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SMOKE IN THE SANCTUARY



The Odor of Sulfur ... not Sanctity

WHO HAS NOT SMELLED IT?

Obedience to the pope *presumes* the pope's obedience to Christ, and to the nearly 2000 year old *Sacred Deposit of Faith* that Christ entrusted to His Bride the Church. In **Holy Scripture**, in **Sacred Tradition**, and in the **Deposit of Faith** we find the fullness of truth and the unerring certainty of the will of God in all things. Who defects from any of the three defects from all and who teaches otherwise teaches heresy. He is separated from the Church. ¹

No one is exempt because no one is immune to grievous sin — sin so grave that excommunication is incurred *latae sententiae* (automatically: as soon as the sin is committed). **Canon Law 1463 states**: “Certain particularly grave sins incur excommunication, the most severe ecclesiastical penalty, which impedes the reception of the sacraments and the exercise of certain ecclesiastical acts, and for which absolution consequently cannot be granted, according to canon law, **except by the Pope**, the bishop of the place or priests authorized by them.”

But what if the **pope himself** is the excommunicate (*latae sententiae*)?

WHO IS NOT CONFUSED?

In the face of the near daily assaults — by the present papacy itself and an episcopacy in apparent complicity with him — on 2000 years of the consistent teaching of the Church, on the very Deposit of Faith, and on the validity of Sacred Scripture itself, what Catholic has not asked — in the fearfully deep and most secret recesses of his soul — the question “**Whence?**” From *whom* and from *what* comes

this relentless scourging of faith — even at the vertex of the Church itself — this *overwhelming* defection from all that is holy to all that is vile?

“There is smoke in the sanctuary” and instinctively we perceive it, recoil from it. It is proffered as incense but is pungent to our senses — as the fume of smoldering sulfur.

We are confused between **the Word of God become Man** and **the word of man become god**.

What a fearful divide rends the Body of Christ anew! **See how the sheep are scattered! Need we tell you who is the father of confusion and lies ...?**

NO LONGER INCONCEIVABLE ...

Imagine ... the pope himself as the principle cause of confusion — and defection — in the Catholic Church. It is nothing less than ... *diabolically* clever.

It is Francis indeed whom satan has sought to sift like wheat² — and sadly, it would appear, with much success and to great measure.

MANIFEST COMPLICITY WITH EVIL — AND THE "FATHER OF LIES" HIMSELF

In our obligation to Charity (one of the three *Theological Virtues*: Faith and Hope being the other two), we should pray that Francis, together with the cardinals and

bishops complicit with him, should renounce their complicity with satan, the father of lies and their collaboration with the manifest evil that they have embraced and propagated — and through which they would pull down the walls of the Church and make Christ a liar! Indeed, **did not Jesus speak of this current Brood of Vipers** when He said:

“You are of *your father* the devil, and **the desires of your father you will do**. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he stood not in the truth; because truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.” (St. John 8.44)

A frightening number of cardinals, bishops, and priests have lost their faith altogether and no longer believe what Christ Himself and Holy Mother the Church taught for 2000 years. Formally, this is called *apostasy*. They have **defected** from the Bride of Christ because She is pure and their desires are evil — She is **not** of *this* world — but **they** are! Her Body is chaste and their desires are perverse, corrupt, and defiled. It is precisely in the paradigm of the [The Third Temptation of Christ](#) that we find the provenance of this defection (apostasy). What Jesus Christ spurned (worldly “power and glory”), **they** have *lusted* for — and in exchange for it have given the required tribute to the “father of lies” — satan — who openly boasts of the “power” and “the glory of this world”, that: **“to me they are delivered, and I give them to whom I will”** (St. Luke 4.5-6).

THE TRIBUTE DUE TO THE FATHER OF LIES

And what is that tribute? **LIES**. If the *father* is a liar, then his *brood* can only be liars, too. Christ has already told us: “the desires of your father you will do ... for he is a liar, and the father thereof.” In exchange for power and perversion they have traded **lies**: lies about Christ’s teaching, about the **authentic** teaching of the Catholic Church, about the Sacred Deposit of Faith, about Catholic Doctrine and Dogma, about morals, about Heaven and Hell — **about Sacred Scripture itself!** They have lusted for *power* — perhaps even more than they have shamefully *and perversely lusted for other men* — and to acquire this power they have traded truth for lies!

It is, we will find, through the Faithful, the Laity, that the Church will be delivered — just as it was in the days of the early heresies when miter and crozier, cardinal and bishop, were bent in submission to apostasy from the Faith — apostasies to which the laity, having learned the truth in holy simplicity, gave no heed. They could smell a wolf under the greatest abundance of wool.

Christ Himself is the Good Shepherd. “The sheep follow **Him**, because **they know His voice**. But **a stranger they follow not, but fly from him**, because they know not the voice of strangers.” (Saint John 10:4-5)

Hold fast to the Faith of our Fathers! Cleave to Christ and to what **He has taught us**, to what **Holy Mother Church taught us** prior to Vatican II — and fear nothing, and no one — no matter his power or how ruthlessly he demands submission. “For there is no other name under Heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4.12)

Did not Christ Himself promise: “I will not forsake you.” (Saint John 14.18)?

Nor must we ever forsake *Him* through any inducement to sin — *by whomsoever.*

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¹ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Excommunication_\(Catholic_Church\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Excommunication_(Catholic_Church))

² Saint Luke 22.31



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