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“DECLARATION OF THE TRUTHS

relating to some of the most Common Errors

in the Life of the Church of our Time”

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To say that confusion, doubt, misunderstanding, disorientation, uncertainty, and a loss of faith has characterized the Catholic Church for the past 60 years — and has become pandemic under the corrupt papacy of Francis — is an understatement. In every practical sense it has ceased to be what it had been, and since 1964 has been trying to define what it *is* apart from what it *was* and wished no longer to be because it was an impediment to rapprochement with the world. As a consequence, the Church became increasingly intimate with the world, ignoring the admonition of Saint James: “**The world’s friendship means enmity with God, and the man who would have the world for his friend makes himself God’s enemy.**” (Saint James 4.4) In many ways it appears to be making every effort to be effectively indistinguishable from the world in the way of **teaching and morals** — *the very mandates* with which she was entrusted with the Keys of Saint Peter. She wishes to be *acceptable to world* at the cost of becoming unacceptable to God.

What Cardinal Burke, and Bishops Schneider, Pujats, and Peta have done is nothing short re-vitalizing **genuine** Catholic Faith, teachings, and morals in the absence of sound teaching and example in a misguided, corrupt, and in many ways malevolent pontiff who has left the sheep scattered and frightened — and who himself seeks to throw open the gates to the sheepfold.

But where the wolves abound, a handful of faithful Shepherds remain — undaunted by enemies within and without; and they are many and powerful. But God is Power Absolute — and He Himself upholds the good shepherds.

These few brave men — only four — **among the 5000 bishops worldwide** are very reminiscent of Gideon and the Midianites (read the Book of Judges chapters 6-8). So few can do so much!

LifesiteNews sums it up succinctly:

- **There is a Hell** and those who go there suffer for eternity
- Church teaching can never contradict what was previous Church teaching
- Muslims do not offer to God the same supernatural worship as do Christians
- **Ecumenism intends that non-Catholics enter the Catholic Church**
- **God does not will the diversity of religions**
- No one has a natural right to choose the moral evil of sin
- Anyone in a state of grace has the God-given strength to live a moral life
- Intrinsically evil actions such as **abortion or euthanasia are wrong in all circumstances**
- Sexual acts are only moral within a valid marriage and when open to life
- **Christ is truly, really and substantially present in the Eucharist**
- Prior to receiving Holy Communion all mortal sins must be confessed in number and kind
- **Holy Communion can't be given to those living in a public state of objectively grave sin**
- **Holy Communion can't be given to those who reject the Catholic faith**
- **Only men can be ordained priests**

Unfortunately, for many Catholics — or those who *deem* themselves Catholics — what these cardinals and archbishops are stating — has been held by the Catholic Church for over 2000 years!

It is not even old: **it's ancient!**

It is a commentary unto itself that it must be re-stated for many Catholics today, as though it were *shocking* and *new*.

Much of the credit for this appalling state of affairs goes to **Francis who has defiled the Seat of Peter**; and virtually *all of it* to the **heretical Second Vatican Council** (really, how tiresome novelty becomes after 60 years!). Only one (perhaps more) truth should be added to these, for it is in dire need of repeating:

The Mass is a Sacrifice! It is not a luncheon or good fellowship. **It is a SACRIFICE!**

The Third Rail

Most Catholics do not understand, or fail to grasp the fact that the Mass is “**the Most Holy SACRIFICE of the Mass**”. [They had never been taught](#) this absolutely **central** mystery, this most vital tenet of Catholicism — apart from which Catholicism is incomprehensible. Why? It is a fair question. The answer is as simple as the question is fair: No one told them. Not their CCD teachers, nor did they learn it from their glossy, expensive, and utterly useless CCD books, and most sadly, not even from their priests. It is *the Third Rail of Ecumenism*: touch it and you perish. It is too Catholic, too un-ecumenical, too redolent of the Catholic Church of two millennia — and to hold that this is **true**, of course, means that your Protestant, Jewish, or Muslim neighbor is **wrong** in disagreeing with this Catholic dogma. “**Disagreement**” is expunged from the Ecumenical Lexicon, for disagreement foments *rational discussion*, and is understood as (inexplicably) engendering “hostility”. In fact, the word “wrong” has no place in the Ecumenical Lexicon either. We are all right even when our propositions are contradictory. This is called Ecumenism. It is also known as **illogical**, or the *Hegelian Wonderland* where all utterly intractable contradictions are “reconciled”.

Francis and Friends — "at Table"

Why, we ask, (apart from reference to the curious absence of the definite article concerning ~~the~~ table) is the **sacrificial** nature of the Mass either unrecognized or so widely misunderstood? We have already provided two reasons (Francis and Friends — and Vatican II) but the third is less obvious because we have been exposed to the banality of it for over half a century: The presence of "**a table**" and the absence of "**an altar.**" You have your luncheon at a table. You sacrifice at an altar. What could be clearer?

Protestants have "tables" and "communal meals" — Catholics witness and participate in the most sublime **sacrifice** in history — every Sunday and at every Mass! The Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross re-presented **as though Calvary were right there before them — which it is!**

Subjecting Christ on the Cross to Laughter (again)

That, too, is why some "liturgical novelties" are so offensive — even blasphemous: one does not:

- strum a guitar
- bang on a drum
- play a flute
- break the "monotony of sacred silence" with incessant piano strains more appropriate to a lounge.
- "sing" miserable *pop* music
- perform "liturgical dances"
- show off ones instrumental skills or (presumed) vocal talent
- Applaud

Think of it: when we commit *any* of these obscenities, **we subject Christ on the Cross to them:** our laughter, our absurd skits, and — and of all things blasphemous — our **APPLAUSE** ... we vigorously clap our hands as Christ suffers and dies on the Cross!

In an adaptation of one of the protestant “[Old Plantation Hymns](#)” — popular in today's Catholic Church, “*Were you there when they Crucified my Lord?*”, we must ask — and you must seriously answer this: “**Were you there**” ... would you do these things? Laugh? Applaud? Make jokes. Emphasize *your* vocal mastery? Bang on your drum? Play a piano? Rehearse with a flute? Discuss mundane things with the person next to you?

Well? Would you ...?

This is **Calvary**, people! **Not the Hard Rock Café!** You would do well to recognize your venue.

Back to Basics

In other words back to what was, is, and ever will be genuinely Catholic for all time.

We do not have the time to enumerate all that is uniquely and distinguishably Catholic that has been jettisoned since Vatican II in an effort to make the Catholic Church a member in good standing with the 349 members of **the Protestant World Council of Churches**. It would be too long and too depressing.

We have lost **so, so much** of what is Catholic — at Mass, in our lives, in our devotions, in the way of continuity with the thousands of Saints and Martyrs who preceded 1964 and the Second Vatican Council.

Under Francis, it appears that all things are negotiable, all things are on the table — nothing is certain, even “[the most cherished beliefs](#)” that, **Cardinal Cupich** (close advisor to Francis) tells us [we must be prepared to abandon](#).

Perhaps to Francis ... and Cupich ... and *so many, many* other weak-kneed, **invertebrate**, cardinals, bishops, priests, “theologians” and “ecumenists”. But not to these four men (*vir*) who appear to be the only 4 pillars preventing the collapse of Catholicism altogether as a distinguishable religion among many that have made their peace (and place) with the world at the cost of **Communion with Christ** through the **Communion of Saints** and their rejection of perpetual and indefeasible doctrines and dogmas of Holy Mother the Catholic Church for 2000 years:

Not Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, not Bishop Athanasius Schneider, nor Cardinal Janis Pujats, or Archbishop Tomash Peta.

And definitely not me!

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