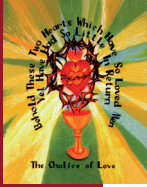




*This beautiful
Baby would Die
on a Tree...*

From 'Christmas Stranger'



This Month's Newsletter

EDITORIAL NOTES

This month's Messages

In this month's Messages, Jesus shines His Light and His Love upon His children through His Words of Love and of Warning. He Warns us again of the times ahead and the times upon us, of how we must be with and for Him if we are to ask for His help. He Warns us also not to allow ourselves to be controlled by self and the minions of lucifer for it is all to easy to fall into the evil one's traps in these dark times. However, if we trust and believe in Him who created us, we can only be joyous in receiving His Love and guidance in our lives everyday.

Articles

We have a selection of different articles this month. It is the season of Advent and so a few pinpoint the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas and of spreading Jesus' Love like a true disciple.

So that you may know

This article gives an accurate account of the happenings in France's

terrorist attack. The reason we have included this is because twenty one years ago Jesus gave a Message through the Patricks and we believe that this is part of the fulfilling of that Message.

The Lord's Prayer

It seems now that everything and anything goes in today's world... that is anything except God and His Commandments. From taking the Christ out of Christmas to banning The Lords Prayer in case it offends some people, our world aims to ban Jesus from all of our lives. In light of the recent news that cinemas have banned the Church of England's advertisement from being played because it promotes The Lord's Prayer, we have included 'Seven Reasons to ban the Lord's Prayer.' This article is indicative of the times we now live in.

The Little Rich Man of Assisi

A beautiful reflection on the poverty of Saint Francis, this article reawakens in us some

of the spirituality of the Christmas season while it is not actually about Christmas.

The Letter

We have printed an 'Open Letter to Pope Francis' written by Dr. Kelly Bowring. This is quite long, however, we thought that it confirms so much of what Jesus has been saying over these last years that we had to include it. Even those who do not read 'Messages' can see what is going on. All has been foretold in the Scriptures.

The Other Sister

We have also included Part two of 'The Other Sister' which was in last month's Newsletter for you to continue reading.

Happy Christmas!

We take this opportunity to wish all you, our readers, a very happy and holy Christmas. Let us all remember that Jesus is the reason for the season and do all we can to spread His Love in all the little things we do. Let's make Jesus smile! Would this not be a lovely Birthday gift for Him!

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The Messages of Love

Sunday 8 November 2015

Come to Me and believe in the Words that I and My Mother have spoken.

Believe, My children, for the events of this world are speeding up.

Sin is encroaching into every part of your lives. The evil one, in his pride, begins to believe that he cannot be stopped and so is preparing to take total control and destroy the Truth in the heart of My Church.

He will fall but, first, I will allow him to rise himself to great heights so that when he falls, it shall be remembered for all time. Mankind has given him his power for man has listened to his deceit, his lies and now walks the path of sin in their own free will.

Soon, I shall put a stop to all and only My Remnant will remain and My Body, My Church, will rise again in Truth. It shall be humble: its palaces shall be no more; its leaders shall be humble, loving servants of Love and shall live in humility and no longer desire the power and wealth of this world as does its leaders now.

Trust in Me, My children,

for I am about to show this world that I am Alive through My servants and they shall witness to the Truth for they are the witnesses of Love.

Prepare, children, for all is about to be fulfilled.

Trust in Me, your Jesus.

I Love you.

Friday 13 November 2015

Believe in Me, My children, I have not forgotten or deserted you.

If you choose to walk My Path, I will be with you to guide you.

I will not abandon you.

Believe, My children, I have not forgotten you.

Simply realise that this world walks a dark path where many of the shepherds have abandoned their flocks and the wolves are allowed to slaughter freely unchecked.

These cardinals, bishops and priests walk the road to hell in their pride, greed and selfishness and no longer care about My people but only what they can gain for their own selfish desires.

The one who sits on the throne of My Peter has abandoned My sheep and now plots the overthrow of

My Laws in order to further his own cause which is the cause of the serpent of old. he has allowed himself to become blinded by the lies of lucifer and now aims to please this world.

See these Words as Truth and look at My Church with an open heart and you will see the plans of lucifer unfolding.

I tell you the Truth, stay with My Laws, My Commandments for they do not change.

I do not change.

These things I have already Warned you of. Look, those who choose to abandon Me no longer hide their plans in the dark but begin to parade them in plain sight of this world. Sin is their agenda: the acceptance of sin and the promotion of sin within the walls of My Church for they have allowed themselves to become blinded by the lies of lucifer and only aim to please the desires of this world.

Trust only in Me, your God, for I will keep you safe from these wolves if you follow Me, in Truth.

Do not allow yourselves to be deceived for these are

truly dark times.
I Love you.

Monday
16 November 2015

Trust in Me, My children,
and believe in the Words I
speak to you.

There are many trials before
you but, these can all be
overcome with My Grace.
Believe, My children, I am
with you.

I have never left you.

Although this world tells
you I do not exist, do not
believe them. I simply allow
all to be tested. Trust in Me
and know that I am always
at your side.

I, your Jesus, Love you.

Monday
16 November 2015

Let My Light shine upon
this world for that is the
only answer to its problems.
The further that mankind
goes away from the Light of
Salvation, the closer he is to
hell.

Let My Love be in the
hearts of all that follow Me;
those who REALLY follow
Me and not those who are
afraid to love Me.

Those who love Me are
those who “do” what I have
asked.

These are the times that I
have Warned you about,
My children, the times
that you have not heeded.
You are controlled by the
thoughts of an elite group
who work for the evil one’s
plans. If you do not believe
Me then look at the signs of
your times:

3 And in the morning: Today
there will be a storm for the
sky is red and lowering.

You know then how to
discern the face of the sky
and can you not know the
signs of the times?

4 A wicked and adulterous
generation seeketh after a
sign and a sign shall not be
given it but the sign of Jonas
the prophet.

And He left them and went
away.

Matthew 16:3-4

You allow yourselves to be
controlled by the minions of
lucifer yet, you do not listen
to My Words yet, you say
you believe in Me.

The time is now to “DO”
My Words. Too long you
have not done what I have
asked of you. You have
lived lives that are far from
Me. Come to Me!

Wednesday
25 November 2015

Trust in Me, your God,
children, and do not be
afraid of what is to come.

Do not be afraid, little
Remnant, for I, your God,
am with you.

I will guide you through the
darkness.

My Light shall go before you
so that you will see your way
safely to the Promised Land.
I am not a God of harsh
punishment but, this world
has forced My Hand into
action and now I will bring
all to their knees and all
shall know what they have
done.

All shall see how they have

offended their God.

All shall know the path
they have walked and
shall be given a chance of
repentance.

If this world does not repent,
I shall destroy it by purifying
fire and all evil shall be no
more. Only those that have
followed Me shall be left to
reap the fruits of My New
Creation.

Repent, now, children, and
join the Army of Love so
that I may send you out to
the nations to show them I
am not a dead God.

Trust in Me, children, and
do not believe that I am a
dead God for, soon, I shall
wake this world out of its
slumber and all shall realise
the Truth. Read My Words
and see I have given you all
that you need to guide you
upon this Journey of love.

Trust in Me and believe for
Freedom is at hand. Trust,
children, trust.

I Love you.

Thursday
26 November 2015

Trust in Me, My children,
and only Me.

Do not allow the deceiver
to draw you away from Me.
Read My Gospels so that
you will know My Truth and
do not stray from My Path:
no matter who tells you a
different path for there are
many who follow paths that
do not lead to Me but, they,
in their blindness believe that
they do. These are the ones
who come to the Wedding
Feast and do not wear the
garb of the Bridegroom.

They are impostors and will be thrown out into the dark. Trust in Me and only Me for I am the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. I do not change. My Laws do not change.

I am not an outdated God for My Word is Truth.

The liberalists of this world say that I must change but they only fool themselves for they follow a path that leads to the fires of hell and, if they do not change their thinking, hell shall be where they are cast into.

I do not speak harsh Words, I only speak Words of Truth. Read My Gospels and you will see I have Warned this world that sin is darkness and the wages of sin is death eternal. I do not deceive you but I speak plain Words of Truth and only those that fight against sin will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. It is up to you to decide who you want to believe: Me or the false teachers, those who would call themselves liberal in their thinking. It is time to choose: follow Me and My Ways or follow the liberal thinkers, who follow the lies of lucifer. It is time for little time is left: decide. I, your Jesus, Love you.

Friday 27 November 2015

Believe in Me, My people, and do not be afraid of the times you now live in for I am with you.

I will not desert you.

Believe in the Words I give to you and live them.

Do not allow anyone to lead

you on a different path for they are liars and deceivers and will only bring you great suffering for their path leads to the fires of hell. I have not changed My Ways for this so-called modern world. This is not a modern world but it is simply what I have told you would happen if this world deserted Me and My Ways. This is the time of sin that I told you about in My Scriptures.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a Message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

3 Let no one in any way deceive you for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

7 For the 'mystery of

lawlessness' is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His Mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of satan, with all power and signs and false wonders

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish because they did not receive the love of the Truth so as to be saved.

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the Truth but took pleasure in wickedness.

13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren, beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for Salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the Truth.

14 It was for this He called you through our Gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

16 Now may our Lord, Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has

loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by Grace,
17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

Believe, My children, for I will not lead you astray. Believe in the Words of My Mother.

Do not look at the messengers for they, too, are human and do fall as all mankind does but, rather, look at the Message that is given.

Trust in Me.

I Love you and give you these Words to guide you to the Kingdom of Our Father, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Trust in Me.

I Love you.

Saturday

28 November 2015

Trust in Me, My children, and believe that I am with you, ever guiding you through the darkness of this world.

Believe in the Words that I speak and do not be afraid for I come to guide My Remnant through to safe pasture. I will not desert

you in your time of need. Trust in Me, My children, trust Me through the events that are to come for I will bring this earth to its knees and show all that I am not a dead God as they would think. I will confound science and all shall be in wonderment at how wrong they were. They will see their so-called knowledge will stand for nothing. This is why you must only trust in Me in these times, no matter what anyone tells you otherwise.

Believe, children, I am Coming!

Believe!

I Love you.

Monday

30 November 2015

Come, My children, and believe in the Words I give to you.

Believe that I give them to guide you through these times of sin.

Believe for I have already told you that the time of darkness would come upon this world.

Believe that I look after My children.

I do not desert you, I do not

abandon you.

This is a time of honing, a time when I strengthen My children for the Battle ahead. Some will fall in this time if they do not truly believe in Me, their God.

Believe, children, for your faith in Me is being tested by lucifer. he tries to break you as his time approaches; he believes that he can destroy My Church and take control. But, I tell you, I have loyal soldiers of Truth and soon I shall bring them to the fore and they will begin to smash the lies that lucifer has placed in this world to destroy both Me and My Truth.

Prepare, children, My loyal servants of Love are soon ready to march and this world shall change. Begin to trust in Me, your God, for I have not forgotten My Promises to you. The gates of hell shall not prevail against My Church.

Believe, for Our Time of Victory approaches.

Believe and trust in Me, your God!

I Love you.

Believe!

I Love you.

The Messages of Love on facebook

The Messages of Love are now posted on our Facebook page as soon as they are released. A lot of the time this is on the very day they are given and they are getting a very positive response.

Facebook does have a lot of bad points but it is a great tool to get the Messages out and out quickly around the world.

If you are on Facebook or know anyone who is and would be interested in the Messages, go and like our page <https://www.facebook.com/MessagesOfLovetheTwoPatricks>
(Or search on Facebook for 'Messages of Love as given to the two Patricks')

UPDATE ON APPEAL

Again we are letting you know that with Jesus' Graces and your generosity, of prayers and donations, we were able to replace the image setter in the printing department.

We are keeping the appeal open as there is an urgent need to replace other essential equipment which is very old and in poor working order.

We also feel it necessary to report that besides the great need in the printing department there is also continuing need for help with finances in the House of Prayer.

Our debt at this time of going to print is £24,200 and we humbly request your help through prayer or financially.

We cannot apologise enough for the need to keep burdening you but as you know it is only with your continual help and openness to Jesus' Plan that we can carry on with the Work which He has set us.

If you can help financially, please consider doing so. If you are not in a position to contribute financially then do not worry, please pray and we place all our trust in Jesus.

We continue to ask for everyone's much needed and appreciated prayers and a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your continued response.

Thank you for all your support,

The two Patricks and all the servants of the Sacred Heart House of Prayer.

Abortion Counter

SonLight have been putting together a new Christmas CD this year, which should be ready by the time this Newsletter goes to print. One of the original Songs, 'Christmas Stranger,' touches on the atrocity of abortion. While Patrick was making a video for this song, (available to view on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2riLDyV_vA) he came across an online live abortion counter which calculates the number of abortions going on worldwide. It is indeed harrowing to watch. There is one section which counts the number of abortions that are happening as you are watching. We have created a replica of the counter here. There are no words to describe but this is what is happening in our midst.

In United States today 1,425.6	United States this year 954,867	Worldwide since 1980 1,355,033,114
US since 1973: Roe vs Wade 58,446,731.0	United States this year 16 weeks gestation 45,833.6	Worldwide this Year 35,452,891
By Planned Parenthood since 1970 6,923,895.2	US this Year due to rape or incest 9,262.2	Worldwide since you loaded this page 74
By Planned Parenthood this year 286,541.2	Black babies since 1973 in US 17,534,019.3	Worldwide Today 52,292

Each real-time abortion counter is based on the most current statistics for the number of abortions in the US and the number of abortions worldwide.



So that you may know..

Paris, France

On Friday 13 November, the world watched in horror as events unfolded in Paris, France, at the hands of ISIS terrorists. Gunmen killed one hundred and twenty nine people in multiple attacks and an explosion at a soccer game in what is being widely described as the worst attack the city has seen since World War II. Around three hundred and fifty other victims are reportedly hospitalized, with around one hundred in critical condition.

Suicide belts

Paris is shocked and grieving, while authorities continue to seek for possible accomplices in the attacks. All of the eight attackers known so far died on Friday, seven by detonating suicide belts and another in a shootout with police at the "Bataclan," a theatre where at least eighty concert-goers were held hostage and then killed.

Events

Here is how events unfolded, all times local in Paris:

9.15pm: Explosions were

heard in the vicinity of the Stade de France, located in the north of Paris, where France and Germany were playing an international friendly soccer match. President Francois Hollande was watching the match. The venue accommodates over eighty thousand people. Further shots were heard moments later.

9.20pm: Shots were fired at a cafe-bar, "Carillon" and at a Cambodian restaurant, "Le Petit Cambodge." Both are located in the tenth arrondissement of Paris near the Canal Saint-Martin.

Not far from "Le Petit Cambodge," more shots were fired at people sitting on the terrace of "Casa Nostra," a popular pizzeria.

9.36pm: More shootings at a brasserie called "La Belle Equipe" on Rue de Charonne.

9.43pm: Reports said an alleged attacker entered another cafe, the "Comptoir Voltaire" and detonated a bomb which was inside a bag.

9.45pm: Shots were

fired at "Bataclan," a music venue where the American band 'Eagles of Death Metal' were playing. Reports said the attackers shot indiscriminately into the crowd. A video showed dozens of panicked people fleeing the theatre, including several who appeared to be critically wounded.

9.50pm: A suicide bomber self detonated outside a "McDonald's," close to the Stade de France. Nobody was hurt.

10.00pm: Police confirm that at least eighteen people were dead.

10.08pm: Police officials confirmed that the death toll was at twenty six and that a hostage situation was underway at the "Bataclan," where they estimated sixty to one hundred concert-goers were being held.

10.15pm: Officials confirmed that Hollande had been safely evacuated from the stadium and was holding an emergency cabinet meeting.

10.30pm: Most Paris metro stations near the shootings were closed.

10.58pm: President Hollande declares France to be in a state of emergency for the first time since 2005. French military is deployed. Number of fatalities estimated to be forty two.

Saturday, November 14
12.18am: Officials confirm two suicide attacks and one bombing near the Stade de France.

12.24am: Automatic gunfire heard coming from the Bataclan concert venue, where hostages were still being held.

12.44am: Police stormed the Bataclan.

1.00am: Officials said that the assault on the concert hall has ended and that at least two suspected attackers were killed, later saying that they had blown themselves up with suicide belts when police entered the venue.

1.23am: Officials said at least one hundred hostages were killed inside the Bataclan theatre.

7.35am: The Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attacks.

It is now being released at His request. No explanation has been given by Him as to what He means. Until Jesus gives this explanation we do not feel that we can comment on it.

My sons, I call you together so that I could tell you of things to come, so that you may know that I have spoken of them before they happen. I speak in plain Words so that you will understand.

Soon you will hear of wars that will break out in countries near and far. To name but a few N-- ----, P-- --, L-----, will be badly hit for these things have been in the evil one's plans for a long time.

Message until the appointed time. This you will know for I will tell you. Do as I ask you. I Love you. Sunday 13 November 1994

Coming true

“Soon you will hear of wars that will break out in countries near and far. To name but a few N-- ----, P-- --, L-----, will be badly hit for these things have been in the evil one's plans for a long time...”

This was the particular part that I remembered. This Message is coming true before our very eyes!! Obviously the exact names of the cities are not revealed but it's easy to see what Jesus is saying here. New York and London have already faced their own attack by terrorists in recent years. New York on 11 September 2001 and London on 7 July 2005.

In plain language

This is a very scary Message when we think about all that is going on in our world at this time. Even twenty years ago, Jesus was telling us to prepare. And we can't say He didn't Warn us beforehand because He did. In plain language.

The date

The most chilling thing about this Message, for me, was when I realised the date on which it was given. 13 November 1994. Exactly twenty one years to the day that the Paris attacks happened. That truly sent a chill up my spine...

Controlled by the fear

Lord Jesus, help us to wake



Secret Message

As I watched my television in complete horror, I remembered a Secret Message that Jesus had given years ago. As soon as I could, I looked it up and I have included it here. It was given in 1994 and released in 1995 at Jesus' request.

The Message

This Message has been kept secret as requested by Jesus.

servant Matthew (*Chapter 24*) has written of My Words, link this with the first six chapters of My Revelation to the world. Do this, My sons, now.

I Love you, I Love you. Time is urgent. You yourselves must prepare. You must be prepared to do all things in obedience that I ask you to. I will speak again.

Do not broadcast this

My people will cry out for Me but I will not be able to help them for they have chosen to live in the way of the evil one...

Watch, My sons, read what My

up and realise that we are being controlled by the fear that is being put in to us by these 'henchmen, minions' of the evil one. Give us all the strength to face what is still to come.

Media coverage

Another sinister aspect of this attack on Paris is the media coverage. The news is all about Paris, all the time. All over Facebook and other social media people have changed their profile pictures to include the French flag. Football matches and other mass gatherings of people are having silences for the victims even going so far as playing the French National anthem before matches that have nothing to do with Paris or France.

One sided

This is all well and good as a tribute to the victims but it all seems a little one sided

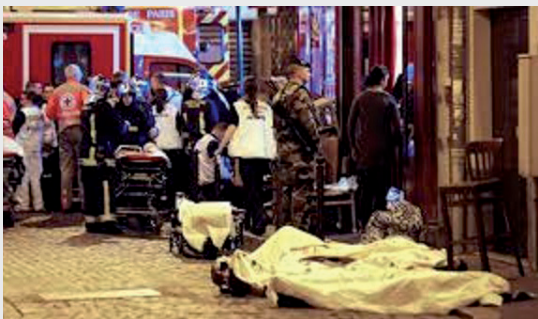
when in other countries such as Syria, Palestine, Iraq and Baghdad these sort of atrocities happen on a daily basis and they are hardly even reported on the news!

People were killed

To name but a few, forty three people were killed the day before the Paris attacks in a suicide bomb in Lebanon.

A Russian plane was brought down by an act of terror and crashed in Egypt on 31 October. All two hundred and twenty four people on board, including seventeen children, were killed.

More than twenty people



were killed in an attack on a hotel in Mali on 20 November.

ALL the victims

There has been no mass outpouring of grief for the victims of these attacks. We have to ask ourselves why not? Are these peoples' lives not worth remembering as well? We are all children of God and we are all precious in His Sight. Our thoughts and prayers are with ALL the victims of war and terrorism, the world over. Jesus, comfort them and their families.



SEVEN REASONS TO BAN THE LORD'S PRAYER

by Bishop Steven Croft

22 November 2015

Banned

Britain woke up this morning to the news that the Lord's Prayer has been banned from cinemas.

The Church of England has

produced a sixty second commercial. The only words are the Words of the Lord's Prayer, said by children, the bereaved, people at work and so on. It's a beautiful

film, Certificate U. The ad is to promote a new website, justpray.uk. The plan was (and is) to show the film before Christmas at screenings of the new Star

Wars film to help everyone think about prayer and to pray. What could be more simple?

Unsuitable

The distributors have declared the Lord's Prayer unsuitable for screening. They believe it carries the risk of upsetting or offending audiences.

Cue indignation from the press, fury from the Archbishop (according to the Mail anyway) debates about free speech, a possible challenge in the courts and a storm on social media.

But wait just a moment. Suppose the cinema chains got this one right?

Reasons

I disagree with their decision and I disagree with the reasons they have given. I hope it's reversed. I don't believe the film will offend or upset audiences, in the way they mean and I don't believe it creates a new precedent.

But from the point of view of global corporations and consumer culture, from the perspective of the gods and spirits of the age, there are very good reasons indeed to ban the Lord's Prayer from cinemas and from culture and from public life.

Powerful

This is a prayer said by billions of people every day in every language on the planet. In every single moment in time, someone is praying these words. They are the first words of prayer we learn as children and

the last words we say at the moment of death.

The Lord's Prayer is powerful for a reason. These words shape lives and families and communities and whole societies.

There are real reasons why the Lord's Prayer has been banned by the demigods of consumer culture, in the boardrooms of the cinema chains. Here are seven, one for every line.

First

First, this prayer gives to those who pray it an identity and a place in the world and a countercultural community. *"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name."* It opposes the myth that we are random specks of matter floating through space and time. It opposes the myth that our lives do not matter. It opposes the myth of fragmented humanity.

We are created and loved and called into friendship with God who is our Father and into community with our fellow human beings who are therefore our sisters and brothers. Only someone who has found this new identity can stand against the advertising culture which night and day seduces us to define who we are by what we spend.

Second

Second, this prayer gives us the courage to live in an imperfect world. *"Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."*

The world is not as it was meant to be. It is distorted from its true purpose. But God is at Work to redeem and transform this world, to establish His Kingdom. The Lord's Prayer invites us not to retreat from the world in fear and pain, to anaesthetise or indulge ourselves. The Lord's Prayer invites us to join the struggle to see justice and peace prevail.

Third

Third and most powerfully, the Lord's Prayer teaches us to live with just enough. This is the most dangerous reason why it cannot be shown with the adverts at the cinema. It teaches us not to want more. It teaches contentment, the most subversive virtue of them all.

"Give us this day our daily bread." This is not a prayer for more. This is a prayer only for what we need. Every other advert in the cinema is there to encourage us to spend money in pursuit of happiness. This one restrains our greed.

Fourth

Fourth, the Lord's Prayer teaches me to live with my imperfections and the imperfections of others. There is a way to deal with the rubbish in our lives. *"Forgive us our sins."*

Consumer culture holds before us the image of perfection. We cannot be happy until we look like this person, live like that one. Each image is a lie.

The Lord's Prayer acknowledges human imperfection and sin, daily. The Lord's Prayer offers a pathway to forgiveness, daily. The way of forgiveness cannot be bought. It is a Gift. Grace. Grace subverts the whole culture of advertising.

Fifth

Fifth, the Lord's Prayer offers a way of reconciliation. "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." We are not meant to feud or live in hostility or rivalry. We are meant to forgive and be forgiven, to be reconciled to each other. That reconciliation happens without expensive presents, without going into debt, without credit. People are not made happy by more things, another consumer lie. The greatest happiness comes from relationships. The key to great relationships is reconciliation and forgiveness.

Sixth

Sixth, the Lord's Prayer

builds resilience in the human spirit. When you say this prayer each day you are prepared for the bad days. "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

When we say this prayer we remind ourselves that we are not living in a Disney fairy tale, a saccharine creation of film makers where every story has a happy ending. We are living in a real world of cancer and violence and difficulty, where we are tested, where bad things happen for no clear reason. We live in that world confident in Gods Love and Goodness and help, even in the midst of the most challenging moments of our lives. Faith is for the deep valleys as much as the green pastures. We may not have the answers but we know that God dwells with us and in us.

Seventh

And seventh, the Lord's Prayer tells us how the story ends, how this life is to be

lived and lived well. "For the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen."

The prayer returns as it begins, to the praise and glory of the Living God. Our hearts return to their Origin and Source, the One who created us. Life is to be lived to Gods praise and Glory, not to satisfy our own small desires. We are beings with a higher calling and a greater purpose.

Less than a minute

There are only sixty three words in the Lord's Prayer. It takes less than a minute to say them.

Yet these words shape our identity, give purpose to our lives, check our greed, remind us of our imperfections, offer a way of reconciliation, build resilience in our spirits and call us to live to the Glory of our Creator.

No wonder they have been banned in the boardrooms of consumer culture.

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Keep Christ in CHRISTMAS



Remove Christ

This whole push to remove Christ from the Christmas season has gotten so ridiculous that it's pathetic. Because of all the politically correct idiots, we are being encouraged to stop saying "merry Christmas" for the more palatable "happy holidays." What the heck are "seasons greetings"? Can someone tell me what season we are greeting folks about?

A Christmas tree? Oh, no! It's now a holiday tree. Any Christmas song that even remotely mentions Christ or has a religious undertone is being axed for being overtly religious.

In fact

...Don't get me wrong; I'm very respectful of other religions. I don't want anyone to be afraid of discussing the Jewish faith when we address Hanukkah. And we shouldn't dismiss Muslims when the annual

pilgrimage to Mecca is held during December. In fact, Americans are so ignorant of other faiths that we can all learn from one another. But this seeming backlash against Christianity is bordering on the absurd and we should continue to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Buying gifts

I know that may sound strident but it's true. We spend an inordinate amount of time focused on shopping and buying gifts but really, what does any of this have to do with the Birth of Jesus? We have families all over the nation killing themselves to buy a tree they can't afford, running up their credit to buy toys and other gifts, all in an effort to make someone else happy.

Feed those who are in need

What if families decided to forgo gifts and instead, used their shopping days giving

back to those in need? What if more of us went into our closets, grabbed old toys and clothes, repackaged them and provided them as gifts to those without? Instead of gorging on food, what if we used some of the dough to feed those who are in need? What if we blew off those gift cards to electronic retailers ... and gave someone a gift card to their favourite charity instead?

Sure, I know I sound like a reincarnation of a flower child but really, do we have to be so crass during the Christmas season?

True love

It's time that we return to traditional values and end this ridiculous charade. It's important that we take a fuller account of WHY we celebrate Christmas, as opposed to falling for the barrage of ads that tell us what is most important. Parents, don't be so

consumed with the notion that your children will have a terrible Christmas because the tree isn't overflowing with gifts. The true love that you show them is more important than anything else.

Religious traditions are discarded

America might be the king of capitalism but secularism

must never become so prevalent that our religious traditions are discarded.

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Christmas Time in a Nursing Home



Our visits

When I was in the Legion of Mary many years ago, we used to go to this nursing home as a part of our weekly work. My friend and I went this particular week. The residents were lovely as were the staff and both seemed to appreciate our visits.

In this particular home there were four sitting rooms and we went to each one and chatted with the residents. A lot of whom were very interesting to listen to.

Talk about embarrassing

In the fourth sitting room there were no chairs available. I spied a table in the corner and promptly sat on it. Within a few minutes

of sitting down the table gave way and it and I were seated on the floor. Talk about embarrassing!

Roars of laughter

Well, the residents let out roars of laughter and the nurses came in to see what the cause of the rumpus was. When they saw me on the floor and the table underneath me they joined in the laughing. Of course I joined in and couldn't get up with the laughing. One of the men laughed that much that his false teeth came out, a nurse gave them back to him again.

Three months

On our way out I told the staff I would replace the table, which I did a few

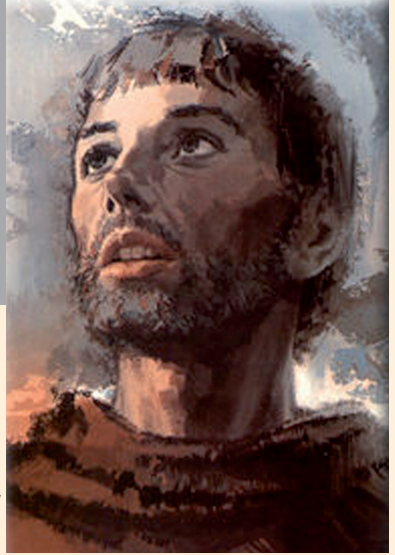
days later. The charge nurse said to me "It's good that you came and that that happened. The man in that sitting room that lost his teeth, that's the first time he has laughed in three months!"

Can we find time?

His family doesn't come near him and he misses them terribly."

Something for us to think about. Do we have time or can we find time to visit a nursing home with a friend once a week, even if only for half an hour? If you can, please do so but please check with the staff nurse or matron first out of courtesy. Thank you and God Bless you all.

The Little Rich Man of Assisi – Envy him!



A preoccupation

God Loves us just as much as He Loves Saint Francis of Assisi. The reason we may not feel this is because the world is too much with us. Inevitably we are drawn to be concerned about so many material things, things which are not harmful in themselves but the more things we have, the more we have to look after, to clean, to dust, to mend, to store, to worry about!

Even food

Even food can become a preoccupation in this country where there is such abundance – there are many things to consider: is it healthy? Has it been genetically modified, poisoned by pesticides? Was it organically grown? Did it involve cruelty to animals? Or exploitation of poor people? Was it bought at a fair price? Has it travelled thousands of miles contributing to global warming? Can I afford it? Will the family eat it?! We have so many decisions to make because our very affluence makes so much choice possible. Envy Saint Francis, who depended

on Divine Providence for his every mouthful of food but who had no such complicated choices to make. Yes, we don't want to starve or beg for dry crusts if we don't have to but we can simplify our lives enormously by giving more to those in need, in this country and in the Third World especially, depriving ourselves of some luxuries and non-essentials so that others, who are dying of starvation and thirst, can survive.

His Holy Spirit

If we don't know how, or where, to dispose of our surplus possessions which have become a burden to us, we can ask Him for inspiration; His Holy Spirit will guide us. Ask Him to show us who needs what we have to give away and ask Him to give us the strength to make this sacrifice of the things which we are attached to; we don't realise how attached we are until we try to part with them!

Free from these chains

Envy Francis, who had no possessions, so was free from these chains, free from the

preoccupation and anxiety which things can create. Even if we do not think we are attached to things, we are bound by that which we possess. Everything we own has the power to consume our attention, to hold our minds at times, earthbound, preoccupied with material things when it could be focussed on the spiritual. Remember Saint Paul's words, "All that is seen is temporal, all that is not seen is eternal" or, as the little blind girl, Helen Keller said, "The best things in life cannot be seen, or even touched, they can only be felt in the heart."

The Cure of Ars

Another great secular Franciscan, Saint John Vianney, the Cure of Ars, said that a sponge which is clean and dry can absorb a great deal of liquid but one which is dirty and already very wet cannot

absorb another drop. In the same way, a mind which is free from preoccupation with the things of this world (like Francis was) can absorb the spiritual, whilst a mind saturated with earthly matters and concerns cannot absorb spiritual matters and will find no satisfaction in prayer however much it tries.

RICH in spiritual ways

Envy Francis, who was truly RICH in spiritual ways because he was poor in worldly things and in the eyes of worldly people. His renunciation of his father's wealth and his future inheritance was not a sorrowful thing for him, it was a liberating joy now that he was no longer divided between obedience to his materialistic father or obedience to the call of God. Now he could serve God wholeheartedly.

It is still true

It is still true that we cannot serve two masters, i.e. both God and the world. If we want to serve God truly, it will involve the renunciation of things which other people will say are quite reasonable, even necessary, to you and we will be advised against it. The wisdom of the world will tell us that we are entitled to pamper and indulge our bodies on everything they want because 'we deserve it!' It seems quite reasonable and advertisers everywhere grab our attention with their seductive images on

television, in magazines and on posters. Even if we are not fooled by these false promises of happiness and, even if we do not give in to the temptations of self indulgence, yet they are still a distraction from higher things, they are a time wasting focus on all that is material and transitory and can lead our minds away from all that is good.



Gods Truth

Similarly, newspapers can be a huge source of distraction. We want to know what is happening in the world but do newspapers give us the truth? Most do not give us Gods Truth. Most, even the better ones, give us lies, distortions and inaccuracy in their reporting and their content is largely gossip about other peoples' sins and mistakes, which does nothing to improve our state of mind or lead us towards God and does everything to distract us and lead us further into the world. E

Steal his attention

Envy Francis, who had no

newspapers, no television to steal his attention, to hold his thoughts captive for hours at a time and to keep him idle for yes, it is only our minds which are captured by T.V. which also, if we let it, controls our bodies too, making us inactive, lethargic, unwilling to exert ourselves to help others.

No time for good work

In an age when we have every labour saving device, why do so many say they have no time for good works? The enemy has stolen our time by enslaving us through our addiction to TV: it's much harder, (isn't it?) to give up watching a favourite programme than to give up chocolate in Lent. If we let it, television will even dictate our agenda because we may refuse to go somewhere or do something which will prevent us watching our favourite programme every week. Truly it can be a tyrannical idol in the corner of our living rooms.

Into the Arms of God

Envy Francis, who had no worry or preoccupation about what he would eat, what clothes he'd wear, where or how he would live, his money, possessions, or investments, because he had none of these things. He relied totally on Divine Providence and so, as Merton said, "he thrust himself headlong into the Arms of God." He was truly rich!



The Other Sister



Léonie Martin

Sister Françoise-Thérèse

From the Internet: http://helpfellowship.org/Sr_Francoise-Therese.htm

Tradition

This story always has been part of Visitandine tradition. "One day the founders of the Visitation Nuns, Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal, were speaking together about the many religious orders in the Church. He told her to "reverence and admire them but otherwise be content with the little one God has given you; it is adequate for you; love your own order best of all, rejoice in its lowliness and thank His infinite Goodness for having given it to you. In a word, remember that, in the Church of God, you are like the violet among the flowers - of little account, insignificant and with no brilliancy of colour but planted there by the Divine Majesty for His service and to give a little perfume to His Church."

Humble of Heart

Francis de Sales had chosen the Gospel passage in which Jesus says, "Learn from Me for I am gentle and humble of Heart," (Matthew 11:29) as the foundation stone of the Visitation Order. As he phrased it, "The spirit of the Visitation is one of profound humility towards God and of great gentleness towards the neighbour."

Gentle

Following the example of Francis, the violet has symbolized for all Visitandines their Gospel call to gentleness and humility. In today's culture, this call has become the slogan - "Be a gentle presence in a violent world."

The Visitation

Without waiting for her health to improve, Léonie entered the Monastery of the Visitation in Caen on July 16, 1887, less than

eight months after having left the Poor Clares. Again, she had acted impulsively and again, her health failed. God's time had not yet arrived and a crestfallen Léonie returned to 'Les Buissonnets' on January 6, 1888. Still trusting that God eventually would call Léonie to religious life, M. Martin joyfully welcomed his daughter home where she spent her time visiting the poor and sick, doing housework and visiting her older sisters in the Carmelite Convent.

Deficiencies

Although she ardently desired to be a religious, Léonie did not envy her Carmelite sisters. She recognized her own deficiencies and trusted in God's transforming Mercy to prepare her for religious life. The young Thérèse sensed that Léonie had found her niche and told her cousin

Marie Guerin that only at Visitation would Léonie find happiness. There she would find all she lacked in the world.

Troubled

On 9 April 1888, Léonie and her family attended Mass together in the Carmelite chapel. At the convent door, Thérèse embraced each one, knelt to receive her father's blessing and entered Carmel. How did Léonie feel as she saw her youngest sister embracing the rugged life of Carmel while she herself had to leave the Visitation Convent to return to the peace and comfort of family life? How troubled she must have been by her own instability - one moment, seeking Gods Will in religious life and the next, fleeing from its sacrifices. Life at home also held sacrifices.

Pray and visit

A month after Thérèse's clothing as a novice, on 10 January 1889, M. Martin suffered a severe stroke and was hospitalized at the Bon-Sauveur asylum (hospital) in Caen. During the weekly visits to their father, Léonie would slip into the nearby Visitation to pray and visit with her former novice mistress. Then on 10 May 1892, M. Martin was

brought back to Lisieux. Two days later he visited his Carmelite daughters. As he left them, he said tearfully, "Until we meet in Heaven." Then, in a little house near the Guerins, the two sisters did all they could to make their father happy.

Retreat

A year later, Léonie began a week-long retreat at the Visitation of Caen.

Céline, peeved that Léonie had chosen to go on a retreat instead of on a trip to La Musse with the rest of the family, wrote an angry letter which reduced Léonie to tears.

Cried

At the end of her retreat, Léonie, now thirty years old, asked to re-enter the convent. M. Guerin, her guardian, gave his consent and promised to assist Céline in the care of their father.

It was 24 June 1893. Céline vented her grief to her Carmelite sisters when she wrote, "...my dear sisters, if you only knew how my heart broke...I cried. I kept thinking of Léonie, my companion in misfortune, who was abandoning me. Now I have nobody left in the world; there is only emptiness, all around me... Life seems so terribly sad...I

feel a great bitterness in my soul."

Carmelite

Céline's distress lasted little more than a year for on 24 July 1894, God welcomed M. Martin into Heaven. Seven weeks later, on 14 September, Céline entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux.

Asked to leave

Then, on 20 July 1895, Léonie, despite her efforts and good will, was asked to leave the Visitation Convent.

In her death letter it states, "At that time, a young sister's ability to follow all the practices of the Rule from the day of her entry was considered a sign of her vocation. Poor Léonie was among those sent away because of her delicate health."

Difficult time

The Guerins welcomed her lovingly into their midst. A month later Marie Guerin entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux. What a difficult time this must have been for Léonie who was convinced of her call to a life consecrated to God. Hoping against hope, she stubbornly clung to her dream of one day becoming a Visitation nun at Caen.

Continued next month

"My children, I Love you. Remember, this season is the time of My Birth and not a time of greed. It is a time to show My Love to all men. I ask each one of you to do a kindness to someone in need and offer it to Me, unknown to anyone. This is a beginning, children, this is like taking your first step towards Me and My Ways. See those who are in need for when you help them you help Me..." *Sunday 16 December 2007*

Five simple ways to prepare your heart for Jesus this Advent



Blink of an eye

Did you ever notice that the Advent season seems to come and go in the blink of an eye? All of a sudden you find yourself at Christmas Mass wondering how your time to prepare for Christ so easily slipped through your fingers.

...You had promised yourself that this Advent would be different. You wouldn't be caught by surprise, yet again! You bought Advent prayer books and an Advent wreath kit. You had great intentions to make this Advent season very different from last.

Conscious choice

But already you can feel it happening again. The books didn't make it past page two and the wreath is only half complete.

However, that doesn't have to be the case. You can make the conscious choice - right here, right now - to stop in your busy tracks and embrace the season of Advent and its purpose.

Advent is a season of preparing.

Invite Christ

If you have ever entertained guests, or even made the slightest effort to get ready for any company, you will see how those experiences

lend themselves well to your own groundwork this Advent to invite Christ to dwell within your heart - and thus truly be ready for His second Coming.

1. Prepare room at the Inn: Your heart is where Christ wishes to dwell and Advent is the perfect time to make room in it for His Presence. If your heart is filled with unforgiveness, it has no room for Christ. Begin Advent by an Examination of Conscience wherein you ask your Heavenly Father to reveal to you any unforgiveness that exists in your heart. Remember that as God has forgiven you, you are also asked to forgive others.

2. Clean out the cobwebs: After an Examination of Conscience where you ask God to reveal any unforgiveness that you are holding, it is important to clean out the vestiges of cobwebs that may still be lurking in the dark corners of your heart. This means that you should make a point of getting to Confession during Advent. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of preparing your heart for Jesus; this is because the priest acts in the Person of Christ in

helping you identify the cobwebs that you may not be seeing on your own - typically those ones that have been hanging on for so long they no longer get your attention.

3. Hang new curtains:

The room of your heart is now ready: unforgiveness and cobwebs have been cleared out. Now it is time to hang new curtains! Many of us fall into a rut in our daily lives and forget how to live in joy. You are preparing for Christ's indwelling and He abides best in those who have joy in their hearts. So throw out the old curtains of fear, despair and exhaustion and hang new curtains of hope, joy and anticipation.

4. Get out the fine china and set the table:

Company is on its way! We aren't doubtfully thinking that maybe He's going to drop by and thus making only superficial efforts to get ready. We are certain in our belief of His arrival and every cell in our body joyfully shouts, "He's on His way!" This is the time we get the fine china out of the cupboard - our attitude is one of enthusiastic expectation. Our hearts pound in anticipation of His

Presence. Our fine china goes so well with our new curtains!

5. Open the front door: Whenever we have company in our home, after all the preparation is complete, we open our front door and wait expectantly on our couch. We can see through the glass screen door as our Company approaches. It is a time of quiet for us - all

the work is finished and we are ready. So in preparing our hearts for Christ this Advent, the last step after all the preparation work is to simply "be." In this state of "be-ing" we don't question how time slipped through our fingers; we don't worry if there was more we should have done. We've been good and faithful servants and are ready for Christ.

May your heart be made ready for Christ and may your Advent season be a Blessed one!

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Open Letter to Pope Francis: Are You Planning to Redefine Church Doctrine?

By Dr. Kelly Bowring



Dr. Kelly Bowring wrote his doctoral dissertation on the nature and meaning of “sacred doctrine” within the teachings of the Church, which was later published as “To Hold and Teach the Catholic Faith” (St. Paul’s/Alba House). He has also written two recent best-selling books on biblical, Marian and modern prophecy: “The Secrets, Chastisement and Triumph” with imprimatur by Cardinal Vidal and “The Signs of the Times.”

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The letter

Dear Pope Francis,
As a Catholic theologian, the Church teaches that I am permitted to raise questions regarding the content of your interventions (On the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian 24). Thus, I would like to do so in this open letter.

Raised concerns

Since becoming Pope, many of your actions and statements have raised concerns among not a few Catholic Cardinals. I, too, have raised some issues previously, particularly about how your words and actions seem to fulfill the credible Catholic prophecies of our times. The centre

of the growing concern is focused on what seems to be your intentions to change or alter Catholic doctrine and to possibly make pastoral concessions in regard to the doctrinal teaching of faith and morals.

Just raising questions

I begin by asking whether Benedict XVI was referring to you and your cohort when he famously stated at the beginning of his pontificate: “Pray that I don’t flee for fear of the wolves”? Are you planning to mislead many, by first focusing on the family (changing the meaning of marriage, compromising sexual morality and life issues), as it is the foundation of society and the domestic Church? Why have you been de-emphasizing the doctrines of homosexuality, cohabitation, abortion, and contraception? Why are you strategically placing Church leaders in key places that promote doctrinal compromise and change and thus are already causing confusion? Are you about to direct the Catholic Church to make a number of alarming statements, regarding why it has to change and amend

various parts of its structure and beliefs? Why does it seem the changing laws in our countries are being instigated in unison with the changes being proposed in our churches, with both sets of new laws blending together, to redefine and welcome every kind of sin?

Could this become a question of papal validity?

It is objectively impossible to change, dismiss, or compromise even one doctrine of the Faith. As I have discussed in another article, the Church teaches that even a Pope can enter into personal heresy if he refuses to believe in even one doctrine and if so, he de facto invalidates himself as Pope. Is there a single doctrine of the Faith that you refuse to believe in? Or are trying to change? Or will, in fact, soon change? Saint Thomas Aquinas confirms that any member of the Church who obstinately disbelieves even one doctrine of Faith loses all the Grace of theological faith and thus willfully maintaining only a kind of opinion in accordance with his own will, makes himself a heretic. It becomes more a matter

of scandal when Church leaders treat doctrine as if it were not doctrine, claim a doctrine has been hitherto controverted and then make efforts to redefine it by treating it as an open matter of questions of opinions or of discussion among experts. This is at its core the work of deception. Further concern occurs when members of the Church's hierarchy say they do not intend to change a Church's doctrine, while they then set out to make seemingly merciful but in reality damning pastoral concessions with the secretly intended effect of making a doctrine obsolete.

You cannot change any doctrine in the Catechism
While all the doctrines in the Catechism are not infallibly defined, the Catechism teaches only truth, the truth that was "once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3). Significantly altering any teaching in the Catechism, which is the Source of sacred doctrine, "the sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine" (FD 3), which without error "synthesizes normatively the totality of the Catholic faith" (GDC 120) and the "fundamental salvific truths" of the Faith (GDC 124), leads objectively to heresy and apostasy. Whether you change a doctrine or simply sanction breaking it in the name of making a pastoral concession (for

no matter how seemingly noble a reason) or simply replace it with new laws of tolerance, all of this would amount to heresy. Changing Church doctrine even under the guise of pastoral innovation does not validate the change.

Widespread radical liberalism

Today there is a widespread radical liberalism of misguided compassion, false mercy and excessive tolerance in the name of being pastoral and up-to-date. But only what is pastorally true can be truly pastoral. Mercy can never be cited as an alternative or counter to doctrine. Doctrinal truth cannot be adapted to the believer and age but the believer and age must be invited to adapt to doctrinal truth. A new or revised Church teaching or allowance that overrides or changes any article of Faith, or even gives it a different interpretation from the traditional and true one, would necessarily be heretical. Is this what you are planning?

This faith

Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life and there is no Salvation through anyone else. He is the fullness of all divine Revelation, which subsists fully only in the Catholic Church. The Catholic faithful must believe as true all Church doctrine. This faith "is necessary for Salvation" (CCC 183) for

those who are aware of it. And while the pope "has full, supreme and universal power over the whole Church" (CCC 882), this applies only when he is and remains valid. Your office as pope commissions you to dutifully safeguard and authentically interpret the doctrines entrusted to the Church's authentic Magisterium by our divine Redeemer (Matthew 16:18, 18:18) but which are not for you as an individual to subject to the play of power and agenda. And while the Church's teaching on the 'development of doctrine' allows genuine progress in articulation and understanding of Revelation, it never sanctions changing, abandoning or rejecting any Church doctrine.

Cannot be changed

The Word, as given to us in Scripture (the Bible) and Tradition (the Catechism), cannot be changed. The whole Divine Truth of the Faith, handed down to us in the form of sacred doctrine, is "wisdom above all human wisdom" and only understood and accepted through a profound and authentic "fear of the Lord." It is the duty of the Church's hierarchy to call the faithful to an "obedience of faith" to the whole truth of sacred doctrine in Scripture and Tradition with a freedom of conscience that is never freedom 'from' the Truth but always and only freedom 'in' the Truth. And

all work of genuine plurality must safeguard the unity of the faith in its doctrinal integrity.

Bend it to accommodate
Instead of calling humanity to conversion to Christ and the truth of doctrine while fulfilling Christ's great commission to "go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all the truths" for conversion through Baptism, some see your approach is that of seeking to adapt and compromise doctrine to current trends in secular thinking and behaviour and bend it to accommodate other religious orientations. Pope Francis, we must hold fast to what has been entrusted to us by Christ and His Apostles, that is, the whole deposit of faith found in sacred doctrine (1 Timothy 6:20). We are called to let the supernatural Truth of Christ speak for itself for "what makes us believe (doctrine) is not the fact that revealed truths appear as true and intelligible in the light of our natural reason (especially from within the context of a morally corrupt society), we believe because of the authority of God Himself who reveals them, who can neither deceive nor be deceived" (CCC 156). But while God cannot deceive, a pope can, especially with a deceptive badge of (false) humility and (false) love for humanity that is displayed and not genuinely practiced.

Some have expressed concerns about your true intentions in this regard.

Gods Truth is compromised

To reiterate my main point – Pope Francis, you may not change, alter, or dismiss even one doctrine without dismantling the whole deposit of Faith itself. "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one particular point, has become guilty in respect to all of it" (James 2:10). Even if only the smallest and most insignificant doctrine is (at first) rejected, compromised or changed, then the whole of Gods Truth is compromised. Pope Francis, you may update or change Church traditions, as many in the hierarchy have done validly but you cannot change the Church's doctrine, not even one iota, not even regarding the least significant doctrine (e.g., communion for the remarried, a Church blessing for same-sex couples, changing the meaning of the Holy Eucharist), without de facto invalidating your pontificate. For a Church leader to allow any substantial pastoral change to a doctrine would be impossible because it would necessarily make such revised pastoral accommodation incompatible with doctrine, which again is akin to heresy and apostasy. Make a compromise with even one Catholic doctrine and you open Pandora's box in effect de-legitimizing all

Catholic doctrine.

Are you leading the Church toward the great apostasy and schism?

Pope Francis, are you organizing a new evangelical movement, which will be announced in stages and with a strategy of gradualness, so as to avoid creating too many questions but which will be received as a breath of fresh air by many? Are you forming a false ecumenical fellowship as part of a newly renovated church, seeking to unite the churches of the world in a New World Church, which will lead to new rituals and abominations? The Church cannot be made to suit the modern world, nor can her doctrine be changed to become inclusive, in order to suit other denominations and religions and fashions.

A false pope

And no matter what other good you do, no matter what other humanitarian engagement you promote, or popularity contest you win, if you lead the faithful astray, you will be nothing more than a false pope. Just like all of us, you have two choices – to remain loyal to the Truth of Christ or embrace lies as a substitute for it, which is heresy and spread those lies through deceit and cunning apostasy, thus dividing the Church into schism.

Spiritual confusion

Pope Francis, whatever your plans, the fact is that it seems to many that you

are already adding to the spiritual confusion of our times. Your focus seems to be more on man than on God, on pleasing or impressing man more than God, on seemingly helping man in his sin more than on rightfully serving and obeying God in His Commandments. If this is so, then where are you going with this? And where are you taking the Church?

False Prophet

Pope Francis, there are many Biblical teachings and prophecies about the false prophet, some of which you seem to be fulfilling. Why are you vigorously supporting dissenting bishops who are proposing heretical pastoral concessions and in effect seeking to tamper with sacred doctrine, while you are ruthlessly dismissing, demoting or dis-empowering other bishops who are known to be faithful to doctrine? Why do you offer tremendous pastoral sensitivity to people who don't even want to practice the Faith and are bent on offending it, while you have directed massive antagonism towards those who do? Why does it seem more and more to some that a diabolical though intentionally nebulous disorientation of the Church's doctrine is afoot under your leadership?

Sheep's clothing

The Bible warns of false teachers who lead Gods people astray with their lies

and their recklessness. Saint Jude says they will pervert the Grace of our God into licentiousness. Our Lord too repeatedly Warned about the false teachers who will lead many to spiritual ruin. Jesus tells the parable about the weeds and the wheat, whereby the cockle-seeds of false doctrine so resemble the wheat that even farmers (theologians/apologists/bishops) have difficulty distinguishing them for the devil likes to mask falsehood with truth, to use virtue to justify vice and twist doctrine to justify heresy so that even the faithful are deceived. Jesus indeed Warned to beware of false prophets who come to us in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. And Saint Paul declares about such villains: "But even if we, or an Angel from Heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that of Christ, let him be accursed."

Catholic prophecy

Pope Francis, are you the wolf in shepherd's clothing that Catholic prophecy has Warned us about? Are you the prophesied false prophet of lies and deception who will lead the Church into schism? Are you the anti-John the Baptist and precursor of the antichrist who will rule over the world? Will you soon be at death's door, as the Book of Revelation prophesizes, only then, just as if a miracle has taken place, seem to

have risen from the dead?

La Salette and Akita

Two sources of approved private revelation are particularly worth considering here. First at La Salette, Our Lady warned that Rome would lose the faith and become the seat of the antichrist, the Church will be eclipsed, and we won't know who the true pope is. And second at Akita, Our Lady Warned that the deceit of satan will infiltrate into the Church to such an extent that we will see (good) cardinals divided against (bad) cardinals where the Church will be caught up in a revolution. And there are many other credible Catholic prophecies that give insight, Warning and direction about our times, ones that every Catholic should be aware of. They tell us that a Church leader is coming and that through him the world will be deceived by his many acts deemed to be works of great charity, but done behind an exterior false façade of humility and sweet words presented with a wonderful and loving external charisma. By his teachings, he will encourage humanity to an exalted humanism in place of God.

Faithful will be misled

It is quite possible for a master deceiver to fool the Catholic faithful: Fr. Maciel, founder of the Legionaries of Christ, with his seeming orthodoxy, humility and displayed

holiness, successfully deceived even a pope Saint (Saint John Paul). The Catechism even states that in the latter times a great part of the faithful will be misled, specifically through a religious deception. Pope Francis, are you an imposter who will compromise the Church's doctrine, proudly proclaim your solution to unite all churches as one and lead the Catholic Church into schism? Will you be applauded by the secular world and hailed as a modern innovator because you condone sin? Will you soon hold a referendum that will adapt the Laws of the Church and condone new practices of sin sympathetic to twisted human rights and then force a new oath pledge upon the Church to this new false doctrine? Are you going to make a mockery of Catholic faith and morals in the name of changing discipline, pastoral action and popular vote and follow through with the agenda to make supreme the place of individual conscience over Catholic doctrine?

Great spiritual damage

In our times more than ever, satan wants to cause great spiritual damage to humanity through deception. We know that the false prophet will be masquerading as a friend to Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims. Instead, he is the false one who has entered the house of God

to deceive and destroy souls through what will be the greatest religious deception in history.

God will have His day

Pope Francis, if you are the false prophet, seeking to steal souls through deceit, then you will lose. The Book of Revelation says that both the false prophet and the antichrist will be thrown into the lake of fire where they will suffer forever. "Evil may have its hour but God will have His Day" (Venerable Fulton Sheen). Much of what will happen to the Church in these times has been foretold, and we know that God will allow these abominations for a good reason. The Church, like Christ, will suffer her passion, crucifixion and death, only then to enter her resurrection into the new Era of Peace (Fatima). And we know there will be no defeat for the faithful, who will stand firm in the Faith and uphold the Truth – the Word of God – even in the face of adversity, heresy, apostasy and schism. Pope Francis, to whatever defense you may have or make about the questions I have raised, time will tell the truth of things.

To the Catholic Faithful

To the Catholic faithful I say this: We live in dark and dangerous times, where our faith and morals are being attacked and repressed on all sides, most sinisterly from within the Church herself. Saint Paul warned in his first

letter to Timothy "that in the latter times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and (false) doctrines of demons through the pretensions of liars" (1 Timothy 4:1). You must now be alert to the signs of the times that were prophesied in Scripture, including in the Book of Revelation and in credible Marian and modern prophecy. Solid Catholic prophecy indicates the time of the great battle foretold in Scripture to take place in the latter times is in fact upon us today. No matter what is to come, Jesus' Catholic Church will remain intact, though a Remnant. Jesus promised that the Truth could never change or be defeated. Those who separate themselves from the Church in these times by compromising doctrine, even if following a pope, will no longer be united to the true Church.

Trust in the Truth

Pray for the Grace to discern the Truth. The victory is the Lord's. All you need to do is trust in the Truth, so that you can avoid the traps which may be laid down to steal your souls. Do not allow a false doctrine to be imposed on you, even if you are (wrongly) accused of lack of tolerance, lack of compassion, lack of love, lack of respect for human rights and for being unjustifiably judgmental. May Jesus open your eyes to any possible deceit that

is at hand or to lies that may be presented with half-truth, with double-talk and may the Lord not allow any false leader to divide the Church. Pray for the Grace of discernment, so that you will never deny the Truth. Be firm in your belief in the divine Word, the Church's Teachings and the Sacraments. No matter how much Jesus' Church is attacked, God will never permit it to be destroyed (Saint John Bosco's famous dream of the war within the Barque of Peter comes to mind here). There may be a devious plan unfolding to mislead you into the great apostasy, the first seal of the Book of Revelation and it will be the greatest deceit in history; so examine everything you are told from this point forward, even by Pope Francis. For man can never live on bread alone but only on the true Word of God. To deny or abandon even one doctrine of Faith is to deny and abandon Christ Himself, as Judas did. The faithful must be alert to any possible agenda to alter or dismiss doctrine to the whims of modernity and relativism.

Vigilance is now required
To the Catholic faithful and people of good will, I declare, vigilance is now required! Do not allow lies from any Church source to deceive you and do not wrongly maintain misguided loyalties. Follow the Word of God as it was laid down from the beginning. Do not fall for the false, charitable appeals being made for the rights of those who seek acceptance for their own sinful lives, while they defy the Laws of God and now may soon receive Church sanction to continue doing so. And know this: if the pope takes the Church into heresy, the doctrines of the Church will remain true. And how can the faithful tell what is what – if any new teachings claim that Jesus condones sin, then you will know this is a lie. The Truth is that Jesus always and clearly detests all sin, unequivocally, though loves the sinner. And Jesus would never compromise His Truth!

In Closing

Pope Francis, if you intend to accommodate any doctrine of faith to today's profane and secular world or even to de-emphasize a certain

doctrine such as to produce a new tolerance to sin, the Church will not join you, nor the faithful concede. For such apostasy would invalidate your pontificate. I instead invoke you to take up your true calling to more actively safeguard and clearly promote sacred doctrine and with it to form evangelizers who are authentic living witnesses of the Faith to form the saints of the third Christian millennium. At this time, I only encourage all Catholics to love and obey you, Pope Francis, and in all matters of the true Faith but I also encourage the faithful to become more aware and alert to the signs of the times. Pope Francis, if you should still yet decide to allow any change in doctrine, then the Church's legitimate hierarchy will make the faithful aware of such matters clearly at that time and how we should best respond in good faith. Otherwise, only love, obedience and prayers for you Pope Francis, while remaining rightly alert and vigilant as to the prophetic signs of the times at hand. Sincerely in Christ,
Kelly Bowring

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Events Celebrated

FEAST OF

SAINT POPE JOHN PAUL II

As we celebrated the Feast of Saint Pope John Paul II, a piece from the book 'The Wisdom of John Paul II' was shared where it spoke about how priests should be prophetic in their ministering of the Word. In one of his Wednesday general addresses to the public, John Paul spoke about priests having two days off per week but one of these days to be for prayer, reflection and study in order that the priest can further the Voice of Jesus into the secular world.

Guided by his example

A servant also spoke about how, now more than ever, because of what is happening in Rome (the synod at that time) we need to reflect on John Paul's writings and uphold them as they are Gods Truth. To be a follower of Jesus we must live the Commandments of God and bring His Love to all that we meet. It is now that we should realise the beautiful gift that has been handed on to us in his writings. Like all other great Saints before him, we should be guided by his example and his life.

HALLOWEEN VIGIL

The Vigil which took place on Halloween Night was a coming together of the servants of the Way of the Sacred Heart. In giving Jesus our love and our homage on this night, we hoped to alleviate His great Pain that He bears for all the blasphemies and sacrileges done against Him in the world on this night of spirits, where lucifer and his minions are given a free rein. We hope that our little prayers, hymns and offerings were pleasing and appealing to Jesus in His sight.

Events to Come

*Prayers begin at 12noon
unless otherwise stated*

Saturday 5 December
Walk Against Abortion
gathering at 2.45

Tuesday 8 December
Feast of the
Immaculate Conception

Monday 14 December
Feast of Saint
John of the Cross

Friday 25 December
Birthday Party for Jesus
at 8pm

Thursday 31 December
New Year's Eve Vigil
2015
from 10pm to midnight

Sunday 3 January
Feast of the Most Holy
Name of Jesus
Prayers begin at 3pm

Day of Love 2016
Friday 15-17 January
Beginning on Friday
evening with a concert

Sunday 31 January
(Eve of Saint Brigid)
We make Saint Brigid
Crosses that evening

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Friday 1 January 2016 and
Friday 5 February 2016

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The Television

An underlying warning

Earlier this month, as part of my daughter's homework, we were researching children's poems. We came across a poem called 'Television' by Roald Dahl. It was a funny poem but had an underlying warning about the effects of television on our children. He writes:

"They sit and stare and stare and sit, until they're hypnotised by it, until they're absolutely drunk, With all that shocking ghastly junk..... IT ROTTS THE SENSE IN THE HEAD! IT KILLS IMAGINATION DEAD! IT CLOGS AND CLUTTERS UP THE MIND! IT MAKES A CHILD SO DULL AND BLIND, HE CAN NO LONGER UNDERSTAND, A FANTASY, A FAIRYLAND! HIS BRAIN BECOMES AS SOFT AS CHEESE! HIS POWERS OF THINKING RUST AND FREEZE! HE CANNOT THINK – HE ONLY SEES!"

Can affect us all

Although Roald Dahl was speaking of the effects on children in this poem, if we look in truth, the television can affect us all

and even change our views and opinions on different subjects and a lot of times in a bad way. It affects our moods and feelings, sometimes causing us to be emotional, angry, jealous, greedy and can also lead us into sin.

Sway the public opinion

Jesus has often referred to the television as the 'evil machine,' a 'false prophet.' There is a great control on what gets put on the television. If the media want to sway the public opinion, they can tell lies and also withhold the truth.

The false prophet

On 10th November 1997, Jesus spoke this Message "...The television draws the spirituality away from My children. It feeds the ways of the world and allows no time to be with Me in prayer. It fills My children with the ways of sin. It tells them it is all right to commit adultery, to have abortions, to have sexual relationships with those of their own sex, to murder, to steal, to pollute one's lives with thinking of self and gaining power. It draws all love from My children until finally there

is no place for Me in their lives. This machine is the false prophet. It is controlled by the evil one, the father of lies..."

"Buffer zones"

This was evident to me very recently. The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) - the abortion chain responsible for 65,000 abortions each year in the UK - is lobbying for the introduction of "buffer zones" to ban Pro-Lifers from standing outside their premises. BPAS stands to lose out financially every time a woman is helped to choose life for her baby. On average, each time a woman decides not to proceed with an abortion, the clinic in question stands to lose more than £500 in revenue.

Joined the attack

Pro-Life pavement counsellors cause no obstruction but simply offer help, without coercion, to women who are considering abortion. Many women decide to keep their babies when they find that help is available.

BBC journalists however have joined the attack

on Pro-Life pavement-counsellors who operate peacefully and lawfully outside abortion businesses. Prayer-vigils, which often involve only small numbers of people, are dubbed “protests” by the BBC and pro-abortion campaigners. On the BBC Ten o’Clock News recently there was a piece about vigils outside abortion clinics. The article was very biased and presented a picture that is skewed.

Biased

Before the article went out, the BBC were approached about the biased nature of their report and were asked to interview people who had had positive experiences from prayer vigil volunteers but they refused. They said that it didn’t fit the purpose of their article. The piece also went out on the PM programme on Radio 4. Isabel Vaughan Spruce spoke on the programme detailing how volunteers were there also offering help and support to those who had already had an abortion. But guess what, this eloquent and compassionate section was left out of the National TV broadcast. This is extremely irresponsible journalism and supports a pro-choice agenda that wishes to secure buffer zones around abortion facilities.

Assaulted

At one point the BBC said there had been allegations of women being assaulted

and asked a pregnancy support group: “Would you like to condemn assault?”

Unprofessional behaviour

Commenting, Paul Tully, general secretary of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) said: “The unprofessional behaviour of the BBC betrays a clear one-sided agenda. Asking people to disown violence which the Pro-Life movement has never espoused or practised is like the devious lawyer’s question: ‘Have you stopped beating your wife?’ Pavement-counsellors provide help to women facing such problems as abusive partners and homelessness, problems which abortion providers simply don’t address.

Refused to report

“The BBC says it has seen a report about pavement-counsellors based on abortion clinic records. Abortion clinics lose an average of about £600 each time a woman chooses to keep her baby, so they are hardly an impartial source of data. This is only one half of the story. Hundreds of women find the help, sympathy and support they need to continue their pregnancies from Pro-Lifers outside abortion clinics. Despite the BBC being offered information about these women, the BBC has refused to report their perspective.”

Owe their very lives

One of the great successes

in recent years has been the witness given by Pro-Life groups across the country through peaceful vigils outside abortion clinics.

There are children today who owe their very lives to the courage of these volunteers, standing out in all weathers and sometimes facing abuse from members of the public or even from officials.

Believed in the lies

Since that BBC report, pro-abortion supporters have stepped up protests against Pro-Life counsellors and pray-ers who stand outside these clinics. There have been over one hundred thousand signatures calling on the government to set up these “buffer zones” because people have believed in the lies they have been fed through media sources.

A great shock

In comparison, the SPUC set up a campaign asking the government to continue to allow peaceful Pro-Life counsellors to offer help and support to pregnant women (<https://www.spuc.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/buffer-zones>). Sadly, this Pro-Life on-line petition has barely reached six hundred signatures! This was a great shock to me why so few had signed this petition.

Hypnotized and blind

Jesus gave this Message on 22 October 1997:

“My children, I come to tell you that when you fight for life you fight for Me. What

you do to the least of these, My brothers, then you do it to Me. Why then do so many of you sit back and allow these murders to take place? Why do you not fulfil My Words in Scripture?

Children, one day you must face Me. One day I will ask of you what you have done with your life upon this earth. What will you answer Me? Will you lie to Me - the Truth - that you did not have the time?

The evil one has made sure

that the senseless murder of innocence is done in a legal manner. He has made sure of the sacrifice - a blood sacrifice - of the children of the earth to keep him alive and I tell you, and I declare it to the world this day that; if you do not fight against it then you are just as guilty as those who do it. The evil-one has numbed the senses of mankind and lulled them into a lethargy that keeps him hypnotized and blind..."

A little sacrifice

We should not let the television rule our lives or fill us with fear to do Jesus' Work because that is surely what the evil one wants. As it comes up to Christmas, perhaps we could offer a little sacrifice to Jesus to stop watching our favourite television programme for a day and offer it for the thousands of Jesus' little ones who are being murdered every day.

The Holy Scriptures

Luke 5:1-11

1 And it came to pass, that when the multitudes pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Genesareth,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them and were washing their nets.

3 And going into one of the ships that was Simon, He desired Him to draw back a little from the land. And sitting, He taught the multitudes out of the ship.

Jesus had just started His Ministry of preaching the Word of God. His preaching drew many to Him, to listen and to be Taught.

4 Now when He had ceased to speak, He said to Simon:

Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said to Him: Master, we have laboured all the night and have taken nothing: but at Thy word I will let down the net.

Simon already recognised the authority of Jesus and although they had worked all night and caught no fish, he was prepared to do as Jesus asked him.

6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a very great multitude of fishes and their net broke.

I believe Jesus was Teaching them by example, without Jesus they were unable to catch anything but by

doing as He asked, by being obedient to Him, He showed them what was possible.

7 And they beckoned to their partners that were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came and filled both the ships, so that they were almost sinking.

The catch of fish was so large they had to call for help from their friends. They filled two boats to overflowing.

8 Which when Simon Peter saw, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying: Depart from me for I am a sinful man, Oh Lord.

Simon Peter was humbled by what Jesus had done and fell

to his knees in recognition of his nothingness and sinfulness, in the Light of Jesus.

9 For he was wholly astonished and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken.

They were all shocked at what Jesus had done.

10 And so were also James

and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. And Jesus saith to Simon: Fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

Jesus explained that, from now on, they would be catching men, that is saving souls.

11 And having brought their ships to land, leaving

all things, they followed Him.

This was the calling of the first Apostles. They believed in what Jesus Taught them and had witnessed a miracle in the catch of fish. Their faith was so strong in what Jesus was preaching, they left all and followed Him.

The Plight of Others

The plight of our children

My childhood

As I sit down to write, my thoughts are drawn back to my childhood and how, when I was a child, things were a lot different from the way it is now. I was the fourth youngest of ten children, five boys and five girls. We had a wonderful mum and dad, loving and caring but strict. We knew when we were told to do something, we had to do it. We would never have dreamt of giving back cheek. We were not poor or rich but we never went without. Coming from a large family we learned to share everything, we all had our jobs to do and we were always taught to respect our elders.

Cringe

When I tell the young people today about our lifestyle, of how we slept four in a bed

and how we were all washed in the same bathwater and dried with the same towel they cringe and think they were bad days but, looking back, I think we were all very happy and cared for each other. We could play for hours with a few marbles or spend our days playing hopscotch (a game drawn on the ground with chalk).

Not their fault

Now I look at the young children. They have every toy that comes onto the market, they have every fashion item as soon as it hits the shops, their birthdays are usually big parties and then they are invited to their friends' parties sometimes these are in McDonalds or soft play centres. They go swimming, to cinemas, concerts, fun parks, zoos, you name it, they get it but, sad to say, from my

observation, they are being taught from a young age, what they want they can have, it is not their fault.

Don't know their prayers

I was speaking to a few young children, they can play electronic games, use mobile phones, some even have their own small computers and yet they don't know their prayers, don't Bless themselves at home with Holy Water, never heard of their Guardian Angel and the little prayer to our Angel. Christmas is all about toys, Santa and parties. Easter is about chickens and chocolate eggs. Sunday is their day for football training which means many do not go to Mass but are brought to football instead.

The full Nativity play

When I was at school, we began preparing for our

Christmas play in October, a lot of work went into it and it was always the full Nativity play. We would make big stars to bring home and put in the window of our house. We were taught to make beautiful cribs out of shoeboxes and brought them home, so full of pride at what we had made.

Stolen from our children

Sadly, now, I have been to a few of my grandchildren’s plays and they are all about snowmen and Santa and little elves. How sad it is that the True Christmas Story is being stolen from our children, the most wonderful story ever told. It is a time of loving and giving but it has now become a time of getting what they want, a time for getting all

the things they have asked Santa for and sadly, lots of parents are put under pressure to provide all that is requested from Santa.



Poor Jesus

Poor Jesus, whose Birthday it is, is forgotten. The world celebrates Christmas but only a handful remember the reason we have Christmas and forget all about whose big Day it is! We, as parents or grandparents, should do all we can to bring Jesus back into Christmas and teach the children the true

meaning of that wonderful Day. It only takes a spark to light a forest fire and, by our example, others will see what a wonderful Christmas we can have without all the stress and pressure.

Bring back the Cribs

We can all make a difference in our world. Bring back the Cribs, make them the centre of our home this Christmas, put the star on top of our tree not a fairy. Bring back the simple ways, give Christmas back to Jesus. Would it not be lovely if our little children gathered round the family Crib and prayed and sang Jesus? What a wonderful gift to give our King this Christmas! After all, it is HIS Birthday!! Happy Birthday, Jesus!

The Wisdom of John Paul II

**Pontifical Council
“Cor Unum”**

**Pontifical Council
For The Pastoral Care Of
Migrants And Itinerant
People continued...**

**No to the silence of
indifference**

16. The interest in helping refugees, even when felt as a moral obligation to alleviate the sufferings of others, often clashes with the fear of an excessive growth in their numbers, and of a confrontation with other

cultures: elements that can disturb established patterns of life, adopted by the receiving countries. People who were viewed with sympathy yesterday because they were still “far off” are turned away today because they are too “close” and imposing. Thus, apart from occasional spontaneous outbursts of public interest, concern for refugees tends to be delegated to certain bodies and groups specifically involved in this sector.

Social communication media can help dissipate prejudice and arouse in public opinion an ongoing concern for refugees. When they uphold policies based on solidarity and human understanding, they prevent refugees from becoming scapegoats for the ills of society. The presentation of a clear, positive image of refugees is particularly necessary in those countries where their presence is exploited to intentionally distract attention from

other serious domestic or foreign problems.

Indifference constitutes a sin of omission. Solidarity helps to reverse the tendency to see the world solely from one's own point of view. Acceptance of the global dimension of problems emphasizes the limits of every culture; it urges us towards a more sober lifestyle with a view to contributing to the common good; it makes it possible to provide an effective response to the just appeals of refugees and opens up paths of peace.

III. THE WAY OF SOLIDARITY

A world violently torn

17. The contradiction noted by the Second Vatican Council still remains relevant: "There is on the one hand a lively feeling of unity and of compelling solidarity, of mutual dependence, and on the other a lamentable cleavage of bitterly opposing camps. We have not yet seen the last of bitter political, social, and economic hostility, and racial and ideological antagonism..." The unresolved problem of refugees is a painful confirmation of this. The lack of a response is still more disturbing inasmuch as it indicates a lack of concern for individual and social rights, even though these are in fact hailed as an achievement of our times.

Contribution of International Institutions

18. Yet, in line with history and owing to ethical reflection, the awareness of interdependence more and more finds expression in international institutions. The action and the witness of specialized bodies of the United Nations, of numerous international non-governmental organizations, of associations of lay or religious volunteers, of social and pastoral services of Episcopal Conferences, deserve esteem and gratitude. Special recognition has to be given to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, created in 1950 with the main functions to ensure "international protection" for refugees and to search for "durable solutions" to their problems.

19. Despite many difficulties of all kinds, numerous members of voluntary associations and officials of international bodies devote themselves to the service of the poorest people and sometimes pay with their lives for the aid which they generously offer. The presence of people engaged in the work among refugees, in a full-time commitment for many years or for shorter periods of time, is an effective witness that must continue and increase.

Concrete responsibilities of states

20. The time has come to look at refugees quite apart

from ideological positions, which have thus far prevented the elaboration of international agreements suited to contemporary needs.

The spirit of solidarity clearly reveals the unacceptable fact that millions of refugees live in inhuman conditions. In particular, the citizens and institutions of democratic and economically developed States cannot remain indifferent in the face of such a tragic situation. Inaction or a meager commitment on the part of these States would blatantly contradict the principles that they rightly consider the basis of their culture, established on the equal dignity of every human person. Today the effective universalization of human rights depends to a large extent on the capacity of the developed nations to make that qualitative leap which brings about a change of structures that keep so many people in a condition of extreme marginalization. It is not only a case of binding up wounds: commitment is also necessary in order to act on the causes that are the source of the streams of refugees. International solidarity must first and foremost be put into practice within the national community and lived out by every citizen.

21. The protection of the human rights of internally displaced persons requires the adoption of specific and appropriate juridical

instruments and of mechanisms of coordination on the part of the international community, whose legitimate interventions can not be seen as violations of national sovereignty.

Already the recognition of various types of people who are forcibly uprooted represents a positive development in the recent international debate on this subject. This makes it easier to appreciate their plight and to plan for their protection and assistance.

22. A particular expression of solidarity toward refugees is the support given for voluntary repatriation, which is the aspiration of the majority of them. There is felt ever more strongly the need to establish a system of international control that would ensure refugees the possibility of returning home in total freedom.

A growing demand of interdependence

23. It is significant that today only a small percentage of refugees seek or receive

asylum in countries outside their region of origin. In large part, neighboring countries bear the burden of the assistance which the refugees deserve. This burden should be shared equitably by the international community. Solidarity towards refugees requires joint initiatives of humanitarian assistance and cooperation for development: generosity and creativity are more necessary than ever to make such initiatives flourish.

24. The governments that have already done so much to absorb refugees and displaced people should not suspend their efforts and close their frontiers, so long as resettlement in third countries remains for many refugees only possibility for survival. The entry of refugees into the country can create inevitable inconveniences, it also can stimulate the development of local society. However, such opportunity requires suitable political and economic decisions by the

host country. Refugees, for their part, should help one another, placing their human and spiritual resources at the service of the search for valid solutions to cope with their situation. International institutions are called upon to play a role of mediation between different cultures and socio-political systems in order to allow people to better assume forms of behavior that favor social integration.

The way of solidarity demands on the part of everyone the overcoming of selfishness and of fear of the other; it demands a long range action of civic education which by itself can contribute to the elimination of some of the causes of the tragic exodus of refugees; it calls for setting in motion some prevention mechanisms as well as a better concerted action between international institutions and local authorities.

continued next month

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Remember to return your Annual Christmas Draw ticket stubs by 18 December. Thank you, in anticipation for your time and giving.

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Post Bag

Encouraged

Hi Patricks,
 Today being the Feast of Saints Jude and Simon, the Message you sent me for October is so great. I believe and trust in God. I have been on crutches for the whole of September and part of October but because of the trust in the Lord, I am back in the office. It was also due to the Message of Tuesday 13 October which has encouraged me. I know the Lord Loves me and many people love me because they visited me while I was in plaster for seven weeks.

Thank you for the Messages and may God Bless you as you continue spreading His Message. Let us pray for people who do not think sin is very bad. May we not drink the sin they have watered.
 God Bless,
 K.S.

Bless you

Dear all,
 This is to help with the finances. May God look over you in your work and Bless you.
 Yours Sincerely, Elaine

'There's Always Hope'

Dear friends,
 Could you please send me one CD 'There's Always Hope' by Sonlight. I have enclosed £... Please put the change in your collection. I love and look forward to your monthly book and thank you for the receipt for the ballots. I didn't want to order the CD at the same time incase the money went astray. God Bless you all, you are in my prayers.
 Mary.

Courage and hope

Enclosed donation to help raffle.
 On Friday we hope to hear a plan to set up a Pro-Life pregnancy centre if it's Gods Will. Thank you for all the wonderful work. Courage and hope are needed - such media attacks on traditional Catholics in Ireland. Some continue to protest and encourage others.
 Clara

End of conversation

Dear House of Prayer,
 I have enclosed cheque for two books of tickets

for the Christmas Draw. Many thanks for your great, wee magazine which I pass onto friends. There is so much evil going on in this world today. Whenever I get into a conversation with anyone who doesn't believe in God, I just say quietly we do have the Ten Commandments God gave us and we must try hard to live by them, often its the end of conversation...
 Yours faithfully,
 Helen.

Prayers

Dear servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please find enclosed tickets and cheque for £... for the tickets and subscription which leaves £... towards your outgoings. I remember you all in my prayers and I wish you all that's best and holy this Christmas and always. I ask you to remember my family and myself in your prayers and I thank you for all the good work you do, may God continue to give you the strength to fulfil His purpose. God Bless you all,
 Sincerely, Louisa.

WE USE THE LETTERS YOU WRITE IN THE POSTBAG AND NORMALLY JUST USE THE FIRST NAME OF THE WRITER AS THE ONLY PIECE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO US USING YOUR LETTER IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE LET US KNOW.



SOMEbody

Chorus

A beautiful stranger the world did not see
This perfect baby would die on a tree
All because mankind would not change his way
This beautiful Stranger was born on this day

A beautiful baby born into manger
Born into a world that would make Him a stranger
No wealth or no riches, no bling or no flush
Total perfection this child is God

We did not realise

This beauty beheld
It was part of God's plan
That the scripture foretold
That Jesus would come in
And save the world
Bringing Peace and Redemption and Love

Chorus

The child in the stable
He knows the price
For He is the Redeeming Christ
Could He see the children who can never have
Their right to choose a life in God
"Jesus I will follow You"

Was stolen from them before they knew

How foolish are we to have fallen asleep
The disease of sin spreads far and deep
To kill our own babies on How our God weeps
The blood of the babies into the earth seeps
In great torrents it flows out into our streets
As each generation is lost
Only He can know the cost

We do not realise
This beauty beheld
It is part of God's plan

The scripture foretells
That Jesus will come in
And save the world
Bringing Peace and Redemption and Love

A beautiful stranger the world does not see
This perfect baby has died on a tree
All because mankind will not change his way
This beautiful Stranger born on Christmas Day

Too busy, important and selfish to care
While the King of the Earth
Still strips His Flesh bare

Christmas is a Stranger