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**Pope St. Pius V, Papal Bull, *QUO PRIMUM*, Tridentine codification of the “received and approved” immemorial Roman rite of Mass**



### **Sunday after the Ascension**

**St. Angela Merici, Virgin**

**Within the Octave**

**June 1, 2025**

“Today,” says St. Augustine, “we shall keep the Ascension of our Lord in a fitting manner, with devotion, sanctity and piety, if we ascend with Him and keep our hearts on high,” “Let our thoughts be there where He is, and here on earth there will be peace,” “Let us ascend with Him now, with our hearts, and when His promised day comes, we shall follow Him also with our bodies; but we should know that neither pride, nor avarice, nor lust ascend with Christ. If we wish to follow our Healer in His Ascension, we must put off the burden of our vices and sins” (Matins).

This Sunday is a preparation for Pentecost. Before ascending to heaven, our Lord had promised, at the Last Supper, that He would not leave us orphans, but would send us His Holy Spirit, the Paraclete (Gospel, Alleluia); that in all things we might glorify God, through Jesus Christ our Lord (Gospel). Therefore, like the Apostles assembled in the Cenacle, we must prepare by prayer and charity (Epistle) for the holy Day of Pentecost, when Christ, who is “our Advocate with the Father” (First Nocturn), will obtain for us from Him the Holy Ghost.

#### **INTROIT:**

*Ps. 26.* Hear, O Lord, my voice with which I have cried to Thee, alleluia: my heart hath said to Thee, I have sought Thy face; Thy face, O Lord, I will seek: turn not away Thy face from me, alleluia, alleluia.

*Ps.* The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? Glory be, etc. Hear, O Lord, my voice with which, etc.

#### **COLLECT:**

Almighty, everlasting God, grant that we may always have a will devoted to Thee, and a sincere heart to serve Thy majesty. Through our Lord, etc.

O God, who didst will that through blessed Angela a new company of holy virgins should grow up within Thy Church, grant us through her intercession to lead angelic lives, so that, being detached from all joys that are earthly, we may be found worthy to enjoy those that are eternal. Through our Lord, etc.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that as we believe that Thy only-begotten Son our Redeemer this day ascended into heaven, so we may ourselves also mentally dwell in heavenly places. Through our Lord, etc.

#### **EPISTLE: 1 Peter 4, 7-11.**

Dearly beloved, Be ye prudent and watch in prayers. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves: for charity coevereth a multitude of sins. Using hospitality one towards another, without murmuring: as every man hath received grace, ministering the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak, as the words of God: if any minister, let him do it, as of the power which God administereth: that in all things God may be honored through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Practice**

The virtues here recommended are excellent preparatives for receiving the Holy Ghost, for nothing makes us more worthy of His grace than temperance, prayer, charity, unity, and hospitality towards our neighbors. Endeavor, therefore, to exercise these virtues, and every day during the following week pray fervently to the Holy Ghost for help in your endeavors.

**GREAT ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, alleluia.

*Ps. 46.* The Lord hath reigned over all the nations; God sitteth on His holy throne, alleluia.

*John 14.* I will not leave you orphans; I go and I come to you, and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** *John 15, 26-16, 4.*

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceedeth from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me: and you shall give testimony because you are with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doth a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me. But these things I have told you, that, when the hour shall come, you may remember that I told you of them.

#### **What kind of sin is scandal?**

It is a frightful sin. By it countless sins are occasioned, thousands of souls are carried to perdition, while the loving design of God for the salvation of men is frustrated.

#### **How, in general, is scandal given?**

By saying, doing, or neglecting to do something which becomes the occasion of sin to another.

#### **When do parents give scandal?**

When they set a bad example to their children. When they do not correct them for doing wrong, neglect to keep them from what is bad, or to teach them that which is good.

#### **How do employers give scandal?**

In much the same way that parents give scandal to their children: when, by bad example or by command, they keep their servants or other employees from divine service, or neglect to make them attend it. When they themselves use, or give to others, flesh-meat on days of abstinence. When they order the commission of sin.

### **OFFERTORY:**

*Ps. 46.* God is ascended with jubilee; and the Lord with the sound of trumpet, alleluia.

### **SECRET:**

May these unspotted sacrifices purify us, O Lord, and give to our minds the vigor of grace from above. Through our Lord, etc.

May the Victim we offer to Thee, O Lord, in memory of blessed Angela entreat for us pardon for our sins, and win for us the gifts of Thy grace. Through our Lord, etc.

Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we offer for the glorious ascension of Thy Son, and mercifully grant that we may be delivered from present dangers and attain eternal life. Through our Lord, etc.

### **PREFACE FOR ASCENSION:**

It is truly meet and just, right and profitable unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, through Christ our Lord. Who after His resurrection appeared and showed Himself to all his disciples; and while they beheld Him, was lifted up into heaven, so that He might make us partakers of His Godhead. And therefore with the angels and archangels, the thrones and dominions, and the whole host of heavenly army we sing a hymn of Thy glory, saying again and again: Holy, holy, holy, etc.

### **COMMUNION:**

*John 17.* Father, while I was with them, I kept them whom Thou gavest Me, alleluia; but now I come to Thee: I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

### **POSTCOMMUNION:**

Filled, O Lord, with sacred gifts, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may ever continue in thanksgiving. Through our Lord, etc.

Refreshed with the heavenly food, we humbly ask Thee, O Lord, that through the prayers and example of blessed Angela we may be cleansed from all stain of sin, and may please Thee in body and soul. Through our Lord, etc.

Grant us, we beseech thee, almighty and merciful God, that what we have taken and received in visible mysteries, may profit us by its invisible effect. Through our Lord, etc.

**“Not to resist an error is to approve of it – not to defend a truth is to reject it.”**

**St. Augustine’s dictum, codified in the *Decretum Gratiani***

**Remember: Iconoclasm, the destruction of the images of our holy faith, is a defined and condemned heresy!**

Unless the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it. Ps. 126  
What shall be given unto Thee, or what shall be added unto Thee, to a deceitful tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty One, with destroying coals. Ps. 119

Jesus exercises over all nations the royal power, which He received, as Man, on the day of His Ascension. He redeemed us all by His Blood; we are therefore His people, and He is our King. He is, and He calls Himself, 'King of kings and Lord of lords.' The kings of the earth reign not either by their own prowess, or by the boasted social compact; they lawfully reign by Christ alone. Peoples and nations are not their own masters; they belong to Christ and are His subjects. His law requires no sanction from man; it is above all human laws, and should be their guide and controller. 'Why have the nations raged, and the people devised vain things? The kings of the earth stood up and the princes met together, against the Lord and against His Christ.' How vain all these efforts! For, as the apostle says, 'He must reign, until He hath put all His enemies under His feet.'  
Dom Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*, Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension

### PROPER OF THE SAINTS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>:

Date	Day	Feast	Rank	Color	F/A	Mass Time/Intention/Notes
1	Sun	Sunday within the Octave of the Ascension St. Angelica Merici, V Within the Octave	dm	W		Mass 9:00 AM; Members Ss. Peter & Paul; Rosary of Reparation 8:30 AM; Confessions 8:00 AM
2	Mon	Within The Octave <i>St. Marcellinus &amp; Comp., Mm</i>	sd	W		Mass 8:30 AM; Rosary of Reparation before Mass
3	Tue	Within the Octave	sd	W		Mass 8:30 AM; Rosary of Reparation before Mass
4	Wed	St. Francis Caracciolo, C <i>Within the Octave</i>	d	W		Mass 8:30 AM; Rosary of Reparation before Mass
5	Thu	Octave Day of the Ascension <i>St. Boniface, BpM</i>	dm	W		Mass 8:30 AM; Rosary of Reparation before Mass
6	Fri	St. Norbert, BpC <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	d	W	A	Mass 8:30 AM; Rosary of Reparation before Mass; Benediction & Holy Hour of Reparation
7	Sat	Vigil of Pentecost <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>		V R	F/A	Mass 9:00 AM; Confessions & Reparation with Rosary 8:30 AM; Benediction & Holy Hour of Reparation
8	Sun	Pentecost Sunday	d1cl	R		Mass 9:00 AM; Members Ss. Peter & Paul; Rosary of Reparation 8:30 AM; Confessions 8:00 AM

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ss. Peter & Paul Chapel is open to its members at any time of the day or night for visits to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



**“Yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doth a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me.”**

In the fulfillment of your duties, let your intentions be so pure that you reject from your actions any other motive than the glory of God and the salvation of souls. St. Angela Merici

Disorder in society is the result of disorder in the family. St. Angela Merici

## INSTRUCTION ON SCANDAL

**These things have I spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized (John 16, 1).**

### ***How is scandal given?***

By speaking, doing or omitting that which will be, to others an occasion, of sin: Scandal is given in different ways, for instance: if you dress improperly, speak improper words, or sing bad songs; by which you can see, that your neighbor will be tempted to think, desire or act wrongly; or what is worse, if you act sinfully, in the presence of, others, or bring bad books., books against good morals, or against the holy faith, among people; if you incite others to anger, cursing, and vengeance, or if you prevent them from attending church, the sermon, or catechetical instruction, etc. In all these things you become guilty of scandal, as well as of all the sins to which it gives rise. If at the Last judgment we will be unable to give an account of our own sins, how, then can we answer for the innumerable sins caused by the scandal we have given?

Therefore Christ pronounces a terrible, woe upon those who give scandal. Woe to that man, He says, by whom the scandal cometh! It were better for him, that a millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be drowned in the depth of the sea (Matt. 18).

### ***How do parents give scandal?***

By giving their children bad example; by excessive anger, cursing and swearing; by avarice, injustice and cheating; by discord and quarrels; by gluttony in eating and drinking; by extravagance and vanity in dress; by sneering at religion, good morals, etc.; by not keeping their children from evil company, but sometimes even bringing them into it; by not punishing and endeavoring to eradicate their children's vices. How much parents sin, through such scandals, cannot be expressed; at the Day of judgment their children will be their accusers!

### ***How do masters give scandal to their servants and those under their care?***

In the same way as parents do to their children; by keeping them away from, or not urging them by their own example or command to attend church on Sundays and holy-days; by giving them meat on fast-days; by commanding them to do sinful things, such as stealing, etc.

**Who has given me the power to judge my brethren? When I thus constitute myself their judge and in the tribunal of my thoughts condemn first one and then another, I am usurping an authority I do not possess and which belongs to God alone: "For God is Judge" [Ps. 49, 6]. And if this is not pride, what is pride? In punishment of such arrogance God often permits us to fall into the very faults that we have condemned in others, and it is well for us to remember the teaching of St. Paul: "Wherefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest. For wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest thyself." [Rom. 2, 1].**

**Fr. Cajetan Mary da Bergamo, *Humility of Heart***

**Man has a twofold nature, the one superior, the other inferior. The first is generally termed reason, the second is called appetite, sensuality, or passion. Reason is the distinguishing property of man, and he is not considered responsible for the primary impulses of his appetite unless his superior faculty confirms the choice.**

**The entire spiritual warfare, consequently, consists in this: the rational faculty is placed between the Divine will above it and the sensitive appetite below it, and is attacked from both sides-----God moving it by His grace, and the flesh by its appetites strive for victory.... No one should delude himself that he can acquire virtue and serve God in the proper way, unless he is willing to undergo a violent struggle. He must conquer the difficulty he will experience when he deprives himself of the pleasures, great or small, to which he has been viciously attached. Dom Lorenzo Scupoli, *The Spiritual Combat***

**St. Thomas gives us a profound reason for this. All sin, he says, proceeds from self-love, for we never commit sin without coveting some gratification for self. From self-love spring those three branches of sin mentioned by St. John: "the concupiscence of the flesh, the concupiscence of the eyes, and the pride of life" (1 Jn. 2:16), which are love of pleasure, love of riches, and love of honors. Three of the deadly sins, lust, gluttony, and sloth, spring from love of pleasure, pride springs from love of honors, and covetousness from love of riches. The remaining two, anger and envy, serve all these unlawful loves. Anger is aroused by any obstacle which prevents us from attaining what we desire, and envy is excited when we behold anyone possessing what our self-love claims. These are the three roots of the seven deadly sins, and consequently of all the others. Let these chiefs be destroyed and the whole army will soon be routed. Hence we must vigorously attack these mighty giants who dispute our entrance to the promised land.**

**Ven. Louis of Granada, *The Sinner's Guide***

**Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man, King of Angels and of men, is not only your God, your Saviour and your Sovereign Lord, but is also your head and you are "members of His Body," as St. Paul says: "of His flesh and of His bones" (Eph. 5, 30).**

**You are consequently united with Him in the most intimate union possible, that is, the union of members with their head. You are united with Him spiritually by faith and by the grace He gave you in Holy Baptism. You are united with Him corporally in the union of His Most Sacred Body with yours in the Blessed Eucharist.**

**It necessarily follows that, just as the members are animated by the spirit of the head, and live the same life, so you must also be animated by the spirit of Jesus, live His life, walk in His ways, be clothed with His sentiments and inclinations, and perform all your actions in the dispositions and intentions that actuated His.**

**In a word, you must carry on and perpetuate the life, religion and devotion which He exercised upon earth.**

**St. John Eudes, *The Four Foundations of Sanctity***

**"But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves: for charity covereth a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8**

**"My brethren, if any of you err from the truth, and one convert him: He must know that he who causeth a sinner to be converted from the error of his way, shall save his soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20**

**"Peter is subject to the duties of the Office; otherwise, neither is the [Apostolic] Church in him, nor is he in the Church." St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, 11a, q. 39, Art 1, ad 6**

**Neither genius, fame, nor love show the greatness of the soul. Only kindness can do that.... Kindness is a virtue that does not think about its own interest; does not wait for the call of duty; has no need of aesthetic attraction to solicit it; but is instinctively the more drawn towards its object, the more the object is wretched, poor, forsaken, and, humanly speaking, contemptible. But before all things have a constant mutual charity among yourselves: for charity covereth a multitude of sins (I Peter 4:8).  
Rev. Jean Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, O. P.**

**It is an intolerable travail for someone to drudge at amassing riches and then, once they have been acquired, never enjoy them. It is an even worse misfortune to devote much time to prayer and get no use from it in situations where it applies. It is pitiful when, after ten or twenty years of mental prayer and of dealing with God and meditating on the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, you complain with impatience and unrestrained criticism about any adversity that befalls you. You may be sure that for the whole time that you spent on prayer you were digging in a barren mine and extracting not silver or gold but sand and gravel.  
Rev. Antonio Ruiz de Montoya, S. J., Jesuit missionary to the native Indians of Paraguay**

**"People often say, 'It is better to be a good Protestant than a bad Catholic.' That is not true! That would mean that one could be saved without the true faith. No. A bad Catholic remains a child of the family, although a prodigal, and however great a sinner he may be, he still has a right to mercy. Through his faith, a bad Catholic is nearer to God than a Protestant, for he is a member of the household, whereas the heretic is not. And how hard it is to make him become one!" St. Peter Julian Eymard**

**This shameful font of indifferentism gives rise to that absurd and erroneous proposition which claims that liberty of conscience must be maintained for everyone. It spreads ruin in sacred and civil affairs, though some repeat over and over again with the greatest impudence that some advantage accrues to religion from it. "But the death of the soul is worse than freedom of error," as Augustine was wont to say. When all restraints are removed by which men are kept on the narrow path of truth, their nature, which is already inclined to evil, propels them to ruin. Then truly "the bottomless pit" is open from which John saw smoke ascending which obscured the sun, and out of which locusts flew forth to devastate the earth. Thence comes transformation of minds, corruption of youths, contempt of sacred things and holy laws--in other words, a pestilence more deadly to the state than any other. Experience shows, even from earliest times, that cities renowned for wealth, dominion, and glory perished as a result of this single evil, namely immoderate freedom of opinion, license of free speech, and desire for novelty.  
Pope Gregory XVI, *Mirari Vos***

**Among the works comprised in charity to our neighbor the following are the most important: advice, counsel, succor, forbearance, pardon, edification. These are so strongly linked with charity that the practice of them indicates the progress we have made in the practice of charity. Ven. Louis of Granada, *The Sinner's Guide***

## **WAITING**

## **SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**

**PRESENCE OF GOD** - Grant Lord, that my heart may ever be turned toward heaven where You await me.

### **MEDITATION:**

**1.** This Sunday is like a prolongation of the Feast of the Ascension. The Introit reflects the feelings which the Apostles must have experienced during the time between the departure of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit "Hear, O Lord, my voice calling to You .... I seek Your face, O Lord, do not hide Your face from me." As on the day of the Ascension, the eyes of the Apostles are turned toward heaven, where they saw their Master disappear, and their hearts sigh after Him. As long as we are on our earthly pilgrimage, far from God, He must be the constant yearning of our souls. But we should not remain idle while we are waiting to go to our fatherland. In the Epistle of the day (*1 Pt 4, 7-11*), Peter teaches us what we must do to make our life on earth a real preparation for our meeting with God: "Watch in prayers. But before all things, have a constant mutual charity among yourselves." This is exactly what the Apostles did as they waited for the Holy Spirit: together in the Cenacle they were persevering in prayer in the unity of fraternal love. God does not look with favor on the prayers and sacrifices of one who does not love his neighbor- no matter who he may be- with sincere benevolence. Jesus has expressly said: "If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee; leave there thy offering. . . and go first to be reconciled to thy brother" (*Mt 5, 23-24*). Prayer alone will not suffice to draw down divine graces, nor will it acquire eternal life for us. Fraternal charity, the surest pledge of the sincerity of our love for God, is an absolute requisite. The Holy Spirit, who is the spirit of charity, who is substantial love, cannot enter a heart which is narrow and mean in its relations with its neighbor; lack of charity is one of the greatest obstacles to His action, because it is directly opposed to His essence. Just as water paralyzes the action of fire, so does lack of charity paralyze the action of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, as long as we live on earth, we are all liable to fall; all of us, therefore, need pardon; "charity," says the Epistle, "covers a multitude of sins."

**2.** In today's Gospel (*Jn 15, 26-27; 16, 1-4*) Jesus reiterates His promise concerning the descent of the Holy Spirit "When the Paraclete cometh, whom I will send you from the Father . . . you shall give testimony [of Me]." As on the day of His Ascension, He connects the coming of the Holy Spirit with the mission of the Apostles, that mission which will consist essentially in giving testimony of Christ. "You shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit... and you shall be witnesses unto Me . . . even to the uttermost part of the earth" (*Ep: Feast of the Ascension*). Today's Gospel explains the scope of this testimony which the Apostles, as well as all future Christians, will be called upon to give. "They will

put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God.” Jesus died on the Cross to give testimony to the Father; His disciples will have to suffer, undergo persecution, and even death itself, to give testimony to Him. We cannot follow a road different from the one which Jesus has trodden: “If any man will come after Me, let him... take up his cross and follow Me” (*Mt 16,24*), He repeats to us. A calm, tranquil testimony, which is made without facing danger- still less of risking life- will always have only relative value and ordinarily gives no guarantee of its genuineness or its strength; on the contrary, the more it costs, the greater its value in proving the fidelity of him who renders it. To witness to Christ, without regarding the difficulties, sufferings or struggles that may be encountered, is the program of the true Christian. But who will give us courage? To us as to the Apostles, courage will come from the Holy Spirit, from His gift of fortitude; it will come from assiduous meditation on the example which Christ has given us; it will also come from His own words, spoken of coming persecutions: “I have told you these things, that you may not be scandalized in Me.”

#### **COLLOQUY:**

O Lord, make me worthy to give testimony of You, not only in words, but especially in deeds, in spite of the difficulties and sufferings I may encounter. The Apostles gave testimony of You to the extent of facing death for love of You; grant that I may give testimony of You at least by a life worthy of You.

To give testimony of You, O Lord, “I would travel the world over to preach Your name, O my Beloved, and raise on heathen soil the glorious standard of the Cross! One mission alone would not satisfy my longings. I would spread the Gospel in all parts of the world, even in the farthest isles. I would be a missionary, but not for a few years only. Were it possible, I should wish to have been one from the world’s creation and to remain one till the end of time. But the greatest of all my desires is to win the martyr’s palm ....

“When I think of the fearful torments awaiting Christians at the time of Antichrist, my heart thrills within me and I wish that these torments could be reserved for me. Open, O Jesus, the book of life in which are written the deeds of all Your saints; each one of those deeds I long to accomplish for You .... Great deeds are forbidden me; I can neither preach the Gospel nor shed my blood . . . but what does it matter? My brothers labor in my stead while . . . I remain close to the throne and love You for all those who are in the strife” (cf. T.C.J. *St, 13*).

Yes, O Lord, grant me a true love, so that I may always be faithful to You in little things, since it is not given me to perform great ones. Grant especially that I may always give You the testimony of a sincere profession of faith, of behavior which is wholly conformed to Your law, no matter where or in what circumstance I may be, never letting myself deviate through human respect.

**The definition of a revealed dogma is one of the greatest benefits God can accord His Church. All of the truths which Jesus Christ taught are life and light, and their explicit declaration in the course of centuries each time brings to Christianity a new degree of strength and splendor. The sentiment of faith must therefore cause the faithful to desire development of the Creed, in order to enter more and more into possession of the truth which the Son of God brought to earth. The happiness of Heaven will consist in seeing the whole truth; the increasing richness of the Symbolism of revealed dogmas joins us ever closer to it here below.**  
**Dom Guéranger, The Pontifical Monarchy**

### **Conformity to Christ Crucified**

“In truth, the wounds were... open, deep, his (St. Francis) hands and feet pierced through and through, each by a dark rust-colored nail. The heads protruded, the points inside were as though bent and hammered, in such a way that one could insert a finger within the hook. The cluster of nerves, muscles and tendons were left free, but on setting his foot on the ground they caused excruciating torture and, for that reason, from then on Francis had to use a staff and, for his journeys, a donkey. St. Clare devised some ingenious grooved shoes to mitigate the Saint’s pains. The nails were like sinewy flesh, hard, tough, solid and so much a single piece that, by pushing on the head, the point stuck out more... Fresh and copious blood flowed from all the wounds. Leo was the one assigned to stanch it, applying cloths he changed frequently. The wound in his side, that had abundant hemorrhages, measured three fingers in width. These details, so dramatically realistic and recorded by authors contemporary with Francis, help one to understand the state of physical annihilation he suffered until his death...” Emilia Pardo Bazan, *St. Francis of Assisi*, 13th Century

Sometimes, when I urge the Catholics here to be bold, and not to stagger in the profession of their faith, they say that it is very easy for me to talk, who am not exposed to the same dangers and loss of fortune as they are. To that I reply— “Just consider whether your King can ever reduce you to a life of greater poverty than I am leading, and should it even come to that, you would be consoled by the love of your country, which is the strongest feeling a person can have. You would still be surrounded by your relatives and friends. And, moreover, you were not born in Spain, and do not know what it is to exchange it for England. Nothing can go beyond that!” Blessed Luisa de Carvajal, Martyr, The First & Only Woman Jesuit Missionary, Letter from London, 1606

My children, why are there no Sacraments in other religions? Because there is no salvation there! We have the Sacraments at our disposal because we belong to the religion of salvation. We are bound to give thanks to God for them from our hearts, for the Sacraments are the sources of salvation. It is not so in other religions. St. John Vianney, *Cure d’Ars*

How happy I would have been to fight at the time of the Crusades or, later on, to fight against the heretics! Be assured that I would not have been afraid... I want to be a warrior, a priest, a Doctor of the Church, a martyr! I want to go to the ends of the earth to preach Your name, O Jesus, to plant Your glorious cross on pagan shores! St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face

“We declare that the greater part of those who are damned have brought the calamity on themselves by ignorance of the mysteries of the Faith, which they should have known and believed, in order to be united with the elect.” St. Pope Pius X, *Acerbo Nimis*



## INSTRUCTION ON PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

- 1) We should withdraw, after the example of the Blessed Virgin and the apostles, to some solitary place, or at least avoid, intercourse with others, as much as possible; speak but little, and apply ourselves to earnest and persevering prayer; for in solitude God speaks to man.
- 2) We should purify our conscience by a contrite confession, become reconciled to our neighbor, if we have lived in enmity; for the Holy Ghost, as a spirit of peace and purity, lives only in pure and peaceful souls (Ps. 35, 3).
- 3) We should give alms according to our means, for it is said in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10) of the Gentile centurion Cornelius, that by prayer and alms-deeds he made himself worthy of the gifts of the Holy Ghost.
- 4) We should fervently desire to receive the Holy Ghost, and should give expression to this longing by frequent aspirations to God, making use of the prayer: "Come, O Holy Ghost, etc."

**"It would seem as if this lady had been sent here for the express purpose of shaming our want of courage. The example she sets us by her bold profession of the Catholic faith, and her desires of martyrdom, are a rebuke to our timidity."**  
Jesuit Father commenting on Ven. Luisa de Carvajal, a Spanish lady of nobility who came to England at the time of the Gunpowder Plot to encourage Catholics in the practice, profession and defense of their faith. She died from injuries suffered from an anti-Catholic mob directed by King James' government.

### **Only Those in the State of Grace Can Be "Numbered Among the Children of God."**

Saying within themselves, repenting, and groaning for anguish of spirit: These are they, whom we had some time in derision, and for a parable of reproach. We fools esteemed their life madness, and their end without honour. Behold how they are numbered among the children of God, and their lot is among the saints. Therefore we have erred from the way of truth, and the light of justice hath not shined unto us, and the sun of understanding hath not risen upon us. We wearied ourselves in the way of iniquity and destruction, and have walked through hard ways, but the way of the Lord we have not known. What hath pride profited us? or what advantage hath the boasting of riches brought us? All those things are passed away like a shadow, and like a post that runneth on, And as a ship that passeth through the waves: whereof when it is gone by, the trace cannot be found, nor the path of its keel in the waters: Or as when a bird flieth through the air, of the passage of which no mark can be found, but only the sound of the wings beating the light air, and parting it by the force of her flight; she moved her wings, and hath flown through, and there is no mark found afterwards of her way: Or as when an arrow is shot at a mark, the divided air presently cometh together again, so that the passage thereof is not known: So we also being born, forthwith ceased to be: and have been able to shew no mark of virtue: but are consumed in our wickedness. Such things as these the sinners said in hell: For the hope of the wicked is as dust, which is blown away with the wind, and as a thin froth which is dispersed by the storm: and a smoke that is scattered abroad by the wind: and as the remembrance of a guest of one day that passeth by. Wisdom 5:3-15

### **Iconoclasm Revisited: *The Great Neo-Modernist Heresy* – The belief that there exists a merely accidental relationship between the "revealed truths" and the dogmatic "manner of stating those truths and theological doctrines."**

Students must learn to distinguish between on the one hand revealed truths, which all require the same assent of faith, and on the other hand the manner of stating those truths and theological doctrines. As far as the formulation of revealed truths is concerned, account will be taken of what is said by, among others, the declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's *Mysterium Ecclesiae*, n. 5: "The truths which the Church intends actually to teach through its dogmatic formularies are, without doubt, distinct from the changing conceptions proper to a given age and can be expressed without them, but it can nonetheless happen that they will be expressed by the magisterium, in terms that bear traces of those conceptions. Account having been taken of these considerations, it must also be said that from the beginning the dogmatic formularies of the magisterium have always been appropriate for communicating revealed truth and that, remaining unchanged, they will always communicate it to those who interpret them properly". Students should therefore learn to make the distinction between the "deposit of faith itself or the truths which are contained in our venerable doctrine", and the way in which these truths are formulated; between the truths to be proclaimed and the various ways of perceiving them and shedding light upon them; between the apostolic Tradition and strictly ecclesiastical traditions, and at the same time they should learn to recognize and respect the permanent value of dogmatic formulations. From the time of their philosophical formation, students should be prepared to appreciate the legitimate diversity in theology which derives from the different methods and language theologians use in penetrating the divine mysteries. From which it follows that different theological formulations are often more complementary than contradictory.

The Ecumenical Directory

**NOTE:** The full title of the "Ecumenical Directory" is Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism. It was approved by Pope John Paul II on March 25, 1993 and published on June 8 by the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity as a general executive decree of the Catholic Church. It supplanted the Directory for the Application of the Decisions of the Second Vatican Council Concerning Ecumenical Matters, issued during the pontificate of Pope Paul VI.

**"It is beyond question that the Pope can err even in matters touching the faith.... Many pontiffs were heretics... The last of them was Pope John XXII (1522-1523)."**

Pope Adrian VI, quoted by Fr. Paul Trinchard, *One, Holy Catholic, Apostolic*

To live together as brother and sister? Of course I have high respect for those who are doing this. But it's a heroic act, and heroism is not for the average Christian. I would say that people must do what is possible in their situation. We cannot as human beings always do the ideal, the best. We must do the best possible in a given situation. Cardinal Kasper, *Commonweal*, May 7, 2016

If a divorced and remarried person is truly sorry that he or she failed in the first marriage, if the commitments from the first marriage are clarified and a return is definitively out of the question, if he or she cannot undo the commitments that were assumed in the second civil marriage without new guilt, if he or she strives to the best of his or her abilities to live out the second civil marriage on the basis of faith and to raise their children in the faith, if he or she longs for the sacraments as a source of strength in his or her situation, do we then have to refuse or can we refuse him or her the sacrament of penance and communion, after a period of reorientation? [.....] Cardinal Walter Kasper, *The Gospel of the Family*

### **Pope Francis makes the error of Kasper his own!**

49. In such difficult situations (for divorced and remarried) of need, the Church must be particularly concerned to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than imposing straightaway a set of rules that only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very Mother called to show them God's mercy. Rather than offering the healing power of grace and the light of the Gospel message, some would "indoctrinate" that message, turning it into "dead stones to be hurled at others."

122. We should not however confuse different levels: there is no need to lay upon two limited persons the tremendous burden of having to reproduce perfectly the union existing between Christ and his Church, for marriage as a sign entails "a dynamic process..., one which advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God."

Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*

Mary not only offered Jesus to death in the Temple, but She renewed that offering every moment of Her life. She revealed to St. Bridget: "That sorrow [foretold by the holy Simeon] never left My heart until I was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven." Therefore St. Anselm addresses Her in these words: "O compassionate Mother, I cannot believe that You could have endured such excruciating torments even for a moment without dying, unless God Himself, the Spirit of Life, had sustained You." But St. Bernard, in speaking of the great sorrow which Mary experienced on this day, says that from this time on "She endured a living death, bearing a sorrow more cruel than death." Every moment that She lived She died, for She was assailed at every moment by sorrow for the coming death of Her Jesus, a torment more cruel than any death. Because of the immense merit She acquired for the salvation of the world by this great sacrifice to God, St. Augustine was quite right in calling the Blessed Mother the "repairer of the human race." And St. Epiphanius, "the redeemer of captives;" St. Germanus, "our deliverer from all calamities;" St. Ambrose, "the mother of all the faithful;" St. Augustine, "the mother of the living;" St. Andrew of Crete, "the mother of life." Arnold of Chartres says: "The will of Mary and the will of Christ were then united so intimately that both offered up the same sacrifice. Because of that union of wills, Mary brought about with Christ that one effect, namely, the salvation of the world." Jesus accomplished it by making satisfaction for our sins; Mary by obtaining the application of this satisfaction to us . . .

St. Alphonsus de Liguori, *The Glories of Mary*

### **The Fruits from the Council of Trent - A light in today's darkness**

The sixteenth century heard at its birth the most terrible blasphemy ever uttered against the bride of the Son of God; that whereby she was named the harlot of Babylon. But she, brought face to face with her enemy, unable itself to produce anything good, proved herself to be the Bride of Christ by means of the number of new Orders which came into existence in a few short years ready to meet the exigencies of the novel situation created by Luther's revolt. The return of ancient Orders to their primitive fervour (such as the Carmelite reform of St. Teresa and St. John of the Cross), the establishment of the Society of Jesus, of the Theatines, of the Brothers of St. John of God, of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, of the Clerks Regular of St. Jerome Emilian, and those of St. Camillus de Lellis, did not satisfy the divine Spirit. As though on purpose to mark the superabundant fruitfulness of the bride, he raised up, at the close of the same century, another religious family, the special characteristic of which was to be the organization of mortification and continual prayer amongst its members, by the incessant use of Christian penance and by the perpetual adoration of the most holy Sacrament. Sixtus V received with joy these new recruits for the great campaign. To distinguish them from all other Orders of regular clerks, and as a proof of his special paternal affection, the illustrious Pontiff, himself a Friar Minor, embodied a title so dear to his own heart in that which he assigned to these newcomers, calling them the Minor Clerks Regular. With a like view of approximation to the Seraphic Order, our saint of to-day, the first General of this Institute, changed his name Ascanius for that of Francis. Dom Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*, St. Francis Caracciolo

### **Daily Reception of Holy Communion**

St Basil states, that to communicate daily, to partake every day of the Body and Blood of Jesus, is good and wholesome, as Christ himself has said, *Whoso eats My flesh and drinks My blood shall have everlasting life*. St Ambrose, treating of the Holy Eucharist, would have us receive It daily. "Receive daily this sacred Food, that It may daily strengthen thee. Live so, however, as to deserve to receive it every day." He further observes, that if a person be not worthy to partake of the Sacrament daily, neither will he be worthy after the lapse of a year. St Augustine too wishes, as far as depends on himself, that the faithful should daily receive Holy Communion; and he expresses this desire most unmistakably in these words, "This Eucharistic Bread is our daily bread; partake then of It every day, so that It help thee every day." Fr. John Baptist Scaramelli, *Guide to the Spiritual Life*



**From Adam to this day, divine worship that is acceptable to God has always been, without exception, the creation of God.**

Christ chose the Cenacle in which to celebrate the Passover, because there lived, died, and were buried Melchisedech, David, Solomon and all the kings of David's family till the Babylonian Captivity.

Melchisedech comes into history under this name in the account of the four Mesopotamian kings, who went into Palestine, captured Lot, Abraham's nephew, and started for home. Abraham roused his servants, fell on them at night, rescued Lot, took their spoils, and returning passed by Salem, as Jerusalem then was named.

"But Melchisedech, the king of Salem, bringing forth bread and wine, for he was a priest of the most high God, blessed him and said: 'Blessed be the most high God by whose protection thy enemies are in thy band.' And he gave him tithes of all."

Here for the first time in Holy Writ we find a priest "of the most high God" offering the "bread and wine" of the Passover and Mass. Eight centuries of silence pass, and 1,100 years before Christ, David wrote of Christ's priesthood: "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech." Then this great pontiff-king appears no more, in Holy Writ, till St. Paul in his Epistle to the Hebrews mentions him eight times as a type of Christ. [.....]

But here for the first time in history, comes forth another order of priests, this mysterious Melchisedech offering bread and wine of the Last Supper and Mass. To him Abraham offered tithes—the tenth part of the fruits of his victory. Therefore Melchisedech's priesthood was higher than that of Abraham; it was to be eternal; it pointed to Christ's priesthood of the Last Supper and of the Catholic Church. The whole prophetic scene in that vale beside the sacred city was emblematic of the future.

[.....] Who was Melchisedech? St. Paul says: "Without father, without mother without genealogy, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life, but likened unto the Son of God, continueth a priest forever."

Fr. James L. Meagher, D.D., *How Christ Said the First Mass*

Why is it that only Catholics like the Franciscans of the Immaculate can possess "schismatic tendencies"? Is there any example of religious orders being destroyed because of "liberal tendencies," "modernist tendencies," "heretical tendencies"? The answer is known by everyone but not publically stated. Modernist Rome hates the Catholic faith and any sign of its material manifestation because those signs are analogous to the sign of Noe. The sign of the Ark condemned a sinful world!

**Rene Descartes, the Catholic, and Immanuel Kant, the Protestant, the twin pillars of modern philosophical atheism!**

"I cannot forgive Descartes; in all his philosophy he did his best to dispense with God. But he could not avoid making Him set the world in motion with a flip of His thumb; after that he had no more use for God." Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*

**Did one of the main Vatican II documents distort the Words of Our Lord in the Gospel?**

Those who wish to apply a 'hermeneutic of continuity' to Vatican II, or who deny that there can be any opposition or rupture between the documents of that council and Catholic tradition, or who claim that the assertion that the authentic teachings of Vatican II formally contradict the tradition of the Church is false, might consider the following passage from the council's pastoral constitution *Gaudium et Spes*:

***Gaudium et Spes 24: 'Quapropter dilectio Dei et proximi primum et maximum mandatum est.'***

For non-Latinists, this claim (it is a complete sentence in the conciliar document) can be translated as follows: 'For love of God and of neighbour is the first and greatest commandment'. No Latin is needed to realize that this is a flat contradiction of the teaching of Christ. There is a deliberate allusion in *Gaudium et Spes* 24 to the wording of the divine teaching it is contradicting, as can be seen from looking at the Vulgate text of that teaching:

**Matthew 22:35-39: "Et interrogavit eum unus ex eis legis doctor, temptans eum; 'Magister, quod est mandatum magnum in lege? Ait illi Iesus: 'diliges Dominum Deum tuum ex toto corde tuo, et in tota anima tua, et in tota mente tua. Hoc est maximum et primum mandatum. Secundum autem simile est huic: diliges proximum tuum, sicut teipsum.'"**

This text from *Gaudium et Spes* suffices to prove that the teachings of the Second Vatican Council are not without error, and that fidelity to Christ's teaching requires that parts of it be rejected. It is also a fruitful starting point for reflection and investigation into the ideology and motivations of the progressive leadership of that council, and into the degree to which the Council Fathers as a whole accepted their responsibility for preserving the divine deposit of faith. (This text was pointed out to me by a Catholic professor of theology who must remain anonymous.)

Dr. John Lamont, posted by Rorate Caeli

**Prophecy and our times!**

An unhappy time is coming of revolt and dissension in the Church. Oh my children, do not let yourselves be led astray by innovations. Rally and hold fast. Stay on the same road, the same footpaths as your pious fathers trod. Preserve and maintain what they have taught you. It will be enough if you resist the attacks, the tempests, the hurricanes that will arise with such violence.

The Church will be punished because the majority of her members, high and low, will become so perverted. The Church will sink deeper and deeper until she will at last seem to be extinguished, and the succession of Peter and the Apostles to have expired. But, after this, she will be victoriously exalted in the sight of all doubters.

St. Nicholas of Flüe, 15th Century

During the fifth period, we saw only calamities and devastation; oppression of Catholics by tyrants and heretics; execution of Kings, and conspiracies to set up republics . . . Are we not to fear, during this period, that the Mohammedans will come again, working out their sinister schemes against the Latin Church? . . . During this period men will abuse the freedom of conscience conceded to them . . . there will be laxity in divine and human precepts. Discipline will suffer. The holy canons will be completely disregarded, and the clergy will not respect the laws of the Church. Everyone will be carried away and led to believe and to do what he fancies, according to the manner of the flesh. . . But, by the hand of God Almighty, there occurs so wondrous a change during the sixth period that no one can humanly visualize it.

The sixth period of the Church will begin with the powerful Monarch and the holy Pontiff . . . and it will last until the revelation of Antichrist. In this period, God will console His Holy Church for the affliction and great tribulation she has endured during the fifth period. All nations will become Catholic. Vocations will be abundant as never before, and all men will seek only the Kingdom of God and His justice. Men will live in peace, and this will be granted because people will make their peace with God. They will live under the protection of the Great Monarch and his successors.

All nations will come to worship God in the true Catholic and Roman faith. There will be many Saints and Doctors on earth. Peace will reign over the whole earth because God will bind Satan for a number of years until the days of the Son of Perdition. No one will be able to pervert the Word of God since, during the sixth period, there will be an Ecumenical Council which will be the greatest of all councils. By the grace of God, by the power of the Great Monarch, by the authority of the Holy Pontiff, and by the union of all the most devout princes, atheism and every heresy will be banished from the earth. The Council will define the true sense of Holy Scripture, and this will be believed and accepted by everyone.

Venerable Bartholomew Holzhauser, holy priest of the seventeenth century

In the twentieth century there will be a time of great corruption of customs, and this devotion will be the safeguard of this land during the times to come when it will no longer be a colony, but a free and libertine republic. Let us weep, pray, and do penance so that this time will not be of long duration.

The secular clergy will leave much to be desired because priests will become careless in their sacred duties. Lacking the divine compass, they will stray from the road traced by God for the priestly ministry, and they will become attached to wealth and riches, which they will unduly strive to obtain. How the Church will suffer during this dark night! Lacking a Prelate and Father to guide them with paternal love, gentleness, strength, wisdom and prudence, many priests will lose their spirit, placing their souls in great danger. This will mark the arrival of My hour.

Therefore, clamor insistently without tiring and weep with bitter tears in the privacy of your heart, imploring the Celestial Father that, for love of the Eucharistic Heart of my Most Holy Son and His Precious Blood shed with such generosity and the profound bitterness and sufferings of His cruel Passion and Death, He might take pity on His ministers and bring to an end those Ominous times, sending to this Church the Prelate who will restore the spirit of its priests. . . [When all seems lost, it will be] the happy beginning of the complete restoration. This will mark the arrival of my hour, when I, in a marvelous way, will dethrone the proud and cursed Satan, trampling him under my feet and fettering him in the infernal abyss.

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Good Success, to Venerable Marianne de Jesus Torres (1563-1635)

It was revealed to me that through the intercession of the Mother of God all heresies will disappear. The victory over heresies has been reserved by Christ for his Blessed Mother... The power of Mary in the latter days will be very conspicuous. Mary will extend the reign of Christ over the heathens and the Mohammedans, and it will be a time of great joy when Mary is enthroned as Mistress and Queen of hearts. Venerable Maria of Agreda, seventeenth century

**"If thou observe any vice in thy brother, correct him secretly; if he will not hear thee, correct him openly. For such reproofs are good, and often better than silent friendships. And though thy friend deem himself aggrieved, do thou yet correct him; for the wounds of friends are easier to bear than the kisses of flatterers." St. Ambrose**

## St. Boniface and "Religious Liberty"



which "it is impossible to please God." It is through the sacrifice of St. Boniface and those who followed him that Bishop-emeritus Ratzinger of Rome, received the Catholic Faith. Pray that through the intercession of St. Boniface that, before his death, he may return to the Faith that was once delivered to him.

Pope Benedict XVI on his trip to Germany declared that it is a "demand" of the Catholic Church that Catholics support the right of Moslems to build mosques in Germany for the public worship of false gods. This "demand," he teaches, is imposed in light of the novel doctrine of "Religious Liberty" that holds as a matter of 'faith' that the creature has been endowed by his Creator with such an exalted dignity that he is free to hold his Creator in contempt. St. Boniface, the Apostle to the Germans, when he and his monks were the only Catholics east of the Rhine never believed that the native Germanic tribes had a right from religious liberty to worship trees. St. Boniface cut them down. For this, he was martyred and through his sacrifice, the Germanic tribes were converted to the true Faith, without

Beyond the Rhine, farther than Roman legions ever penetrated, the Church now advances into this barbarous land, along pathways tracked for her by Boniface; overturning in her victorious march the last idols of the false gods, civilizing and sanctifying those savage hordes, the scourge of the old world. This Anglo-Saxon, a true son of St. Benedict, gives to his work a stability that will defy the lapse of ages. Everywhere monasteries arise, taking root in the very soil, for God's sake; and, by force of example and beneficence, fixing around them its various nomad tribes. From the riverbanks, from the forest depths, instead of cries of war and vengeance, is wafted the accent of prayer and of praise to the Most High.... To thee, O Boniface, is the Holy Empire indebted for its very existence. But for thee, France would have perished, debased by a simoniacal clergy, even before a Charlemagne had appeared; but for thee, Germany would have remained a prey to pagan barbarians, enemies of all civilization and progress. O thou that didst rescue both Germans and Franks, receive our grateful homage... now, princes forgetful of their true position as representatives of the divine King, made friends with heresy, in order to assert their independence of Rome, or to lower one another's power. Therefore, Christendom is no more. Upon its ruins, like a woeful mimicry of the Holy Empire, Protestantism has raised its false evangelical empire... O Boniface, cry out with us unto the God of armies for mercy. Raise up in the Church servants of Christ, powerful in word and work, as thou wast. Save France from anarchy; and restore to Germany a right appreciation of true greatness, together with the faith of her ancient days. Dom Gueranger, Feast of St. Boniface

**"The Jews are enemies of God and foes of our holy religion." St. Pio of Pietrelcina  
Calvary of Padre Pio by Joseph Pagnossin, 1978 Padua, Italy, page 91**

O Priest! You are not of yourself because you are of God.  
You are not of yourself because you are the servant and minister of Christ.  
You are not your own because you are the spouse of the Church.  
You are not yourself because you are the mediator between God and man.  
You are not from yourself because you are nothing. What then are you?  
Nothing and everything.  
O Priest! Take care, lest what was said to Christ on the cross be said to you:  
'He saved others, himself he cannot save!'  
St. Norbert, prayer composed on the day of his ordination

Norbert, in whose veins flowed the best blood of emperors and kings, was, from the very breast of his mother, Hedwige, supernaturally invited to a nobility loftier still: yet did he devote, to the unreserved enjoyment of pleasure, three and thirty years of a life that was to number but fifty in all. The Holy Ghost at length hastened to the conquest. There bursts a sudden storm, a thunderbolt falls right in front of the prodigal, throwing him to the ground and making a frightful chasm, between him and the point whither, a moment ago, he was hastening in pursuit of new vanities that needs must fail, as all others had done, to fill the hopeless void in his heart. Then, in the very depths of his soul resounds a voice, such as Saul once heard on his way to Damascus: "Norbert, whither goest thou?" Like another Paul he replies: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" He is answered: "Depart from evil and do good; seek after peace and pursue it." Twenty years later, and Norbert is in heaven, seated amidst pontiffs, upon a glorious throne, and all radiant with that special brilliancy, that distinguishes the Founders of the great Religious Orders, when they have reached the eternal Home.

Deep are the traces left by him on earth, of his few years of penitential life. Germany and France receive his preaching; Antwerp is delivered from a shameful heresy; Magdeburg is rescued by this her Archbishop, from the irregularities that were sullyng the House of God: such are his works; and though these alone would have sufficed to a long life of holiness, yet they are not the only titles, nor the most brilliant which Norbert has to the Church's gratitude. Before being called, against his will, to the honours of the episcopate, this once gay courtier, made choice of an uninhabitable solitude amidst the forests of the diocese of Laon, wherein to devote himself to prayer and to the maceration of his flesh. The renown of this holy penitent gained rapidly; and Premontre soon beheld her swampy marshes invaded by a vast multitude, formed of the fairest names of picked nobility, pressing thither to learn the science of salvation, from the lips of the saintly anchorite. There too, did Our Lady show to him, in vision, the white habit wherewith his disciples were to be clothed; and Saint Augustine, in like manner, delivered to him his own Rule. Thus was founded the most illustrious branch of the Order of Canons Regular. They add to the obligation of solemnizing the Divine Office, the austerities of an uninterrupted penance; and devote themselves, moreover, to the service of souls, by preaching and the administration of parishes.

Dom Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*, St. Norbert, Bishop, Confessor, founder of Order of Premonstratensians. St. Norbert converted at 33 years of age. By the time of his death there were more than 1000 members of his order.

**The Yankee rules of engagement for prosecuting war has a long and unvarying history!**

"We make war only upon armed men, and we cannot take vengeance for the wrongs our people have suffered without lowering ourselves in the eyes of all those whose abhorrence has been excited by the atrocities of our enemies, and offending against God to whom vengeance belongs."

General Robert E. Lee, to the Army of Northern Virginia, after U.S. Generals Sherman and Sheridan subjected civilian populations in the South to rape, looting, burning their homes and slaughtering livestock, leaving women and children unprotected from winter and starvation.

Jewish neo-con foreign policy which seeks to rule the world has produced one disaster after another for its "friend" the United States and nothing but death and destruction for everyone else. 165 of 195 nations of the world, including India and China with 35% of the world's population, have refused to join in sanctioning Russia, leaving the U.S., not Russia, relatively isolated and friendless. Millions have died in Serbia, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Afghanistan, Ukraine and now Gaza costing trillions of dollars without any geopolitical benefit whatsoever.

"We endeavor to prevent any hostile power from dominating a region whose resources would, under consolidated control, be sufficient to generate global power. We must maintain the mechanism for deterring potential competitors from even aspiring to a larger regional or global power."

Wolfowitz Doctrine, articulated in 1992 by Paul Wolfowitz, then Under Secretary of Defense, guiding principle for Neo-con foreign policy strategy for world domination in a "unipolar" world. This is what is meant by Francis Fukuyama's 1992 book, *The End of History and the Last Man*, celebrating "the end-point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government."

**But yet the Son of man, when he cometh, shall he find, think you, faith on earth? (Luke 18:8)**

The survey of 1,007 self-identified adult Catholics was commissioned by the U.S. bishops' Department of Communications and conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington. A 178-page report on the results was released April 13.... Only 2 percent of Catholics across all generations said they participated in the sacrament of reconciliation once a month or more, 12 percent said they did several times a year, 12 percent said they did once a year, 30 percent said less than once a year and 45 percent said they never made a sacramental confession... However, the study found that only 36 percent of the younger Catholics attend Mass at least once a month, compared with 64 percent of the older generation. Sixty-eight percent of all Catholics surveyed said they agreed that they believed they could be in good standing with the Church without going to weekly Mass. Only 43% of Catholics say they look to Church teachings, the pope and their bishops "in deciding what is morally acceptable."

**When arguing with a Neo-Modernist Novus Ordite Remember -**

**Modern Mind, Modern Thought: Don't be surprised when you at last discover that the Modern Mind is Mindless and Modern Thought is Thoughtless!**

Modern Thought shirks definition. In all truth it is a giant's task to extract a clear-cut and intelligible statement of what it exactly means by the terms it uses. For a definition requires thought; it requires a close examination and analysis of the nature of the thing to be defined, an accurate discrimination between its essentials and accidentals, and a painstaking comparison of that thing with similar things in order to discern what it has in common with them, and then to pick out just that specific note which makes it the thing that it is and different from everything else. All that, I say, calls for accurate and connected reasoning, and Modern Thought is quite unequal to the task. For it moves in a twilight of half-intelligence where it sees vague shapes and transforms them into monsters. Make the experiment of this for yourselves; if you will, take up the print of Modern Thought, some of which I shall presently indicate, and see what travesties it can make of the ideas of "dogma," "faith," "theology," "metaphysics," "God," "morality," etc., as well as of "civilization," "culture," "science" and "progress." To whatever other tortures it may subject these words, or with whatever welter of brilliant sentences it may mix them—define them it does not.

All this is the same as saying that Modern Thought is flippant, cynical, skeptical, irrational and thoughtless—no one of which is the mark of thought truly so-called. In the face of searching questions, Modern Thought is as irresponsible as Boccaccio's "Cymon," who:

Shunned the Church and used not much to pray,  
He trudged along, unknowing what he sought,  
And whistled as he went for want of thought.

It is difficult to speak of a flippant thing without oneself seeming to indulge in flippancy. Yet, were I to take Modern Thought very seriously and to define its most serious aspect, I could do no more than say that it is an attitude of mind which prefers to interpret life and judge the world not in the light of principles, tradition and authority, but according to a mood prompted by the moment and by the expediency of immediate environment—or the gravitation of man's lower nature.

In justice to Modern Thought let it be said that it is not consistent with itself, for, while it spurns authority, it will nevertheless place the blindest reliance on any "authority" that serves its mood and temper, and this mood can, with the greatest ease, swing from the namby-pamby optimism to the murkiest pessimism. And, if besides being observant persons you are moderately well read in history, it will soon break upon your realization that, after all, there is nothing modern about this mental affliction. It is as ancient as the day when Adam and Eve maimed their souls and bodies in Paradise in a fit of independence; it is as ancient as Heracitus, Epicurus, and the classic pagans. Its mood and their mood are essentially the same, the setting alone is different, the chief difference being that to-day the printing-press, the cinema and the radio (the T.V. and the Internet) offer the neo-paganism so many more facilities to waft itself abroad and spread the contagion of its mood.

Rev. Demetrius Zema, S.J., *The Thoughtlessness of Modern Thought*, Conference at Fordham University, 1933



**Slavery is the necessary state for social and political control of a fallen human nature without grace!**

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."  
John Adams

## Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò: Prevost Mirrors His Predecessor

"It is normal and humanly understandable that more than a decade of open persecution of Catholics by the one who presented himself as their Pope would lead many of us to desire a truce, hoping that Our Lord would give His Church - if not a new Pius X - at least another Benedict XVI.

But this legitimate desire - certainly animated by good feelings and love for the Church - cannot transform itself into a virtual reality in which, even against all evidence, everything must necessarily be read as a confirmation of what we would like, and not of what is really happening. We cannot build for ourselves a "virtual church" with a "virtual papacy" that we love and serve in a consoling but unreal fiction.

The confirmation of a notorious heretic (Father Beat Grögli, the pastor of the Cathedral of St. Gallen who supports ordination of women) to the Cathedra of Saint Gallen in Switzerland (as its new bishop); the appointment of a nun (Sister Tiziana Merletti) as Secretary of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, in line with the appointment of a Prefectess by Bergoglio; the repeated references to the heretical documents of his predecessor and to Vatican II; the declarations on ecumenism and synodality, and finally the acceptance of climate fraud; all place Robert Francis Prevost (Leo XIV) in evident and disturbing continuity with his predecessor, and it will certainly not be the stole and mozzetta that will change reality.

May looking at reality with supernatural eyes help us to recognize the deceptions of the Evil One and push us, today more than ever, to place all our hope in Christ the King and Pontiff, so that He may help and protect His Church. May He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life be our guide in a rebellious world doomed to perdition, lies, and death."

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## 'On the path to establishing full communion...' posted by Tradition in Action

On May 19, 2025, Leo XIV received at Clementine Hall 161 representatives of different religions, above, who had travelled to the Vatican for his inauguration Mass the day before. As far as we know, it was the largest meeting with false religions ever gathered at the Vatican.

We offer to our readers some excerpts from the Pope's address, taken from L'Osservatore Romano (May 19, 2025, p. 6)

**Words to the Schismatics and heretics:** "As Bishop of Rome, I consider one of my priorities to be that of seeking the reestablishment of unity and visible communion among all those who profess the same faith in God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ...

"Aware, moreover, that synodality and ecumenism are closely linked, I wish to assure you of my intention to continue Pope Francis' commitment to promoting the synodal character of the Catholic Church and developing new and concrete forms for an ever stronger and more intense synodality in the ecumenical field."

**To the representatives of other religions:** "Now is the time for dialogue and for building bridges. Therefore I am pleased and grateful for the presence of representatives of other religious traditions, who share the search for God and his will, which is always and only the will of love and life for men and woman and for all creatures."

**To the Jews:** "In a special way I wish to send a greeting to our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. Because of the Hebrew roots of Christianity, all Christians have a special relationship with Judaism. ... The theological dialogue between Christians and Jews remains ever important and very close to my heart."

**To the Muslims:** "Relations between the Catholic Church and Muslims are marked by a growing commitment to dialogue and fraternity, fostered by esteem for these brothers and sisters 'who adore the one God, living and subsistent, merciful and almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth who spoke to men.' (Document of Abu Dhabi, 3)"

**To pagans:** "To all you representatives of other religious traditions, I express my gratitude for your participation in this meeting and for your contribution to peace. ... I am convinced that if we are in agreement, and free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying 'no' to war and 'yes' to peace, 'no' to the arms race and 'yes' to disarmament, 'no' to an economy that impoverishes the peoples of the earth and 'yes' to integral development."

These words of Leo XIV show that, far from being a conservative, he is rather a radical disciple of Francis and the previous Conciliar Popes

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## "By their fruit, you shall know them"! A destroyed church is called, "restored"!

### First wave of Baltimore Catholic churches for sale since closure plan

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Five Catholic churches closed by the Archdiocese of Baltimore have been put up for sale, becoming the first wave to hit the market since a mammoth reorganization plan took effect last year.

The initiative, "Seek the City to Come," was the church's response to dips in revenue and shrinking attendance at parishes in and around the city. **In total, it dwindled the**

**Archdiocese's 61 houses of worship into 23.** And while the shifts and closures affected much of the country's oldest diocese, West Baltimore was hit particularly hard, reworking the religious landscape of a historic, predominantly Black enclave.



The parishes on sale now, however, are scattered throughout the city mostly north of its downtown business sector:

- Most Precious Blood in Northeast Baltimore
- The Shrine of the little Flower in Belair Edison
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Patterson Park
- St. Rose of Lima in Brooklyn
- St. Thomas Aquinas in Hampden

The listings are being brokered by several regional firms, and the majority cannot be reviewed online. St. Rose of Lima is advertised as a "rarely available" religious complex that "could easily be restored to a large multi-purpose room, or further divided to create additional office, meeting, or classroom space." According to the Praise Buildings brokerage team, the property is listed at just under \$1.4 million.

Christian Kendzierski, a spokesperson for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, said Friday it is "impossible to determine" how many other properties will be sold. He also said it is too early to know which shuttered church building will be liquidated or how those that stay within the Archdiocese will be used.

Until a building is sold, however, Kendzierski said a church without Sunday services can still be used for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

To do so, members must contact the parish their congregation was merged with.

**What will happen to the structures once their sold is anyone's guess.**

Near Patterson Park, the former Evangelical Lutheran Church built in 1906, has become a yoga and meditation studio. And up the road, the 19th-century St. Michael's Church has been converted into a brewery.

Many times, however, churches sold in Baltimore are passed from one congregation to another, Praise Buildings President Stephen Ferrandi said Friday.

The Ellicott City based practice lists religious properties throughout Maryland, Washington D.C., Delaware and parts of Pennsylvania. What becomes of a church building, Ferrandi said, often depends on where it's located.

Baltimore's history of ethnic enclaves, he explained, is responsible for its quantity of church buildings, as immigrant communities were able to support places of worship and even different denominations. But as integration took root, sparking white flight out of the city and into the suburbs, congregations were split without replacement, he said.

As a result, houses of worship across every religion have been struggling for decades, Ferrandi told The Baltimore Sun.

"You don't have the same reason that you used to support these churches," he said.

**The shrinking number of worshippers at Baltimore's archdiocese has been tracked for years, with some churches not even reaching 10% of their capacities - an absence that has only sharpened since the pandemic.**

**Along with the costs of maintaining its facilities, the Seek the City plan was designed to soften that financial blow.**

**Since 2023, the church has also been fighting off a mountain of child sex abuse claims, including a bankruptcy claim where negotiations have stalled.**

But as suitors look over the first lot of diocese buildings, Kendzierski said any money from a sale will go to the merged parish it was bought from.

"It follows the people," he said.

## **A Warning to Traditional Catholics in the Wake of TLM Closures posted by Rorate Caeli:**

Dear faithful,

It has unfortunately come to my attention over the years that an unscrupulous individual "ambulance chaser" type with a canon law degree has been approaching unsuspecting traditional Catholics with promises of aiding in canonical redress with their bishops after their local TLM has been canceled.

It has fallen to me, in the absence of any interest in covering this issue by reputable news sources, to issue this warning.

What this individual, when he presents himself, fails to mention is the fact that his canon law degree does not equip him to represent the faithful in these instances according to the requirements of Canon Law.

He charges a retainer, for example, to send a letter to the bishop, then charges travel fees ostensibly to present the case before the local bishop. When the plaintiff discovers he failed to complete travel as promised and demands a refund of their money he refuses or ghosts them.

In the wake of a new wave of closures there may sadly be new cases of such crass abuse of well-intentioned faithful Catholics. By speaking out, as distasteful as is such a task, I hope to prevent further fraud.

Anyone can contact me and provide a name if they are approached in circumstances similar to those I have described. The purpose must only be to avoid useless and unavailing exercise of canon law processes. Any attempts to engage in character assassinations of any kind will be ignored.

Sincerely in Christ,

By Father Kevin M Cusick

**COMMENT:** This "warning" circulated by Fr. Cusick is a good indicator of the intellectual and moral poverty of those he identifies as "Traditional Catholics." They, along with Fr. Cusick, are not "Traditional Catholics" but conservative Catholics with traditional sentiments, and the traditions of the Catholic Church are nothing more to them than sentiments. The ugly fact of the matter is this: the Indult is concession provided by the will of the legislator. It can be abrogated or obrogated at the discretion at the will of the legislator without cause. Those that have accepted this Indult have thereby admitted that they possess no right to the traditional worship of God and therefore, having relinquished their rights, they have no canonical standing to seek legal redress. Fr. Cusick should simply tell his listeners to shut up and quite whimpering about losing what they were unwilling to fight for.