Catholics in a Church which has undergone so many modern changes what it really means to be a Catholic.

I want to stand with fellow Catholics and be a part of this beautiful tradition. I want to witness and experience the atmosphere of true Catholic culture and

community which the daily offering of the Traditional Latin Mass on the pilgrimage inspires and creates. Marching, praying, carrying the intentions of others, and enduring the hardships of a pilgrimage with other young Catholics would be such an amazing experience and one I sincerely hope I can be a part of. In addition to carrying your intentions throughout the pilgrimage I would like to use this as an opportunity to discern my vocation. Thank you for considering me to carry your intentions on the Chartres Pilgrimage.

In Christ,

Thomas Conroy

My name is Madeline Eastman. I am 18 years old, a senior in high school, and the eldest in a bustling homeschooled family of nine children. My family lives in Pennsylvania and is privileged to attend St. Stephen of Hungary FSSP parish in Allentown, where I sing in our beautiful choir. Perhaps some will remember my picture from last year; though it was God's will that circumstances should not work out then, Christ said of the persevering: "He will give to him whatever he needs because of his persistence"(Luke 11:8). So here I am again!

The Chartres Pilgrimage has long been something I would like to participate in. For the last three years, I have gone on the Auriesville Pilgrimage for Restoration.



From normal participation to volunteer work, I have learned how spiritually fruitful and worthwhile a pilgrimage can be. The Chartres Pilgrimage, being as it is so historical and on such a grand scale, is very appealing! The opportunity to meet like-minded young Catholics from around the world is really amazing. The prospect of experiencing the stunning architectural beauty left from a time when all society put God first in their priorities is also very exiting.

While on pilgrimage, I have many intentions to pray and sacrifice for. I wish to pray about my vocation in life, for friends and family, for the Church, and for sinners. Of course, I wish in addition to carry any and all intentions of my sponsors as well.

Over various summer jobs I saved up to pay my registration deposit. I would be extremely grateful for any donations and/or your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you starting now and lasting even after Pilgrimage is over.

Sincerely,

Madeline Eastman

Dear Remnant Readers: My name is Mary Daniels. I am a cradle Catholic, the third oldest of 6, and a homeschooled graduate. I just finished high school in May and soon after got my real estate license. I am now in the process of starting my own business. My



faith has been a huge part of my life and I have felt called to give back by being active in my community. I started a

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girl's discernment group with my friend a couple years ago; we began with 6 girls and now, by the grace of God, find ourselves with 16. I served on Maine's Catholic Youth Leadership Team for 2 years, organizing and putting on retreats for high school students in our Diocese. I also recently started and am helping to run a women's group where we study the Feminine Genius. Now that I am finished with high school, I am starting to spend more time in society. I find myself constantly challenged by it and I really feel the need to strengthen my relationship with the Lord and our Blessed Mother. When I heard about the Chartres Pilgrimage, I immediately felt that this is something I am called to do. But starting my own business has tied up my finances, leaving me unable to find the resources to pay for the pilgrimage. And so I would very much appreciate financial assistance. I will keep you all in my prayers and I am sincerely grateful for your support. To Jesus, through Mary, may God bless you.

Mary Daniels

Remnant Tours' Youth Fund

If you decide to sponsor one of the young pilgrims (your donations are tax deductible), please understand that you are entering into a spiritual partnership in a tradition as old as Christendom—where Catholics pool their resources in order to send a young member of a parish or town on pilgrimage for the good of the whole community. I personally select only the worthiest young candidates, so that sponsors can be assured they will be prayed for each and every day (by name) and I will not allow our young pilgrims to forget that Remnant pilgrimages are all about the call to holiness, Catholic action and counterrevolution. The cost of the entire pilgrimage is \$3400. The names of sponsors and their special intentions will be carried to Chartres and read aloud each day on the Pilgrimage. **MJM**

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Mary Daniels...\$0 thus far

Good News from Sweden

Editor, *The Remnant*: Considering all terrible things that is going on in the Church, I wanted to share a few photos from the first public Solemn Mass in Sweden in perhaps more than 50 years.



The Cardinal-bishop Arborelius is assisting in choir. With more than 700 people in attendance we had to borrow a Protestant church building. Celebrant



of the Mass as well as the deacon and mc were from The Institute of Christ the King. The servers from the Saint Eric's Legion, the choir a newly started semi professional choir Corona Sanctae Elisabeth.

Keep up your great work, and happy Thanksgiving!

In Domino,

Father Tobias Unnerstål
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Feedback for Michael Matt's Open Letter to Pope Francis

Editor, *The Remnant*: I am writing you from Italy; my name is Stefano.

I have read the open letter to Pope Francis, written by the publisher, Mr. Michael J. Matt, translated in Italian on the website "www.corrispondenzaromana.it".

I totally agree about this article, and I hope that the Catholics in the world, and also my country, Italy, won't be spiritually abandoned by the leaders of the ecclesiastical hierarchy.

Being a father of two children (age 7, and age 12), I am worried about the future that awaits them, because they will have to fight against an increasing of anti-Christian sentiment.

I hope that the prayers of Catholics, and the American Catholics, can contribute to the spiritual rebirth of our nation Italy.

Many thanks Mr. Michael J. Matt for this article.

Please, can you inform me if there is an Italian edition of "Remnant Newspaper"?

Yours Sincerely

Stefano Minghetti
Trezzano Rosa (Milan)
Italy

Editor, *The Remnant*: I have already read your letter to Pope Francis.

I'm in shock, how many people all around the world, have the same feelings as we here in Poland.

Jesus Christ, our only God and Salvator always wins!

Thanks for your "Letter of truth". God bless all Catholics in USA!

Szymon Czarkowski
Poznań, Poland

Editor, *The Remnant*: I just had the chance to listen to your statement to Pope Francis about why we resist him. To be trite, "you took the words right out of my mouth."

You say well that this is not trivial or ideological but a commitment of faith, Catholic faith. Thank you so much.

Fr Richard McNally, SSCC

The Remnant Sacred Heart League

Editor, *The Remnant*: On the 26th of October, I ordered ten Sacred Heart pins to be sent to my home address in Sweden. I received them a week ago and I must say I love them. I have handed them out to traditional Catholic friends and they all say the same thing as I do.

I have been a traditional Catholic since my teens, working hard for the true Sacraments and true Doctrine to be known and celebrated here in Sweden, writing and translating books and articles, talking to people etc. The Remnant has had, and continues to have, an important role in that work, and the League of the Sacred Heart is yet

another great initiative from you that is appreciated far outside the borders of the US.

Thank you for all that you do for the restoration of Tradition in the Church, and rest assured of our prayers here in Sweden. I hope I can meet Mr. Michael Matt one day, do not hesitate to contact me if you ever plan a trip to Sweden or if there is something else I can do for You.

Best regards,
Marcus Urbanski
Sweden

Greetings from Poland

Editor, *The Remnant*: I have just read your Open Letter to Pope Francis (November 15th edition).

I'm in shock to see how many people all around the world, have the same feelings about this man as we do here in Poland.

Jesus Christ, our only God and Salvator always wins. Thanks for your "Letter of Truth". God bless all Catholics in USA!

Szymon Czarkowski
Poznań, Poland Dear Mr. Matt,

Catholic Identity Conference

Editor, *The Remnant*: We wish to thank you and your staff for an awesome weekend in Pittsburgh!

It was our first time attending a Catholic Identity Conference, hopefully the first of many. (We're already signed up for next year). It was an emotionally charged, electrifying event; we are slowly returning to Earth. The Conference gave us hope and encouragement, knowing that we are not alone, we have a plan, and we stand with The Clans.

All the speakers were excellent. Each focused on their particular strength and strategy. It was a blessing to have Bishop Schneider present. Beginning with the Mass for All Saints, the "bonus" lecture about Communion in the Hand, his keynote address, recitation of the Rosary, and finally concluding with singing Christus Vincit, brought down the house!

The mission for the Clans was clearly identified. So, we all need to get to work. May God continue to bless you for your faithfulness and May Our Lady protect you under her loving Mantle.

Devotedly in Christ,
Phil and Judy Clingerman

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Coronation of Charlemagne: Nativity of Christendom

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Claudiel was an 18-year-old student who had abandoned religious practice and wandered through the streets of Paris, restless and dissatisfied with himself when, on the night of Christmas Eve, he entered into the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, while the choir was singing what he later learned was the *Magnificat*. He recounts:

I was standing in the middle of the crowd, near the second pillar from the choir entrance on the right, on the sacristy side. In that moment I understood the event that dominates my entire life. In an instant my heart was touched and I believed. I believed with a strength of adhesion so great, with such an uplifting of my entire being, with a conviction so powerful, in a certainty that did not leave place for any sort of doubt, so that, afterwards, no reasoning, no circumstance of my agitated life was able to shake my faith nor touch it. Suddenly I had the piercing feeling of innocence, of the eternal childhood of God: an ineffable revelation! Seeking to reconstruct the moments which followed this extraordinary instant – as I have often done – I have rediscovered the following elements that, however, form one single flash of lightning, one single weapon used by Divine Providence to finally succeed in opening the heart of his poor desperate son: “How happy are the persons who believe!” But was it true? It was really true! God exists, He is here. He is someone, a personal being like me. He loves me, He calls me. Tears and sobs had sprung up, while my emotion had grown even greater due to the sound of the tender melody of “Adeste, fideles” [...].

Paul Claudel understood that evening, in a flash, with invincible evidence, that the life of each one of us opens wide before an inexorable alternative: either the infinite love of God or eternal damnation. He recalls further:

It is true – I confess it with the Roman centurion – that Jesus was the Son of God. It was to me, Paul, who he turned and promised his love. But, at the same time, if I did not follow him, he left me damnation as the only other alternative. Ah, I did not need to have explained what hell was: I had already done my time there. Those few hours were enough to make me understand that Hell is anywhere there is not Christ. What did I care about the rest of the world, in front of this new and prodigious Being that had been revealed to me?

The life of Paul Claudel became the attempt to remain faithful to the grace of the Christmas of 1886, “the day of Christmas in which every joy was born,” as he wrote in his most famous work, *L'Annonce faite à Marie* (1912).

The Social Aspect of Holy Christmas

But the feast of Holy Christmas does not only have an individual and family significance: it also has, and has had in history, a social significance. The great abbot of Solesmes, Dom Prosper Guéranger (1805-1875), in his *L'Année Liturgique*, recalls for us three moments of Holy Christmas linked to the history of Europe, to its deepest Christian roots.

The first of these moments is the baptism of Clovis, which took place, according to tradition, on December 25, 496.



Coronation of Charlemagne on Christmas, 800 A.D.

Clovis was the king of the Franks, a people that was still pagan, while Christianity was spreading in a Europe prey to chaos and anarchy after the fall of the Roman Empire in the West, which had taken place twenty years earlier. He had married Clothilde, a Catholic princess of the people of the Burgunds. It was she, with the help of Remigius, the holy bishop of Rheims, who brought Clovis to the Catholic religion, conquering his heart.

Clovis had himself baptized on the night of Christmas in the year 496.

The historian of the Franks, Gregory of Tours, writes that Clovis “approached the *lavacrum* [bath] like a new Constantine, to be freed from the ancient leprosy, to dissolve in fresh water the lurid stains that had been created over a long period of time. And when Clovis had entered the Baptistry, the saint of God said to him with solemn words: “Meekly bow your head, O Sicambus. Worship what you have burned, burn what you have worshipped.”

The baptism of Clovis was the baptism of a people who, with him, entered into history: the Franks. And according to Dom Guéranger, the supreme Lord of events willed that the King of the Franks would be born on the day of His Nativity to impress more deeply the importance of such a holy day in the memory of the Christian peoples of Europe.

Clovis, the proud barbarian, humble as a lamb, was immersed by Saint Remigius in the baptismal font of salvation, from which he emerged purified in order to inaugurate the first Catholic monarchy among the new monarchies, the Kingdom of France, the most beautiful of all kingdoms – it is said – after the kingdom of heaven.

The Conversion of England

One hundred years passed from the conversion of Clovis. There arose to the pontifical throne a great pope, Saint Gregory the Great. In 596, according to what is remembered, Pope Gregory was moved at seeing, in the slave market of Rome, a group of young people who were blonde and beautiful as angels. He asked who they were, and the answer was: *Angli*.

“*Non Angli, sed Angeli*,” replied the Pope, who from this moment decided to entrust the evangelization of England to the Benedictine monks. A group of forty monks, guided by Augustine, later known as “Augustine of Canterbury,” left for the island of the Angles in order to spread the Gospel.

Augustine, after converting King Ethelbert to the true God, went to the city of York, which was already Roman, and there he made the Word of Life resound, and an entire people joined their king in asking for Baptism. And so it happened: the baptism of the king was the baptism of an entire people, linked to their sovereign by chains of indissoluble fidelity.

The day of Christmas was chosen for the regeneration of these new disciples of Christ; and the river that flowed under the city walls was chosen to serve as the baptismal font for an army of ten thousand catechumens, not counting women and children. The rigor of the winter season did not stop the new and fervent disciples of the Child of Bethlehem, and they went down into the icy waters to purify their souls.

Dom Guéranger writes: “*From the icy waters an army of neophytes emerged, full of joy and resplendent in innocence; and*

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A majestic man entered, about sixty years old, whose almost gigantic stature expressed the indomitable force of a warrior, while his white hair and his beard revealed an extraordinary sweetness.”

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on the very day of his birth, Christ counted one more nation under his empire.”

Saint Augustine of Canterbury was the evangelizer of Britain, and then in turn monks set out from England and Ireland, following another great missionary, Saint Boniface, to evangelize Germany.

The Coronation of Charlemagne

Another illustrious event was yet to embellish the anniversary of the Nativity. On the Solemnity of Christmas in the year 800, with the coronation of Charlemagne at Rome, the Holy Roman Empire was born, to which was reserved the mission to propagate the kingdom of Christ in the barbarous regions of the North and to maintain European unity under the direction of the Roman Pontiff.

It was the end of the year 800. It was the day of Christmas. In Rome, in the Basilica of Saint Peter, a majestic man entered, about sixty years old, whose almost gigantic stature expressed the indomitable force of a warrior, while his white hair and his beard revealed an extraordinary sweetness. One could see immediately that he was not just any other man. This man was Charlemagne, King of the Franks, the people of Clovis, called to Rome by the Pope so that he could place his sword at the service of the Cross against the Lombards.

The King of the Franks in the year eight hundred after Christ had already subjugated the Aquitaines and the Lombards; he had crossed the Pyrenees in order to tame the threatening power of the Arabs in Spain; he had put down the insurrection of the Saxons and Bavarians; and he was in full battle against the Avars. He was not only a warrior: under his

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Chick-fil-A has Emboldened the LGBT Mob

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garnering over 40,000 signatures so far. The American Family Association launched a petition that has grown even larger, with 102,000 signatures. But Chick-fil-A has gone on the offensive, denying that it capitulated and claiming that its Christian mission remains as strong as ever. They managed to convince Franklin Graham, who sought to reassure Christians of Chick-fil-A's commitments.

As a result, Chick-fil-A's supporters have claimed the capitulation narrative is fake news and have accused LifeSite and others of perpetuating a false story. But that is wrong, and naïve. Chick-fil-A did cave. Sure, they have kept God in their mission statement. Yes, they say they will remain closed on Sundays. They are keeping a soft Christian identity, for now. But where it's hard – where the Gospel butts up against our culture of death and sexual licentiousness – they have indeed caved. And that's where it counts.

Let's remember that Chick-fil-A was clear when they announced the decision on Nov. 18 that defunding these groups was about rebranding in order to expand into new markets. The company's president, Tim Tassopoulos, said: "There's no question we know that, as we go into new markets, we need to be clear about who we are. There are lots of articles and newscasts about Chick-fil-A, and we thought we needed to be clear about our message."

The decision comes as Chick-fil-A is beginning to expand out of the U.S., into Canada and the U.K. Their new restaurant in Toronto faced immense backlash. And in London, England, the backlash was so severe that they are [closing](#) their first restaurant. With a massive push

from its Christian fan base, Chick-fil-A has skyrocketed to the third largest restaurant chain in the U.S. – behind only McDonald's and Starbucks – with over \$10 billion in revenue. Of course, they want to expand now outside the U.S. But it appears they are willing to abandon their core customers to do it.

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This was a flash point – a big cultural moment when the mob can declare victory in the public eye. But the reality is Chick-fil-A went off course very soon after Cathy's comments in 2012, when they began withdrawing funding from the most ardently pro-family of the Christian groups they had been supporting, like the Family Research Council and Focus on the Family. In 2014, Cathy said that while he maintains his personal opposition to same-sex "marriage," he had decided

to [keep quiet about it](#): "The bottom line is we have a responsibility here to keep the whole of the organization in mind and it has to take precedence over the personal expression and opinion on social issues."

Now, as supporters dig deeper, they're seeing that Chick-fil-A has quietly been betraying their Christian customers for years. According to the Chick-fil-A Foundation's IRS filing they have already been giving money to pro-abortion and leftist groups. Most shocking, as [revealed](#) Nov. 26 by pro-life leader Ryan Bomberger, Chick-fil-A donated \$2,500 to the Southern Poverty Law Center in 2017.

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a virulently anti-Christian group, and arguably one of the biggest agents of the soft persecution of faithful Christians in the U.S. today. It is famous for its "hate map" targeting pro-family groups that promote Biblical teaching on homosexuality. In 2012 domestic terrorist Floyd Lee Corkins cited their hate map as his [inspiration](#) after he entered the Family Research Council's DC headquarters with the intention of gunning down its employees. In his backpack Corkins was carrying Chick-fil-A sandwiches and intended to rub them in the faces of his victims. Thank God for the courage of FRC's security guard Leonardo Johnson, who was shot while subduing Corkins. And we learn now from the Family Research Council that Chick-fil-A never reached out to them even privately after the attack.

Yet five years later Chick-fil-A gave money to the very anti-Christian group that inspired the attack. Chick-fil-A is continuing to tout its Christian values, remaining closed on Sundays, but as they

abandon their principles, it's beginning to appear that they are using the Gospel as a marketing tool.

This isn't about the groups they are defunding. The Salvation Army, in particular, is [not fully pro-life](#) and I would not advocate giving them money. It's about the message Chick-fil-A is sending by defunding them – and that is that they are distancing themselves from organizations that uphold a Biblical view of sexuality. They are capitulating to the LGBT mob, and emboldening them, showing that their persistence pays off. That we will cave if they come at us hard enough and long enough. And thus, Chick-fil-A is, in fact, encouraging the persecution of faithful Christians who cannot and will not capitulate.

The persecution is growing in Europe, North America, and around the world, and we need to be ready. It will take a heroic faith – deep conviction, and a willingness to give up everything. Christ is clear in the Gospel: "They will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. . . . You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name's sake."

You know what we should fear more than persecution? That the persecution would come, and we would miss it because of our own apathy. That our faith is so lukewarm that we're not deemed worthy of suffering for it. We don't seek out martyrdom – but we should make sure our conviction is worthy of it. ■

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influence, the arts and sciences flourished throughout all of Europe. He was greatly loved by his subjects, venerated by his warriors, and in all the lands he conquered he extended the beneficent influence of the Catholic religion.

And now Charlemagne, the heir of Clovis, entered into Saint Peter's Basilica, on a Christmas night that was cold thanks to the rigors of winter, but warm thanks to the atmosphere of enthusiasm that reigned in the Basilica. The King of the Franks knelt down, lowered his head, adoring God made man and imploring mercy for his sins. He beat his breast and had recourse to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, without realizing that someone was approaching him in silent respect. It was not a simple priest or bishop – it was a pope, a holy pope. The chronicles recount that "at the moment in which the king rose up from prayer, during the Mass, before the altar of the confession of Saint Peter the Apostle, Pope Leo III came up to him and placed a crown on his forehead." A new crown, not that of King but of Emperor.

The pope, Saint Leo III, placed the imperial crown on the head of Charlemagne; and the astonished world saw once again a Caesar, an Augustus, no longer a successor of the Caesars and

Augusti of pagan Rome, but invested with those glorious titles of Vicar of He whom Scripture defines as the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords. The Roman people acclaimed him with these words: "to Charles Augustus, crowned by God as great and pacific emperor of the Romans, life and victory," while the Franks, beating their spears on their swords, raised up the cry, "Christmas, Christmas [*Natale, Natale*]," a cry that, ever since the time of Clovis, recalled the entrance of their people into history.

Two days before the coronation, a monk of Saint Saba and a monk of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem had offered to the king of the Franks, as a gift from the Patriarch, "the keys of the Holy Sepulchre and of Calvary and the keys of the city and Mount Zion with a banner." It was a symbolic homage, a new halo of sanctity placed around the forehead of the king who had extended his protection across the seas, who would protect the Christians of Palestine, Syria, Egypt, and Tunisia.

On that Christmas, in the Cathedral of the Vicar of Christ, there was born the Catholic Empire of the West, the pillar of medieval Christian civilization – just as 800 years earlier, on the very same day, the Baby Jesus was born in a manger.

In founding the Apostolic Roman Catholic

Church, Jesus Christ had placed in her, in seminal form, all of the potentialities needed to generate a great civilization. With the expansion of the Church, with the conversion of the peoples over eight centuries, the seed developed, became a concrete possibility, and finally bloomed in the year 800 in the empire of Charlemagne, blessed and ratified by the hands of a holy successor of Peter. It was the beginning of an era in which, as Leo XIII teaches in his encyclical *Immortale Dei*, "the priesthood and the empire were linked together by a happy concord and by the friendly exchange of services" and "organized in such a way that the civil society yielded fruits that were superior to every expectation."

Another pope, John Paul II, on the occasion of the 1200th anniversary of the coronation of Charlemagne, recalled: "The great historic figure of the emperor Charlemagne recalls the Christian roots of Europe, carrying all those who study it back to an era that, despite its ever present human limits, was characterized by an imposing cultural flourishing in almost every field of experience. In search of its identity, Europe cannot leave aside an energetic effort to recover the cultural patrimony left by Charlemagne and preserved for more than a millennium."

Charlemagne was great not only because

of his victorious wars from one end of Europe to the other, but above all through his work of juridical, cultural, and artistic restoration, inspired by the principles of the Gospel. At a time of decadence and disorder, he can be considered as the founder of Christian Europe. With the first Christian Emperor, the West for the first time acquired self-awareness and presented itself on the stage of history conscious of its own Christian and Roman unity.

The coronation of Charlemagne was in addition a public and symbolic act of universal importance, destined to express, for more than a millennium, the conception of sovereign Christianity. The font of authority is the representative of God on earth, because – on earth – no authority exists that does not originate from God. In this sense the coronation of Charlemagne may be considered as the Nativity of Christendom.

What was at one time Christendom is today agonizing under the attacks of enemies both external and internal, and we await with trepidation a new day of Nativity, a day of birth and resurrection for our souls and for all of society: the blessed day, announced at Fatima, of the triumph of the Church and the restoration of Christian civilization. ■

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of evidential truth, dually ordered and arranged for a definite and most purposeful end.

Faith and doctrine go hand in hand. The tenets of the religion are the rational exposition of the gift of the True Faith from God, not the ravings of power-hungry ecclesiastics bent on controlling all and sundry via fear and intimidation, as some contemporaries choose to describe any mention by religious authorities of those dreaded and most vilified terms of clarity and precision: doctrine and dogma. Nor are these tenets of the True Religion the “playing” of phantasmagorical ecclesiastical “theorists” whose primary motivation would appear to be solely to provide themselves with a well-visited web site, a handsome bankroll, a guruistic following, and the self-satisfaction of a seemingly-endless, self-congratulatory “fame.”

As St. Thomas Aquinas has so eloquently stated, True Faith does supersede reason. However, True Faith in no way contradicts reason. The Deposit of True Faith has always been stated as found in Holy Scripture and Tradition. Hence, doctrine and dogma follow essentially and exclusively from Holy Scripture and Tradition. Any “questioning” of True Faith and morals is, therefore, essentially a questioning of the Sources of True Faith: Holy Scripture and Tradition.

This “questioning” can only be construed as an uninspired, “True-Faith-less” speculation either genuinely or maliciously entered upon by the questioner for purposes known or unknown, evident or unevident. Intent is difficult to decipher, precisely because good faith and good will likewise go hand in hand. Actions, however, speak louder than words—“A bad tree cannot bear good fruit and a good tree cannot bear bad fruit. By their fruits you shall know them,” as Our Lord said.

So, what are the fruits of this sixty year “questioning?” Empty seminaries and convents, non-attendance at Sunday Mass, minimal or childless families, apostasy on an unprecedented scale, lacklustre fervour, depleted missionary zeal, diminished monastic life, moral compromise, factions, dissensions—the list goes on. Most certainly these are bad fruits. This unquestionably bad fruit of “questioning” must, therefore, unquestionably come from a bad tree.

An example of this contemporary “questioning” in the area of morals is appropriate at this juncture. The Roman Catholic Church emphatically, and correctly, states that artificial birth control of any type is strictly forbidden. Many contemporary “questioners” claim that this declaration is “draconian”, “unrealistic”, “insensitive”, “insufferable”. However, the doctrine is, in no way, “unreasonable” when understood from the point of True Faith—that is, from the point of view of Holy Scripture and Tradition.

The case in point is the occasion when the Apostles approached Christ with the following scenario: A man was married, and he died; the man’s brother

subsequently married his brother’s widow; the brother himself died, and the woman was then married to a second brother. The Apostles asked Our Lord: *Whose wife will the woman be in Heaven?* Christ advised that there are no wives and husbands in Heaven. Hence, there is no sexual intercourse in Heaven.

The strong inference is, therefore, that—as the biological means of producing human beings will no longer occur after Christ’s second coming—the absolute number of human beings to be purposely brought into existence throughout the duration of human history and before the end of the world is fixed. That ultimate, precise, and limited number of human beings is now unknown to us creatures. Moreover, that precise, eternally determined number can never be accurately ascertained by us through our limited human resources, in spite of our highly sophisticated, continually developing, and seemingly unlimited technology. The specific number of human beings is known only in the Eternal Mind of the Creator and Divine Orderer of the cosmos.

Hence, each unique human conception, by reason of its absolute uniqueness, is eternally precious and valuable beyond estimation, as there are, ultimately,

biotechnology, a deficiency of True Faith is, nonetheless, manifestly evident in this “questioning.”

Perhaps rationalizations are being employed by false or erroneous consciences in an attempt to disguise or justify secret or blatant immoral behaviour. Only the argument from the True Faith can, however, demonstrate the reasonableness of the Church’s doctrinal position and the need for True Catholics, in conscience, to adjust personal behaviour—public or private—accordingly.

False hope stems from false faith. False hope resides in “horizontal” progress or progress “over the horizon”—the so-called scientific or evolutionary or technological “progress”, the false and preposterous notion that somehow human knowledge will somehow ultimately obtain “all the answers” to every conceivable question. Of course, this notion holds no water. How can mere human knowledge account for the ultimate number of human beings to be conceived (as demonstrated above), as well as the consummate and ultimate reality of death? Can any living creature avoid that final and ultimate experience? Manifestly, no. Resistance, as they say, is futile.

to the Ten “Suggestions”, and all will be fine. Just make sure you don’t forget to ignore the Holy Water when you walk out of the church. Oh, and yes, be sure and always get out your smart phone in church, so as to catch up with the latest “Catholic” blog (that definitely can’t be missed!)

Feelings are not facts. Feelings are internal weather, subject to change and inevitably passing. They come and go. False charity makes feelings, with their temporary and fleeting nature, more important than established and unchanging facts, and thus distorts and ultimately destroys direction, purpose, and, unfortunately, true ultimate goal-orientation.

A doctor does not refuse to give a child a vaccination just because the child will cry because of the pinch. The pain is necessary in order to avoid a greater pain. On occasion, a parent must discipline a child for the child’s own good, so as to avoid the child’s possible future self-harm due to inexperience or ignorance. Hence, the parent’s admonition to the child before administering discipline: “This is going to hurt me more than it hurts you.”

Our Lord said that we are to “Hate the sin, but love the sinner”, be intolerant

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according to the Divine Providential Plan, only just so many unique human beings to be ultimately conceived and brought into existence.

This doctrine the Roman Catholic Church must proclaim, otherwise the Church would be violating its charge to “Go ye forth and preach to all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Thus, the Roman Catholic Church’s indictment against artificial birth control is not unreasonable, if seen from the point of view of Holy Scripture and Tradition, and the Church’s charge from its Divine Founder “to teach, to govern, and to sanctify.”

Those so-called Catholics who argue to the contrary must be arguing from a position of false faith, with either a good, but misinformed, will or an outright bad will. As a quote from the top of this article states: **“One cannot condone the error out of a false charity for the person.”** Despite protestations to the contrary by the relevant parties and references to the so-called “advances” of

True Hope is vertical hope—the understanding that we are moving towards an ultimate goal, a destiny of eternal life and happiness in Heaven, if we so choose to avail ourselves of the means to that end while we are here on earth in this “valley of tears.” As stated so eloquently in the *Salve Regina*, Our Lady is “our life, our sweetness, and our hope.” She leads us to Her Son—*Ad Jesum per Mariam*—Who reigns triumphantly and will one day come upon the clouds of heaven to judge both the living and the dead. She is our sure guide through the minefield of life at all points as we experience it.

Finally we come to false charity, or the notion that somehow error and deception can be tolerated out of a false concern for the emotional “welfare” (or, perhaps, in reality, bruised “ego”) of the person—that a “square circle” is OK, as long as it makes you feel good, and you don’t stub your toe on any truth or reality. Just call absurdism—“questioning”, if you will—the “new” faith, get yourself a clown costume, slap your neighbour on the back, give some token acquiescence

of the error but tolerant of the person in error. So, tolerating or loving the person does not necessarily mean tolerating or loving the person’s error—in fact, quite the opposite. Just as one would shout “Don’t take another step!” if one were about to see a person about to accidentally step off a cliff, True Charity requires prudential warning, explaining or otherwise refuting the error, and tactfully but emphatically informing the person in error of the True demonstrable doctrine.

As Our Lord said: “The Truth shall make you free”; “Those who seek the Truth hear My Voice”; “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” The True Religion is not based on emotional highs, pipe dreams, or on hypothesized propositions. Christ, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived, said what He meant and meant what He said. His is the Love of Wisdom and the Wisdom of Love. True Charity and True Friendship go hand-in-hand. ■

**Sweet Heart of Mary,
Be Our Salvation**

Down with Presidente Bergoglio

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Francis is a kind of stage name that goes along with the requisite costume, which is not to suggest that he eschews the power of the papal office, which he exercises with reckless abandon according to his personal views. [As he himself insisted](#) in a telephone call to the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires shortly after his election: “‘Oh come on, it’s Father Jorge,’ kind of referencing that it was not a time for official titles.” For Bergoglio, the name Pope Francis is just that—an official title, CEO for the chief operating officer of a corporation or *El Presidente* for the head of a Latin American banana republic. In his mind [he is still the same liberal Jesuit](#) he was before his election to the papacy. We know this because he has said so: “I have not changed my spirituality, no. Francis, Franciscan, no. I feel a Jesuit and I think as a Jesuit. I don’t mean that hypocritically, but I think as a Jesuit.” A neo-Modernist Jesuit, that is, not one of the great old Jesuits from the school of right reason who were formed in the generation before Bergoglio, like Father Vincent Miceli, SJ (1915-1991) or my mentor at Fordham, Father Francis Canavan, SJ (1917-2009).

Now, a Pope who insists he is still a Jesuit has a theological problem Bergoglio himself noted in the same linked interview: “That is a theological question, because Jesuits make a vow of obedience to the Pope. But if the Pope is a Jesuit, perhaps he has to make a vow of obedience to the General of the Jesuits! I don’t know how to resolve this...” I have an idea about how to resolve this: Simply reject the opinions of the liberal Jesuit who refuses to change his way of thinking or even the name on his passport to reflect his papal name. Also, mount opposition to his way of thinking whenever it threatens the integrity of the faith, as it has done again and again over the past six-and-a-half years. That, in fact, is what the faithful have been doing, forming a movement of resistance that now ranges far beyond the ranks of traditionalists. On the other hand, if “Father Jorge” should happen to do or say something consistent with his duty as Vicar of Christ, protector and defender of the Faith, then of course it must be accepted as such. No examples come to mind.

But it is not only Bergoglio’s abundantly demonstrated neo-Modernist antipathy to orthodoxy and orthopraxis that we must reject. There is also the man’s horrendous politics, which is the focus here.

First of all, being same neo-Modernist, Latin American Jesuit he was before his election, Bergoglio’s thinking is replete with the bromides of Liberation Theology and its rich-versus-poor demagoguery. Accordingly, Bergoglio has never met a communist or socialist dictator he doesn’t like or whose tyrannical acts he is willing to criticize. To recall a few salient examples:

- He [held hands with Fidel Castro](#), a mass murderer who persecuted the Church and imprisoned an entire nation, like they were old friends.



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What, then, can be done about a Pope more interested in promoting a globalist dystopia than the salvation of souls?

- He accepted and brought home to the Vatican [the infamous hammer-and-sickle crucifix](#) presented to him by Evo Morales, a tyrannical devotee of the Chinese Communist state model who has been favored with no fewer than six private visits with Bergoglio at the Vatican. Morales was finally forced into exile in Mexico by a mass uprising of the Bolivian people after attempting to rig his “reelection” to an unconstitutional fourth term as dictator. When asked to comment on Morales’s ouster during one of his rambling in-flight press conferences (on the way back to Rome from Japan), Bergoglio refused to say anything because he hadn’t [“studied”](#) the matter.

- He administered [a personal papal blessing at the Vatican on the very forehead of Nicholas Maduro](#), the socialist thug who destroyed the once prosperous nation of Venezuela, provoking an inflation rate of 8,000% and reducing the poor to rummaging for food in garbage cans while living large on the backs

of the people from whose ranks he rose to oppress them. After local and international monitors determined that Maduro, like Morales, had rigged his own reelection, the opposition leader Juan Guaidó assumed the presidency in January of this year by a vote of the National Assembly. The bishops of Venezuela, the United States, the majority of EU countries and virtually all of Latin America sided with Guaidó. On Maduro’s side were Russia, Cuba, China, Turkey, the United Arab Republic... and Bergoglio. Bergoglio refuses to call for Maduro’s ouster but instead demands endless “dialogue” that leaves the tyrant in power to deploy the national army to block foreign aid to a starving populace while Guaidó’s support erodes.

- [He betrayed the Underground Church in China to the butchers of Beijing](#), legitimating the puppet bishops and priests of Beijing’s pseudo-Church, the “Patriotic Catholic Association,” while never mentioning, much less condemning, its systematic genocide of the

unborn under a regime of forced abortion. Quite the contrary, [“I love China!”](#) says Bergoglio.

On the other hand, being the leftist ideologue that he is, Bergoglio has been unsparing in his criticism of rightist leaders rising with the international tide of popular resistance to globalism and the mass illegal immigration of military-age Muslim males. While Bergoglio demurred from any comment on the Bolivian situation for lack of “study,” it does not appear that he had conducted any study of various national immigration crises and the policies adopted to address them before he issued his demagogic [dictate to world leaders](#): “Builders of walls, be they made of razor wire or bricks, will end up becoming prisoners of the walls they build.”

This from a Pope who lives behind massive walls that dwarf anything Trump will ever be able to build, surrounding a city-state with Europe’s strictest immigration policy. And what about the prisoners of nations ruled by leftist tyrants? Not a word from Francis in more than seven years of coddling dictators who live in luxury while the people they oppress struggle to survive or seek to escape from their clutches.

The only intolerable social injustices Bergoglio appears to perceive from his radically leftist perspective are on the right, including ill-defined income inequalities, consumerism, opposition to open borders in the United States and Europe, and capital punishment, which he opines must be abolished all over the world along with life imprisonment.

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Never, however, has he demanded the worldwide abolition of legalized abortion—not even the “partial birth” variety. But then, such a demand would render rather awkward his love affair with China. Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, the Argentinian crony and climate change fanatic Bergoglio installed as chancellor of both the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, [has echoed Bergoglio’s Sinophilia thus](#): “Right now, those who are best implementing the social doctrine of the Church are the Chinese.” All that was lacking in that astoundingly evil remark was the hissing of a snake.

Nowhere has Jorge Bergoglio’s noxious leftwing politics caused more damage than in Italy. While he lavishes communist and socialist dictators with personal audiences and kowtows to Beijing in betraying the Underground Church in China, Bergoglio has [“repeatedly refused attempts by Matteo Salvini to schedule a private audience with him... due to his strong policy of prohibiting migrants from entering through the nation’s ports.”](#) Meanwhile, Bergoglio’s Vatican apparatus and the Italian bishops have connived with President Conte to eliminate the pro-Christian government of Matteo Salvini’s League party (Lega). By forging a devil’s bargain with its avowed political enemy, the leftwing Democratic Party (PD), Conte’s center-right Five Star League (M5S), once allied with the Lega, was able to form a new government and thereby avoid a snap election that would only have restored Salvini and his party to power. The populist government the Italian people had voted into office was thus annihilated in a single session of Parliament. As Salvini later declared: “The only thing that unites them (M5S and PD) is their hatred of the League. The truth is that 60 million Italians are being held hostage by 100 parliamentarians who are dead scared of losing their seats [in a snap election].”

As the [journal Foreign Policy observes](#) (subscription required), Italy’s new government, led by Conte as President, is “blessed by the Catholic hierarchy.” The Italian bishops’ conference (CEI) is under Bergoglio’s thumb applied through his subaltern, Gualtiero Bassetti, made a cardinal by Francis in 2014 and appointed by him as CEI President. It was the CEI under Bassetti who approved the new Italian Missal in which Bergoglio’s [ridiculous new translations of the Our Father and the Gloria](#) appear, and it was the CEI that published a [prayer to the Andean deity Pachamama](#) during the run-up to Bergoglio’s sham synod on the Amazon.

As the piece in *Foreign Policy* rightly notes, Salvini’s explicitly Catholic nationalism, including his public display of the Rosary and invocations of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, was “in stark contrast with Pope Francis’s vision.” The author of the *Foreign Policy* piece, Mattia Ferraresi, describes this development as “Italy’s Great Schism.” Ferraresi’s approving description of the “schism” Bergoglio has provoked is a grim diagnosis,

however inadvertent, of the pathology of Bergoglianism:

It is a tale of two Catholic churches. One is focused on social justice, welcoming migrants, helping the poor, protecting the environment, defending the virtues of the European Union, and building bridges rather than walls.

It proudly sports a cosmopolitan identity and talks about diversity and inclusion. It firmly opposes leaders like Salvini and U.S. President Donald Trump, whose ideology is one “that always ends badly—it leads to war,” as



Pope Francis and former UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, at UN’s HQ

Pope Francis said in a recent interview with the daily *La Stampa*, adding that he’s concerned “because we hear speeches that resemble those of Hitler in 1934.” The poster child of this Catholic Church is Greta Thunberg, the Swedish environmental activist whose initiatives have been blessed by the pope.

The other Catholic Church stresses the importance of tradition and defending the so-called Judeo-Christian West from mass immigration, pledges to protect the traditional family, and fights permissive laws on abortion and LGBT rights. It is skeptical of a bureaucratic, highly secularized EU and believes that Christianity thrives in a world organized around nation-states as opposed to supranational organizations. This faction fears that the current Vatican leadership may eventually turn the church into a progressive NGO.

In short, the Bergoglian church of “social justice, welcoming migrants, helping the poor, protecting the environment, defending the virtues of the European Union, and building bridges” stands in opposition to the Catholic Church whose ancient traditions and immutable

doctrines Bergoglio so clearly loathes. It is almost literally Bergoglianism versus Catholicism.

Nor does Bergoglianism stop at national borders. Bergoglio has big plans for the realization of his “vision” on a global scale. The charter for global Bergoglianism is the already infamous [“Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together”](#) which Bergoglio signed jointly with the “Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb” in Abu Dhabi (the Abu Dhabi statement). Therein we read the primary tenet of the Bergoglian worldview:

Freedom is a right of every person: each individual enjoys the freedom of belief, thought, expression and action. *The pluralism and the*

gave the concept a positive meaning, declaring that “God *wanted* to permit this” because while “there are so many religions” they “*always* look to heaven, they *look to God* (*emphasis added*).”

There is not the slightest suggestion that God permits the existence of false religions in the same way He permits the existence of evil generally. Rather, the clear implication is that God permits the existence of “so many religions” because they are *good* in that they “*always* look to heaven, they look to God.”

The Protest further notes that Francis has since doubled down on the Abu Dhabi statement. The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has issued a directive to the heads of all the Roman Catholic institutes of higher studies to give the document the “widest possible dissemination,” including its uncorrected heretical assertion that God wills the “diversity of religions” just as He wills “the diversity of color, sex, race and language.”

Even more significant, and far more ominous, is the Vatican’s participation in a new interfaith, international body called the [“Higher Committee of Human Fraternity,”](#) financially supported by the United Arab Emirates, whose largest emirate is Abu Dhabi. As the Vatican [has announced](#), the purpose of the “Higher Committee” is “achieving the goals contained” in the Abu Dhabi statement. Representing the Holy See on the “Higher Committee” are Bishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, and Msgr. Yoannis Lahzi Gaid, no less than Bergoglio’s personal secretary.

Exactly what is the “Higher Committee” higher *than*? Evidently, higher than the Catholic Church in the mind of Bergoglio. Indeed, as the Higher Committee’s website reveals, the Committee has already approved for construction what would be the religious center of the pan-religious utopia of Bergoglio’s vision: [the Abrahamic Family House](#), to be completed by 2020 on Saadiyat Island in Abu Dhabi. As the Committee’s website explains:

One of the first projects the Higher Committee will help guide is the Abrahamic Family House... *A reflection of the Document on Human Fraternity*, a church, mosque, and synagogue *will share a collective space for the first time*, serving as a community for inter-religious dialogue and exchange, and nurturing the values of peaceful co-existence and acceptance among different beliefs, nationalities and cultures.

The architect who was awarded the

diversity of religions, colour, sex, race and language are willed by God in His wisdom, through which He created human beings. This divine wisdom is the source from which the right to freedom of belief and the freedom to be different derives. Therefore, the fact that people are forced to adhere to a certain religion or culture must be rejected, as too the imposition of a cultural way of life that others do not accept...

In private, but only under worldwide pressure from the Catholic faithful, Bergoglio told Bishop Athanasius Schneider that *he* (the Bishop) could tell people that “willed by God” means only the permissive will of God, what He tolerates, not what He positively wills. As for Bergoglio, he will say nothing of the kind in public. Quite the contrary, as the signers of [the Protest](#) against the Amazon synod (of which I am one) observe:

Francis has never corrected the Abu Dhabi statement accordingly. In his subsequent audience address of April 3, 2019 Francis, answering the question “Why does God permit that there are so many religions?”, referred in passing to the “permissive will of God” as explained by Scholastic theology, but

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project [enthuses](#) that “There has never been a building that has the three faiths in one form. I wanted to see if we could make a building that has the unique experience of each of the faiths but to connect them all with the one device. And that is the garden.” As the linked article notes: “The mosque will be orientated toward the Kaaba in Makkah, the church’s altar will point east towards the sun, and the synagogue’s podium and Torah will face Jerusalem.”

The aforementioned Bishop Ayuso Guixot, yet another of the neo-Modernist loons with which Francis is stacking the College of Cardinals, was pleased

like to thank the UAE for the concrete commitment shown on behalf of human fraternity.”

The Bergoglian pontificate now threatens to usher in the very fulfilment of the dire prophecy of [Pope Saint Pius X](#) in *Notre Charge Apostolique* (1910), his condemnation of the utopian, pan-religious Sillon movement in France.

And now, overwhelmed with the deepest sadness, We ask Ourselves, Venerable Brethren, what has become of the Catholicism of the Sillon? Alas! this organization which formerly afforded such promising

reign of legalized cunning and force, and the oppression of the weak, and of all those who toil and suffer.

In fairness to Bergoglio, John Paul II also pursued the same fantasy, prattling on and on about an illusory “civilization of love” first mentioned by Paul VI. But Bergoglio has taken concrete steps to make this dystopia a sociopolitical and even juridical reality. Not only the Higher Committee and the New Rome abuilding in Abu Dhabi, but also the authority of the United Nations figures into the plan for a Church that would be subjugated to “the reign of legalized cunning and force.”

Nations. If we consider ourselves humanity, when they make statements, *our duty is to obey*. It is true that not all things that appear just for the whole of humanity will also be so for our pockets, but *we must obey international institutions. That is why the United Nations were created*. That’s why international courts were created.

So, in addition to a Higher Committee presiding over all religions, there must be a Higher Government presiding over all nations as well as a Higher Tribunal with the power to subject the whole world to civil and criminal process.

If only it ended there. Bergoglianism further demands that all children on the planet be educated to assume their proper place in a globalist brotherhood of religious indifferentism. Thus Bergoglio has called literally for a “[global village of education](#)” that would produce generation after generation of drones for the One-World hive he is helping to construct, who will dutifully recite the mantras of globalism, including “diversity is our strength”:

We are all called to build a “*global village of education*.” What a beautiful expression! *A global village of education*, whose inhabitants generate a network of human relations, which are the best medicine against all forms of discrimination, violence and bullying... In this great village, education becomes the bearer of fraternity and creator of peace among all the peoples of the human family, and also of dialogue between their religions.

Before a vast gathering of students, teachers and families in Saint Peter’s Square, Bergoglio even [borrowed Hilary Clinton’s appropriated African saying](#), demanding that the children repeat it like robots: “This makes me think of an African proverb, which says: ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’ Let us all say it together: ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’ All together: ‘It takes a village to raise a child.’”

Bergoglio’s “global village of education” will naturally require a “[global compact of education](#)” that “integrates and respects all aspects of the person, uniting studies and everyday life, teachers, students and their families, and civil society in its intellectual, scientific, artistic, athletic, political, business and charitable dimensions [and]... generates peace, justice and hospitality among all peoples of the human family, as well as dialogue between religions.”

So, the Higher Committee, the Higher Government and the Higher Tribunal would be joined by a Higher School System embracing the whole world, even if local schools, including suitably diverse and inclusive Catholic ones, would still operate within its network. Here too Bergoglio is promoting a concrete structure for the New

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I entrust Italy, my life, and your lives to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who I’m sure will bring us to victory. We entrust ourselves to the six patrons of Europe: to St. Benedict of Norcia, to St. Brigid of Sweden, to St. Catherine of Siena, to Saints Cyril and Methodius, to St. Teresa Benedetta of the Cross. We rely on them. And we entrust to them the destiny, the future, the peace and prosperity of our peoples.

- Matteo Salvini



to [report](#) that the Higher Committee “was working to broaden the number of faiths that could eventually be included.” Surely speaking as well for the man who has made him cardinal-elect, Guixot could not be more pleased with the construction of this New Rome for the pluri-confessional civic religion of the New World Order: “This endeavor is a profoundly moving moment for humanity. Although sadly [sic] evil, hatred, and division often make news, there is a hidden sea of goodness that is growing and leads us to hope in dialogue, reciprocal knowledge and the possibility of building – together with the followers of other religions and all men and women of goodwill – a world of fraternity and peace. I would

expectations, this limpid and impetuous stream, has been harnessed in its course by the modern enemies of the Church, and is now no more than a miserable effluent of the great movement of apostasy being organized in every country for the establishment of a One-World Church which shall have neither dogmas, nor hierarchy, neither discipline for the mind, nor curb for the passions, and which, under the pretext of freedom and human dignity, would bring back to the world (if such a Church could overcome) the

In yet another exercise of his ludicrous Airplane Magisterium, Bergoglio had the audacity to declare that Catholic social teaching requires that all men obey, not the Church divinely commissioned to make disciples of all nations, but the United Nations Organization and the International Criminal Court in the Hague:

I would like to repeat what the Doctrine of the Church says about this: When we acknowledge international organisations and we recognise their capacity to give judgment, on a global scale – for example the international tribunal in The Hague, or the United

Chris Ferrara/Concluded.

World Order: the Vatican's "Scholas Occurrentes" [Schools Meeting], an International Organization of Pontifical Right "that, through its network, encompasses half a million schools and educational networks. Its mission is to achieve *the integration of all students worldwide* through technological, sports and artistic proposals that promote education from *the culture of encounter*."

The powers that be in public education are thrilled by Scholas Occurrentes. As reported by [Zenit](#), for example, one Alberto Carvalho, Superintendent of the Public Schools of Miami County, enthused that, "This is an effort that is worthwhile, which brings together people from all over the world and symbolizes what is common to all, seeking solutions to the problems humanity is facing, and which is under the leadership of him who is one of my heroes — Pope Francis." Symbolizing what is common to all, while setting aside what is not accepted by all, meaning of course the claims of the Catholic Church on men and nations. Under the leadership of Francis!

The Bergoglian program, were it to be accomplished, would be the Masonic dream fulfilled. That is why Bergoglio is a hero to people like Carvalho, middle management bureaucrats of the worldwide diversity and inclusion regime who think CNN is a reliable news source. But they are mere drones in the hive under construction by the movers and shakers of the great globalist enterprise, including the 4,000 elites who gathered at the recent World Government Summit in—where else?—Abu Dhabi. These elites see Bergoglio for what he is: a useful tool only because he wears the papal white, but otherwise a blathering mediocrity deluded enough to think he is a visionary who will change the world for the better but who has nothing to contribute to their plans beyond the office he abuses.

What, then, can be done about a Pope more interested in promoting a globalist dystopia than the salvation of souls, which he seems to take as a universal given without any necessary relation to the Church he afflicts as its earthly head? The answer is that if Bergoglio wants to be a globalist politician in a cassock, then he must be treated as such. Speaking metaphorically, we must vote him out of office, even if he cannot be removed as Pope.

And how can the faithful do that that? Quite simply, by supporting all the anti-globalist, anti-Islamicization, pro-Christian political leaders and parties that have emerged in opposition to what Bergoglio stands for and constantly abuses the papacy to achieve, including:

- Matteo Salvini and the League party in Italy;
- Marine Le Pen and the National Rally party in France;

- Nigel Farage and the Brexit Party in England;
- Tom Jozef Irène Van Grieken and the Vlaams Belang Party in Belgium;
- Viktor Orban and the Fidesz party in

true justice in the world:

We are not here to erase nationalities and overrule sovereignty in the name of an abstract 'global interest.' This is not the Global Interest Organization!

conducted by the traditionalist bishop [Fernando Areas Rifan](#) in the presidential palace, where a statute of the Virgin was permanently enshrined in a place of honor. During the ceremony, a co-signatory of the proclamation with Bishop Areas and President Bolsonaro, the cabinet minister Floriano Peixoto,

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The Bergoglian program, were it to be accomplished, would be the Masonic dream fulfilled.

Hungary;

- Geert Wilders and the Party for Freedom in Holland;
- Jaroslaw Kaczynski and the Law and Justice Party in Poland;
- Norbert Hofer and the Austrian Freedom Party in Austria;
- the aptly named Jair Messias Bolsonaro and the inaptly named Social Liberal Party in Brazil;
- Jeanine Áñez Chávez and the Plan Progress for Bolivia Party in Bolivia (elected following the exile of Bergoglio's socialist friend Evo Morales);
- Andrew Scheer and the Conservative Party in Canada;
- Donald Trump and the Republican Party in the United States.

Despite their obvious deviations from Catholic doctrine on the Christian constitution of states, these leaders and parties must be supported for no other reason than that their deviations, apocalyptically enough, are far less serious than those of the Pope whose leftist agenda they oppose.

Hence in Bolivia, for example, as [Father Raymond de Souza reports](#): "the new interim president of Bolivia, Jeanine Áñez... took office holding an enormous Book of the Gospels, announcing that 'the Bible was back' in the presidential office. The hammer and sickle and Pachamama are no longer the accoutrements of the Bolivian president. How long before Jeanine Áñez is given a warm welcome at the Vatican?" The question answers itself.

And in Brazil, President Bolsonaro, who barely survived an assassination attempt aimed at preventing his election, rejects the entire globalist program to which Bergoglio is determined to commit the Church. [Speaking at the United Nations](#) this year, Bolsonaro did something Bergoglio would never dream of doing. He declared that the Law of the Gospel, not the UN, is the foundation of

This is the United Nations organization. And so it must remain... When it comes to matters related to climate, democracy, human rights, to the equality of rights and duties between men and women and many others, all we need to do is contemplate the truth, following John 8:32. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."...

Over the past few decades, we let ourselves be seduced by ideologies that sought not truth, but absolute power... Ideology has invaded our homes and tried to dismantle what is the *celula mater* of any healthy society: the family. It has also tried to destroy the innocence of our children in an attempt to corrupt even their most basic and elementary identity: the biological one.

Ideology has invaded the human soul to rip it apart from God and from the dignity He bestowed on us.... And with these methods, ideology has always left a trail of death, ignorance, and misery wherever it went. I am living proof of this, I was cowardly knife-stabbed by a leftist militant and only survived by a miracle. Once again, I thank God for my life.

It was Bolsonaro who, [in a speech delivered in 2017](#), said something Bergoglio would sneeringly deride as "fundamentalism" even though—nay, precisely because—it reflects the Church's constant teaching on the Social Kingship of Christ: "[God above everything](#). *There is no such thing as a secular state*. The state is Christian, and any minority that is against this has to change, if they can." And it was Bolsonaro who, last May, signed [an historic proclamation](#) consecrating Brazil to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration ceremony was

declared: "This space and all our public buildings are places in which the Christian faith is professed." If only one could say the same thing about the halls of the Vatican.

Likewise, before his government was ousted with the connivance of Bergoglio's henchmen, Matteo Salvini [dedicated Italy](#) to the Immaculate Heart—the last thing Bergoglio would do. Before a huge crowd gathered in the Piazza del Duomo in Milan, Salvini "held up a rosary and kissed it. Looking up at a statue of the Virgin Mary atop the cathedral of Milan, he said, 'I entrust Italy, my life, and your lives to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who I'm sure will bring us to victory.'" Bergoglio and his inner circle were no doubt revulsed by the news. In fact, as LifeSiteNews [reported](#) at the time: "Vatican leaders outraged as anti-immigration politician commends Italy to Mary." Bergoglio's Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, babbled that "partisan politics divides, but God belongs to everyone. Invoking God for oneself is always very dangerous."

Politics being the art of the possible, barring any violation of the Catholic conscience the world's Catholic faithful must do everything possible in the political arena to oppose Bergoglio in his persona as a Latin American leftist hack. If Bergoglio had his way, all that passes for political conservatism in Europe, North America and Latin America would be expunged from public life and the faithful in every nation would find themselves at the mercy of ruthless secular dictatorships like the one the Democrat-controlled House is at this very moment previewing for America should Trump, God forbid, be removed from office or defeated in the 2020 election.

Therefore, down with Presidente Bergoglio! And up with every political leader, party and movement that rejects his idiotic politics. As for Pope Francis, if and when the actual Vicar of Christ has something to say in the domain of traditional Catholic teaching on faith and morals, the faithful will be only too happy to heed him. For that, however, they are still waiting. ■

THE LAST CRUSADE: Spain 1936

By Warren Carroll

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“There is no more Catholic place than the Valley of the Fallen in the Guadarrama Mountains of Spain.”
- Warren Carroll, *The Last Crusade*

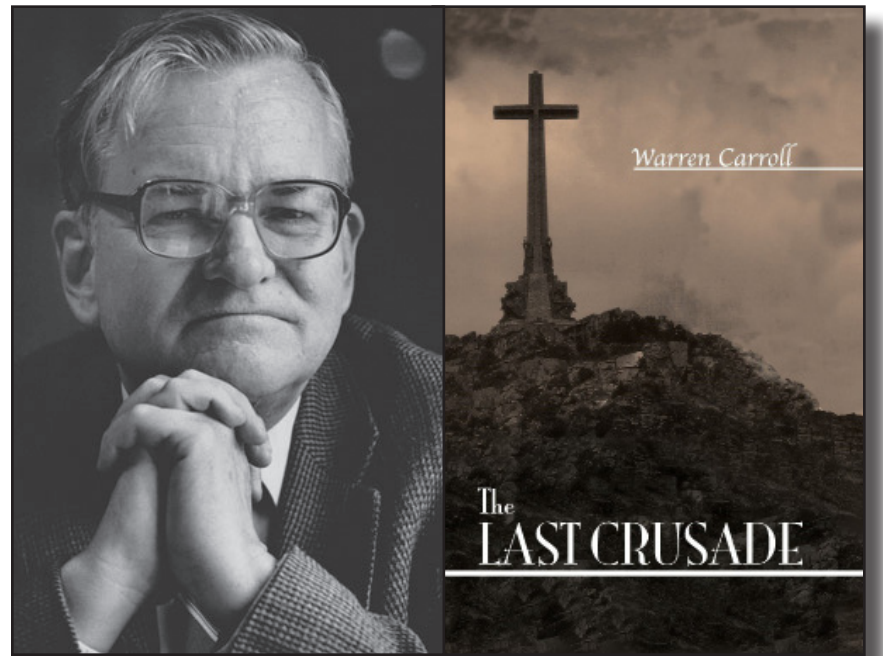
On more than one occasion, I have been asked on what basis I choose the books to review. Truth be told, there is no one overarching basis for selection; several factors may enter into my decision. Clearly, my experiences in living for nearly two decades overseas, and witnessing changes in the Church differently from many other Americans, is a major consideration. If I have previously read a memorable book by an author, as in the case of Paul Johnson, that is another. If the book deals with a topic or theme, especially the life of Catholic converts such as Frank Sheed, still another. Then, there is the on-going importance of the disastrous role of Vatican II in the current Catholic world, addressed in my recent reviews of books by George Neumayr and Philip Lawler. Occasionally, however, the suggestion of a book made by a US military officer who spent an academic year in Spain, which added to my knowledge of the Spanish Civil War and its effect on the Church, was yet another. That suggestion was the basis for the book under review.

On October 24, 2019, the body of General Francisco Franco was exhumed from his former resting place in the crypt of the church of the Valley of the Fallen after the Spanish Parliament, and Spain's High Court, approved the move. The “Generalissimo” died in 1975, but a vendetta against Franco, begun in the 1980's by the Spanish Socialist Party, had finally succeeded in its quest for removal. Spain's current interim Socialist Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, said the exhumation, “...puts an end to a moral affront that is the exaltation of a dictator in a public place” and “...that it was necessary now to begin the process of identifying the thousands of Franco victims who were also buried at the

fought, or how it was won, something that Carroll seeks to explain. Why? To Carroll, author of five books on the history of Christendom, “...there are few stories like it in the 20th century.” This is an account, written from the perspective of a Catholic convert and one of the founders of Christendom College in Virginia, which seeks to describe the events in Spain in 1936, the year the civil war began. What is inescapable is that the Spanish Civil War is a rare example in the world's history where the losers, not the winners, wrote the story of that conflict. While it is the author's contention that the Spanish Civil War was fought to prevent a communist takeover of the country, Carroll maintains that it also sought to save Spain's Catholic past, one that has, unfortunately, become increasingly distant with each passing decade, as recent events demonstrated.

I lived four years in Spain (1978-82), but my wife and I visited Madrid for the first time in the summer of 1963, and one day went to the Valley of the Fallen outside the capital, close to another major attraction: the Escorial palace, whose library contains, among other treasures, original Gutenberg Bibles. To this day, my first view of the Valley of the Fallen (*el Valle de los Caídos* in Spanish) is memorable; unforgettable, really. From miles away, the colossal figures of the four Evangelists were added to the “mighty cross that pierces the sky, too lofty and vast to be either hidden or wholly ignored.” A line of angels, “bowed over swords” stands at the entrance to the crypt, which contained the remains of Francisco Franco, as well as “the men of the last crusade.”

Nearly 80 years ago, the title of a book about the Spanish Civil War by an English author, Gerald Brennan, summarized the circumstances which led to it: **The Spanish Labyrinth**. Americans familiar with the Spanish Civil War can be confused by the names of its participants, for Spain's



Carroll's book differs from other histories in his emphasis on an aspect of that uprising by the military that often is of marginal importance to others: the role of the Catholic Carlist monarchists. The Carlists' military arm, the *Requete*, were, first and foremost, the “shock troops” to restore Spain's Catholic roots, but they were never really accepted as leaders of the rebellion against the Socialist/Communist/Republican government. Despite this, the seventy-thousand Carlist troops fought under their own banner, with their own officers, while remaining loyal to Franco. On the political front, Carroll's description of Spain's most anti-Catholic area, the Catalan Province, with its center, Barcelona, may come as a surprise. Carroll: “Barcelona had long been the principal center of Spanish radicalism,” a claim that may be as true today as it was then. In 1936, Socialists, Communists, anarchists believed that they could work together - at least temporarily - to forge a new government: “These groups hated each other, but they hated conservative and Catholic Spain more.”

If General Sherman was quoted correctly, he claimed that, “War is Hell,” but one might conclude civil war is even more so. For although there are specific causes that precipitate this type of conflict, there is also the oft-repeated situation where civil war pits one brother against another, one family against its relatives. There is often no wiggle room for the combatants, as a Socialist leader of the Spanish Parliament - the *Cortes* - said at the opening of the conflict: “There will be - I have said it many times - a battle to the death, because each side knows that the adversary, if he wins, will give him no quarter.” His words were to be prophetic, but in ways that are unimaginable today in the West.

Carroll begins his examination of the origins of the civil war by noting that,

“For more than a thousand years, Spain had been the sword of Christendom.” Spain's sons had fought a successful 770-year struggle against the North African Muslim Moors, and in its glory days, Catholic Spain had extended its empire to include parts of the U.S., and most of Latin America. By the 19th century, however, Spain “had lost her way,” especially after the debacle of the Spanish-American War, and the monarchy was challenged by the strongly Catholic movement known as “Carlism,” which held that if Spain were to return to its glorious past, what was indispensable was a return to Spain's Catholic roots.

As Spain's monarchy appeared noticeably incapable of dealing with crisis after crisis, especially those created by separatist movements in northern Spain, including the Basque region, another disaster - the Spanish war in Morocco in 1921 - saw a geometric progression in the number of Socialists, Communists, and Anarchists, so that by 1931, “...no country in all history has had as many organized anarchists as Spain...” Violent in their approach to politics, anarchists were responsible for the assassination of three Prime Ministers of Spain. And that violent character even had its effects in the U.S.: in September, 1901, President William McKinley was assassinated by the anarchist Leon Czolgosz. That was not all: “In proportion to the total population of the country, the Communist Party in Spain in 1936, the year of the beginning of the rebellion, “...was larger than the Bolshevik Party in Russia in 1917, the year in which it took power.”

In 1931, King Alfonso XIII chose to abdicate after major Spanish cities rejected monarchist-supported candidates in general elections. He departed Madrid and never set foot in Spain again. Prior to leaving, he stated that his departure was necessary: “...I am

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mausoleum,” something that is highly unlikely to succeed.

Reading **The Last Crusade** will provide some of the reasons for the Left's hatred (and no other word will do) toward Franco. Even people who know the details of the Spanish Civil War often do not understand or appreciate why it was

past is not one generally known, or understood, and with good reason: although the “conquistadores” predated English and French colonization, their influence in the U.S. waned as their European neighbors waxed.

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determined to have nothing to do with setting one of my countrymen against another in a fratricidal civil war." Five years later that fratricidal civil war would begin.

"In presenting Franco, we must first divest ourselves of myth," writes Carroll. That is easier said than done: Francisco Franco, who, at 44, became the youngest general in the Spanish Army, was, "...an unlovable man and is unlikely ever to win the esteem of historians. That prediction holds true to this day." Among many, if not most, historians who have written about the civil war, Franco's tenure of 36 years rates almost as bad as Hitler's, but not Stalin's; Mussolini's, but not Mao's. Franco is described as a petty tyrant even when, upon hearing of the burning of Catholic buildings in Cadiz, he upbraided the commanding officer thus: "Is it possible that the troops saw a sacrilegious crime being committed and that you just stood by with your arms folded?" When the governor of the province stated that he "was just following orders," Franco is said to have replied: "Such orders, since they are unworthy, should never be obeyed by an officer in our army." Among the literati, there is something about Franco's actions that cause them to boil over in open rage; yet, it was not planned that Franco would ever bear the title, "Generalissimo." That was left to Providence. Carroll: "He (Franco) was not eager for power, though he came to believe God had chosen him to save Spain from destruction and persecution of his fellow Catholics."

At the beginning of the rebellion, Franco was never considered the head of the rebellious army against the Socialist/ Communist/Anarchist government in Madrid. That position was assigned to General Jose Sanjuro. True, Franco was given command of the rebel's southern forces, and achieved a major string of victories, but the overall task of taking charge of the army went to Sanjuro, which pleased the Requetes and Carlists: Sanjuro's father had been killed while fighting for the Carlists.

The other major player in the army's role was that of General Emilio Mola, who is claimed to be the author of the phrase, "Fifth column." Mola commanded the rebellious forces in the north of Spain, centered around the city of Pamplona, and had gathered an army, "not of unwilling conscripts, but of crusaders. Nothing like this had been seen in Europe since the rising of the Vendee in France against the French Revolution." Clearly, if Gen. Sanjuro was to be *numero uno* among the officers of the rebellious army, Gen. Mola was to be second in command. In both cases, Fate was to intervene.

On July 20th, shortly after the rebellion had begun, Gen. Sanjuro was killed in a

plane crash in Portugal when he sought to return to Spain to assume command of the rebellious army. The undercarriage of the plane hit a stone wall and the plane crashed, and caught fire. Although the pilot escaped, the sixty-four year old general, and with him, the dream of the Carlists to return Spain to its historic Catholic roots, died. Carroll is convinced



Generals Francisco Franco (left) and Emilio Mola (right)

that the eventual loss of those roots in current day Spain is due, at least in part, to the failure of Franco to include the Carlists in his cabinet. The following June, General Mola was also to die in a plane crash near the Nationalist (as they were now called) capital of Burgos. With that, Franco was now the undisputed leader of the Nationalist army.

Although Franco kept the Carlists at arm's distance, including ostracizing its major political leader, he repeatedly and publicly professed his commitment to the Catholic Church by attending Mass and saying the rosary. While I was at our embassy in Madrid, I was told countless times that it was Senora Franco who really was the religious part of the family, thereby attempting to demonstrate that Franco was an opportunist and a hypocrite. Yet, even Hugh Thomas, no Franco sympathizer, but whose book on the civil war was instrumental in recognizing the damages to Spain caused by the Republican governments, was to conclude: "...the Catholic church permeated every aspect of Spanish nationalist culture."

Much has been favorably written about the Republican side, especially about its greatest foreign supporters, the International Brigades. Yet, little is known about the foreign volunteers who came to support the Nationalists. An Irish battalion arrived first, and shortly thereafter, its leader, Francis McCullagh, wrote to Ireland's President Eamon de Valera: "I live and move and breathe in the shadow of the greatest horror that has befallen Europe since Sobieski drove the Turks from the gates of Vienna." One day, the day the civil war began, will serve as a guide to what McCullagh saw, and a mirror of what was to follow.

On July 19, 1936, in Madrid, "All that night, the armed rioters (of the Republican side) massacred their opponents, including many priests and monks, in the glare of burning buildings...the shrieks of the victims, and the ferocious cheering of their executioners turned the capital of Spain into an inferno." In Barcelona's

and chapels (out of forty-two thousand) had been destroyed. In the Aragonese diocese of Barbastro, 85% of the priests were killed, but one who survived, while hiding in an insane asylum, was Jose Maria Escrivá, the founder of "the Work of God," better known as Opus Dei. Carroll has done his homework, especially in reviewing previous histories of the civil war that have been lauded for their objectivity, but the West has seen very little that Carroll brings to the reader's attention regarding the overtaking of the Republican government and army by the Communists within one year of the uprising. If there is one criticism of his book, I would point out that, in 1936, the U.S. could not, under the Neutrality Acts of 1935 (renewed the following year), sell armaments to any combatant. That said, this book is a gold mine of information for students of history of the period, and it took a Catholic convert to point out what Spain's Catholic identity meant during those precarious years. One does wonder what Carroll would think of the Church in Spain today? Or, for that matter, would Franco? ■

Cathedral of the Holy Family, "...armed men of the Left entered the building, dug up the body of a woman from its grave under the church, and placed it in the entrance in full public view." In September, Pope Pius XI wrote: "a truly Satanic hatred of God" had enveloped the Republic. Neither the pope nor the Irish volunteer was able at that point to see how they had underestimated their judgments.

Carroll has a great deal to say about the International Brigades, none of it complimentary, for it became evident, even to Socialists like Orwell, that the Communists had taken control of the Brigades, and were enforcing a policy of elimination of any and all who opposed them. On the night of November 7, 1936, two thousand members of the 11th Communist International Brigade, which included Germans, French, Poles and some English, began a night of slaughter that was known to the Republican government, which did nothing to stop it. When read, it sickens the stomach. In Madrid, the Brigade began the mass murder of 2,400 political prisoners, along with 200 priests and religious. Three days later, 23 nuns of the Order of Adoratrices, were, on the trumped-up charge that they had shot at a member of the Brigade, taken out and executed.

When the war finally ended in March, 1939, the degree of savagery, although predicted, had reached indescribable proportions, including the targeting of clergy: "Nothing like it had been seen since the ancient Roman persecution of Diocletian." Carroll lists the number of priests and religious who were executed without "even the simulacrum of a condemnation by revolutionary tribunals. In 1937, the remaining bishops of Spain estimated that twenty thousand churches



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Caritas In Scandalum: If Only Francis Had Listened to Benedict

BY HILARY WHITE

When the leaders of Caritas Internationalis – the Catholic Church’s umbrella organisation overseeing charitable aid in 200 countries – sent Fr. Luk Delft to take charge of operations in the Central African Republic (CAR), they had already been informed by a psychologist that the priest had to be kept away from children. In fact, Nicole Winfield [reports at Associated Press](#) that Delft already had a criminal conviction on charges of pedophilic sex abuse in his native Belgium, though he had received only a suspended sentence. The priest had been forbidden by the court to have contact with children for ten years.

In a public statement November 21, Michel Roy, former Caritas secretary-general (2011-2019) denied having known about Delft’s criminal conviction until this year, but said he had “been informed in 2017 by a therapist that Delft shouldn’t be in contact with children.”

“I informed Caritas CAR about the therapist’s letter and asked them to ensure that the issue was followed up with his order,” Roy said. “I was told that the issue had been resolved.”

The admission came out when a CNN report revealed last week that Delft, a priest of the Salesian order, had been convicted in 2012 of child sexual abuse and possession of child pornography. It was revealed earlier this month that Delft is accused of sexually abusing at least two children during his stay in CAR.

Caritas’ admission they knew Delft should not have any contact with children came only after incredible footage was obtained by CNN in CAR in which Delft refused to respond to reporters confronting him with accusations they had heard directly from the children and their families.

<https://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2019/11/20/confrontation-catholic-predator-priest-lon-orig.cnn>

An expressionless Delft simply answered “No.” and “Nothing.” to every question, including: “These children are accusing you of abusing them and you have nothing to say for yourself?” The reporter named one child, Alban Alain, from the town of Kaga Bandoro, who said that he and his father both accused Delft of abuse when Alban was 13. Delft responded that he didn’t know the boy.

[CNN reports:](#)

“For years, the Salesians covered up Delft’s abuse, moving him from post to post, and sending him to work in some of the world’s most troubled places. Despite the allegations he faced, and being convicted of abuse, he was allowed to maintain a high profile – even receiving the sacrament at a service presided over by Pope Francis at the Vatican this year.

“Delft’s case also raises serious questions about the vetting process at one of the world’s largest Catholic non-governmental organization (NGO) networks, and comes as the church struggles to turn the page on decades of sexual abuse scandals involving members of the clergy.”

Speaking to CNN at his home, Alban Alain, now 17, called the priest “Luk” and said, “He would buy me clothes, he would often give me money. We were always together.” Alban’s father, Onono said, “He was brought here as Director of Caritas and he was entrusted with distributing aid. But instead he took advantage of his position to sodomize my son.” The



Fr. Luk Delft is confronted by CNN reporters over accusations of pedophilia

family came into contact with Caritas Internationalis and Delft when they fled attacks on their home by Islamic militia and took refuge at the NGO’s Catholic compound in Kaga Bandoro.

CNN reports that Delft’s history of abusing boys went back to his days in the Salesian order’s boarding school in Ghent. Two men, now grown, spoke to CNN on condition of anonymity. Delft “was meant to watch over the children. Instead he abused them at their most vulnerable, stalking the dormitory at night and assaulting them as they slept.”

In the days since the announcement, every actor of the affair has launched into a round-robin tournament of blame-shifting. In his press statement, Michel Roy said he had forwarded the “concerns” about Delft from the therapist on to Bangui Archbishop, Cardinal Dieudonne Nzapalainga who passed his note on to the leadership of the Salesian order, the same people who had been allowing Delft to continue abusing by moving him from place to place.

A spokesman for the order, Carlo Loos, accused CNN of “tendentious” reporting. He said the Salesians had informed both Belgian civil authorities and the bishop in CAR of Delft’s situation. Loos laid the blame on the Belgian court, saying, “It is the Belgian court that has authorized the person involved to take up a task in CAR, with guarantees from the then bishop in Central African Republic that [Luk Delft] would be under supervision and further fulfill its conditions. [After] the first reports about possible new facts, we ourselves called in the authorities.”

Caritas spokesman Thierry Bonaventura [told LifeSiteNews.com](#) that the organisation has “language about safe

– for inaction, saying, “Not enough was done in 2017.”

The Salesians, founded by St. John Bosco specifically to help children, have a notorious record of sheltering and enabling sex abusers in their midst. [In 2011](#) the order was forced to suspend two priests who were openly supporting pedophilia, one for being a member of a Dutch-based organisation advocating for legalisation of “intergenerational sex”.

One of the priests, Fr. Herman Spronck, had given an interview with public radio in which he said, “We shouldn’t consider age so rigidly.”

“You should never break into the personal space of a child if the child does not want that, but that has to do with the child himself. There are also children who themselves indicate that it is okay. Sexual contact is then also possible.” The Salesian order has faced accusations of enabling sexual abuse by its priests in Belgium, the Netherlands, Australia and the US.

Since 2014, Caritas Internationalis has been headed by Bergoglio favourite Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, the 62-year-old archbishop of Manila, Philippines. [In a 2015 interview](#), John Allen called him the “Asian Pope Francis” and reported that he “rejects ostentation in dress and manner, preferring to be called by his nickname ‘Chito’ rather than formal titles.” He was among those at the Synods on the family advocating for abolishing the “harsh” and “severe” language the Church uses to describe homosexual acts, as well as divorce.

So well liked by the pope is Tagle that he was tapped as one of three keynote speakers at the “clerical abuse summit” in February this year, where he famously wept during his own emotive speech in which he condemned bishops who have covered up sex abuse by clergy.

Under the pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI, and well before the latest wave of clerical sexual abuse charges hit the Church, Caritas Internationalis was set for a complete doctrinal revamp. The pope had appointed Cardinal Robert Sarah as the head of Cor Unum, the dicastery overseeing Caritas, with a specific mandate to bring the aid organisation back to a Catholic ethos.

So notorious was Caritas for its devotion to Marxist and secularist doctrines that in 2012 the Vatican announced an initiative with Cor Unum under Sarah to [reform the global organisation](#). The Vatican issued a set of new rules and statutes through the Secretariat of State, then overseen by (Salesian) Cardinal Bertone¹. The new

¹ The dominance within the Roman Curia of members of the Salesian order was one of the major points in the dissatisfaction in the Vatican with Bertone and by extension with Pope Benedict – who would hear no criticism of his long-time collaborator. At the time of the resignation of Pope Benedict,

Bridge Over the River Kwai

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After watching Pope Francis and his “Amazing” Amazon Synod, with his latest efforts to build bridges to others who are not the Catholic Faithful, I was reminded of another individual who was known to be building a bridge FOR the enemy—namely Lieutenant Colonel Nicholson in the blockbuster 1957 movie, *The Bridge on the River Kwai*.

The Bridge on the River Kwai is a story of prisoners-of-war (POW) during World War II who are ordered to build a bridge to accommodate the Burma-Siam railway to aid the Japanese war effort. *Bridge on the River Kwai* won seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director for the legendary British filmmaker David Lean, but is largely based on Pierre Boulle’s French-language novel *Le Pont de la Riviere Kwai*.

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholson, played by the late British actor, Alec Guinness (recently of Star Wars fame), is more than happy to supply his engineering expertise, along with his men, to construct the bridge to improve the morale and discipline of his regiment—gradually coming to regard the structure not as a part of the enemy war effort but as a monument to British ingenuity. As the movie develops it takes American Commander Shears, played by William Holden, who after recently

escaping from the same prisoner of war camp, has been required to go back to the camp with commandoes to detonate the enemy bridge. In the end the bridge is destroyed when Nicholson suddenly realizes that his pride in the bridge’s construction has blinded him to his military duty.

Unfortunately, the real history of how the railway between Burma and China was built, including the bridge, is a horrific story. Between 180,000 and 250,000 Southeast Asian civilian laborers (rōmusha) and about 61,000 Allied prisoners of war were subjected to forced labor during its construction. About 90,000 civilian



laborers and more than 12,000 Allied prisoners died.

As an allegory, the fictitious movie works well compared to the real story when contrasted to Pope Francis and his Sacriligious Amazon Synod, complete with he being in the presence of indigenous peoples bowing down in worship

of an idol, Pachamama—that is actually the representation of mother earth in the supposed form of the Virgin Mary pregnant with child. It appears that everything is going well, with the press giving him good treatment for his efforts to reach out to fallen-away Catholics and other sinners

unwilling to repent of their depraved lifestyles. In addition, some of the items on the docket have to do with a married priesthood, supposedly to accommodate the limited numbers of diocesan priests, and a woman diaconate, one of the steps on the agenda to the priesthood of women.

However, the real death toll in the construction of the bridge represents the vast numbers of Catholic souls that are being lost due to Francis’ construction of a glorious new “church” totally at odds to the one Holy Apostolic Church founded by Jesus Christ and faithfully passed down to us by the Apostolic Fathers and the bishops and martyrs for over 2,000 years.

In order for this to be accomplished, Pope Francis has been rampantly slashing away at the already clearly established moral and liturgical rules that have faithfully guided the Holy Roman Catholic Church. In fact, I have to admit that after many years of evidence, it is clearly shown that it started shortly after Vatican II.

In these days, the Catholic Church seems to look at the one person who needs to be reconciled back to the faith, without their repentance or change of heart, as a victory, while ignoring the ten Catholics who are leaving by the back door because of the priestly abuse of the liturgy and the parishioners.

Our Lady of Aparecida, pray for us,
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. ■

Hilary White/Continued...

statutes placed the governance of Caritas directly under the Vatican dicastery. The previous year the Vatican had blocked the reinstatement of Caritas’ then-secretary general, Lesley-Anne Knight, for a second four-year term. Knight had tried to distance Caritas from the Church, saying that the association with Catholicism had hurt fundraising.

Bertone explained that the new statutes were to provide “vigilance in order that both its humanitarian and charitable action and the content of the documents that it disseminates may be in harmony with the Apostolic See and with the Church’s Magisterium.” Under Knight’s leadership Caritas had clashed with the Benedict-led Vatican on several issues related to moral teaching. In her [outgoing speech](#) in June 2011, Knight compared herself with Julius Caesar, Abraham Lincoln and Robert F. Kennedy: all assassinated before their terms of office were finished.

During Knight’s term, and continuing since then, Caritas has been in accord with the rest of the NGO world in being – as George Weigel [put it](#) in Crisis Magazine – “dominated by an unbending ‘progressive’ orthodoxy on development and health-care questions,” including on the control of the spread of HIV/AIDS, “that sits poorly with Catholic understandings of how people are empowered to break out of

Bertone had “stacked” several key offices with Salesians.

the cycle of poverty.” The new direction for Caritas envisioned by Benedict XVI was [revealed in a 2012 speech](#) to African Caritas leaders. Cardinal Sarah warned against leftist materialist utopianism, saying, “The hope of salvation found itself reduced to a temporal messianism and the understanding of Christian life to a form of humanitarian engagement. Many missionaries have practically abandoned evangelization and become invested exclusively in development, human promotion and the fight to ‘eliminate poverty.’”

“The great danger consists in believing that the objective of the charitable mission of the Church is to reform society, to fight for a more just or more democratic society. ... Fundamentally, it belongs to the state to deal with social questions; that is not the immediate responsibility of the Church.”

Caritas, he said, “must refuse any ideology contrary to the teaching of God transmitted by the Church and categorically reject all financial aid which imposes ideological conditions opposed to the magisterium...”

So deeply entrenched are these anti-Catholic ideologies in the Church’s charitable agencies around the world that the effort to reclaim Caritas for the Church was probably doomed, whether Benedict had resigned or not. The president of Caritas at the time of the Vatican’s publication of the new statutes was the

now-notorious Marxist, Oscar Rodrigues Cardinal Maradiaga (also a Salesian, btw). This is the Honduran prelate who was later to be named by Francis as head the “C-6” group of personally selected papal cardinal-advisors². Maradiaga has since been disgraced, though not dismissed, after revelations of gross financial mismanagement and that he had himself sheltered a homosexual abuser bishop.

Whatever was planned, the project of reforming Caritas was derailed by Francis who in 2016 abolished Cor Unum – rolling its competency into the new “dicastery for integral human development” – and gave the Caritas presidency to his friend and fellow-traveller Cardinal Tagle.

Cardinal Sarah was given an apparent promotion as prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments – a subject not especially part of the pope’s plans. Sarah had gone public with his call for a “reform of the reform” of the liturgy. Shortly after this, [the pope stacked DWS](#) with like-minded “progressives,” effectively isolating and neutralising Sarah. It can be surmised that Sarah’s series of books on Catholic spirituality – the first of which was tellingly titled “[The Power of Silence](#)” – is his way of reaching out to the Catholic faithful past the confines of his curial position. ■

² Originally this group was known as the “C9” but three have been sent back to their home countries to deal with charges of various misdoings.

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The Last Word...

JORGE OF BABYLON

BY FATHER CELATUS

The Gospel reading for the last Sunday of the liturgical year is an apocalyptic discourse of Jesus recorded by Saint Matthew describing the destruction of the Jewish Temple and the sack of the City of Jerusalem. This apocalyptic prophecy was initially fulfilled in 70 AD at the hands of the Roman army, but traditional interpretation anticipates that the final fulfillment of this prophecy is yet to be realized at the end of time.

By placing this apocalyptic text at the end of the liturgical year the Church reminds us that there will be an end to all calendars and years at some time in the future, with the Coming of Christ. Similarly, the First Sunday of Advent draws upon this same apocalyptic discourse of Jesus as recorded by Saint Luke. We are reminded that as we prepare to celebrate the first Coming of Christ we also anticipate his Second Coming.

All three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke—record the apocalyptic discourse of Jesus, but such is not found in the Fourth Gospel. Instead, Saint John devoted an entire book to this subject, known by the title of Apocalypse or Revelation, the latter a translation of the former. As with the shorter discourse, it describes the past apocalypse upon Jerusalem and it also describes a future apocalypse upon the world.

How far into the future is the final apocalypse which will end the world as we know it? *The Last Word* does not presume to know but we do recognize that there are ominous parallels between what precipitated the apocalypse upon Jerusalem in 70 AD with what has been happening within our own lifetime; namely, the apostasy of religious leaders who mislead a majority of mainstream faithful into a counterfeit religion.

The Book of Revelation is far too complicated to consider at length in this

short space, but we need only focus upon three dark figures that have prominent roles to play in the apocalypse of the past and future: The Dragon, the Land Beast and the Sea Beast. Without doubt the Dragon represents Satan, that ancient Serpent who occasioned the Fall of Adam and Eve and who has sought to destroy humanity ever since.

As to the identity of the two Beasts, a credible traditional interpretation is that the Sea Beast represents the pagan Roman Empire and the Land Beast represents apostate Judaism of the first century AD. There are a number of details related to each of these two beasts that support such an interpretation. Allied with the Dragon as they are, these three dark figures represent an unholy anti-trinity which is opposed to God.

For a time, the two Beasts form an alliance with each other, symbolized by the infamous image of the Whore of Babylon (aka Land Beast) riding upon the Sea Beast. Some Old Testament prophets used the indelicate images of prostitution and adultery to describe Judaism when she was unfaithful to God. So, we should not be surprised or scandalized by the apocalyptic image of a whore as apostate Judaism of the first century. The association of pagan Babylon with this woman dramatizes the depth of her apostasy.

Now let's look at the ancient historical

realities that are represented by these two apocalyptic beasts. It is indisputable that mainstream Judaism went into full apostasy during the reign of Caiaphas as High Priest. But the trajectory toward apostasy had started long before Caiaphas; it only reached its apex under him. The Sadducees were totally compromised in their theology, the Herodians were political toadies to the ruling powers and the Pharisees were in large part a self-righteous cabal. The office of high priest had been wholly corrupted under the domination of Annas, who wielded the power of high priest for decades.

What were the religious crimes of Caiaphas and Company, for which reason they deserve collectively the title

Whore of Babylon? Firstly, they denied the Divinity of Christ, as is evident in the Gospel of John:

Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see my day: he saw it and was glad. The Jews

therefore said to him: Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at him.

They also denied the Bodily Resurrection of Jesus, as is recorded in the Gospel of Matthew:

Behold some of the guards came into the city and told the chief priests all

things that had been done. And they being assembled together with the ancients, taking counsel, gave a great sum of money to the soldiers, saying: Say you, His disciples came by night, and stole him away when we were asleep. And if the governor shall hear this, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they taking the money, did as they were taught: and this word was spread abroad among the Jews even unto this day.

They committed an act of idolatry by proclaiming publicly the pagan-deified Caesar to be their only king:

And it was the preparation of the pasch, about the sixth hour, and Pilate saith to the Jews: Behold your king. But they cried out: Away with him; away with him; crucify him. Pilate saith to them: Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered: We have no king but Caesar!

Finally, they collaborated with the Roman Empire to crucify Christ and to persecute the Church thereafter. The Acts of the Apostles abounds with examples of the collaboration of the Whore riding upon the Beast.

Now let's leap nearly two millennia from ancient Jerusalem to modern Rome. Along the lines of Caiaphas and Company we now have Bergoglio and Buddies. For decades these frauds have morphed true religion into their counterfeit church and now, under the reign of Francis, the apostasy is full-fledged. We have a *pontifex maximus* who reportedly denies the Divinity of Christ and his Bodily Resurrection. We have an impostor on the Throne who enthroned an idol on the Altar of Sacrifice in Saint Peter's. We have a dictator in white who insults and attacks the faithful while he courts the favor of perverts, infidels and secular powers.

It appears that the adulterous apostate woman rides again, this time as the *Jorge of Babylon*. ■

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